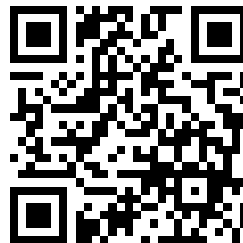


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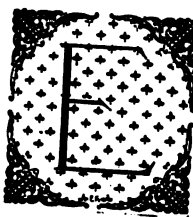






*J. M. Eastman*

# BIOGRAPHICAL.



ASTMAN, GEORGE W.,

M. D., who passed away at his residence in Platteville, Grant county, Oct. 24, 1900, had been for sixteen years engaged in the banking business at Platteville. He was born in Strong, Franklin Co., Maine, March 29, 1824, and was a son of Hon. Samuel and Jane Eastman. The Eastman family came from a long line of New England ancestry which settled in Maine at an early date. Many of its members occupied honorable places in civic and business life. Hon. Samuel Eastman, the father of the subject of this sketch, served many years as a member of the Executive Council of the State of Maine. The eldest son, Hon. Ben. C. Eastman, came to Wisconsin in 1840, settling at Platteville, where he soon attained eminence as a lawyer; he served as secretary of the Territorial Council from 1843 to 1846, and was elected to Congress in 1850, serving two terms; he died at his home in Platteville in 1855. Another son, Col. H. E. Eastman, served through the Civil war as colonel of the 2d Regiment Wisconsin Cavalry, dying a few years ago at Benton Harbor, Mich., where he owned the celebrated Eastman Springs.

Dr. Eastman's elementary education was obtained in the common schools, and supplemented by an academical course, and after due preparation he entered Dartmouth College, from which institution he graduated with the medical class of 1844. In the spring of 1850 the Doctor came to Wisconsin, and located in Platteville, where he was actively and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession until the outbreak of the Civil war, at which time he was commissioned surgeon of the 16th Wis. V. I. After serving

in that capacity one year he was appointed medical inspector of the 17th Army Corps, serving on the staff of Gen. J. B. McPherson; this office he held for the two succeeding years, when he returned to Platteville and resumed his extensive private practice.

In 1852 Dr. Eastman married Miss Anna S. Munroe, daughter of Edmund S. Munroe, a leading business man of Boston, Mass., and this union was blessed with three daughters and one son: Jessie, Mary E. (deceased), Julia, and George Edmund (who died in infancy), all natives of Platteville.

From 1850 until 1882, excepting the three years he was at the front during the war, the Doctor was in continuous practice in Platteville. From 1881 to 1884 he resided in Milwaukee. In 1884 he organized a private bank which later became the First National Bank, of which he was at once elected president, serving in that incumbency until his death. This bank has from the beginning done a profitable and extended business, and is still expanding, being recognized as one of the strongest and best managed monetary institutions in the county. At a regular meeting of the board of directors, held Oct. 30, 1900, the following testimonial of respect was read, and on motion duly seconded, and was by unanimous vote ordered to be spread upon the records, given to press for publication, and a copy of the same presented to the family of the deceased:

In the death of Dr. George W. Eastman, one of the charter stockholders of this bank and its president from its organization until the day of his death, we recognize the loss of a personal friend and valued counselor, one who was true to every interest of this bank, a man of unquestioned honor, integrity and fidelity, whose presence will be sadly missed in this board of directors. In his memory we offer this testimonial of our friendship for him, of our recognition of his sterling worth as a man, and our sense of personal bereavement in his death.

Dr. Eastman ever stood at the "head and

front" of progressive movements in Platteville, and invariably exercised his influence and liberally applied his means to the promotion of its welfare. He was a gentleman of expanding views, as well as of profound learning, filled with generous impulses, and stood before his fellow-men as the embodiment of the highest type of manhood. In his death Platteville lost one of her most honored citizens, the medical profession a wise counselor, and the family a kind husband and indulgent father. Dr. Eastman was a great lover of animals, was decidedly poetical and musical, and possessed great humor and sentiment. He was very fond of his home and family, and the center of attraction therein. After his death his executors found many medical accounts for services rendered to his neighbors and friends, which he had marked "balanced," evidently at a recent date, thus showing his kindness of heart by contributing his services without charge to those whom he thought might need their money for other uses.

**JAIRUS MAXSON STILLMAN, Mus. Doc.,** Professor of Music in Milton College, has an almost National reputation in his chosen vocation. As a composer he has made many valuable contributions, especially to sacred music, but, while his work in that direction has been most important, his labors have been more especially directed to the educational side of the art. For the past fifteen years, with brief interruptions, he has filled his present collegiate chair, and his work prior to the acceptance of this position was most active, varied and successful. Mr. Stillman was born February 20, 1834, in Alfred, Allegany Co., N. Y., the third in order of birth of the six children of Maxson and Lydia (Chapman) Stillman.

Maxson Stillman, a native of Westerly, R. I., was a descendant in the sixth generation, through two lines, from George Stillman, and also through two lines from Elder John Crandall, early New England emigrants from England. He was also related to the Burdick and Maxson families of Rhode Island, and on his mother's side to the Rogers family, of Connecticut. Lydia (Chapman) Stillman, the mother of our subject, was born September 23, 1803, in East Hampton, Mass., and her marriage to Maxson Stillman occurred Sept. 26, 1822, at Berlin, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., near

which village she had taught school. In 1826 they moved from Petersburg, Rensselaer county, to Alfred, Allegany Co., N. Y., where Maxson Stillman continued to reside until his death, in 1896, at the age of ninety-seven years, his wife having preceded him to the grave by five and one-half years.

Jairus Maxson Stillman, our subject, received a good education in his youth, supplementing his district-school instruction with many terms in Alfred Academy, and attendance at Alfred University. He had also become, at the age of twelve years, the pupil of his father, a superior workman in the trades of millwright and carpenter, becoming so proficient that he occasionally assumed the entire charge of the construction or repair work of mills of various kinds, and the erection of dwellings and public buildings. But the young man, while thus having mastered his trade, had his heart set upon another kind of life work. The father, a tenor singer of talent, had not only for many years led the choir of the large church at Alfred of which he was a member, but had taught singing schools in many places surrounding his home. His son inherited great aptitude for music, and at the age of ten years could read plain music at sight. He accompanied his father to singing schools, and made rapid progress in the mastery of the principles of music. He attended the singing classes in Alfred Academy conducted by such instructors as Miss Susan E. Crandall (afterwards Mrs. Elhan P. Larkin), Orra Stillman and Darwin E. Maxson. At twenty he was elected leader of the church choir at Alfred, in which position he was very successful.

In 1855 our subject began teaching singing schools in Alfred and vicinity, continuing meanwhile his study of music. For many years succeeding, his life was devoted jointly to the study and teaching of this art. From 1854 to 1857 he gave close attention to the study of Singing and Pianoforte Music at Alfred University. In the summer of 1857 he was a student at the Normal Musical Institute, at North Reading, Mass., under the supervision of Lowell Mason, G. F. Root, and others, and at the same time studied Voice Culture under Auguste Kreissman, of Boston. During the summer months of 1859 and 1860 he attended the Normal Musical Institute at Geneseo, N. Y., taking Pianoforte lessons of T. J. Cook, and lessons in Voice Culture of

Carlo Bassini, both of New York. In 1861-62 he studied Pianoforte Music at Milton (Wis.) College, reciting also in the German classes. In the summer of 1870 he attended the National Normal Musical Institute at South Bend, Ind., again taking private lessons of Bassini, completing "Bassini's Method of Singing." Between 1870 and 1874 he was a pupil of Dudley Buck at Chicago and Boston in Harmony and Counterpoint, taking his lessons partly by mail and partly in person. In the winters from 1858 to 1861 he taught singing schools and gave private lessons in Shelby and Logan counties, Ohio, and incidentally led the Lutheran Church choir at Bellefontaine, and the Seventh-day Baptist choir at Jackson Center. In the years 1862, 1864 and 1866 he was professor of vocal and instrumental music in Hopkinton Academy, Ashaway, R. I., and also in the winter months taught singing schools six evenings each week, and at the same time instructed as many as thirty private scholars. During the years 1863, 1865 and 1867 he had the direction of the musical department of Alfred University, his classes embracing Pianoforte Music, Voice Culture, and Elementary and Chorus Singing. The vigorous spirit and correct style of rendition which he imparted were retained for many years as the characteristics of that institution.

The work of Mr. Stillman now grew broader. From 1868 to 1885 he had charge of many larger singing bodies than he had previously undertaken. During the period named he was associate principal and teacher in six normal music schools, each for a term of six weeks, and also conducted a large number of conventions and institutes. In many towns his conventions were held from two to eight times, some were patronized by entire counties, and two—those at Clear Lake, Iowa, and Ripon, Wis.—were State enterprises. The normal music schools were held at Goshen and Michigan City, Ind., Wheaton, Ill., Whitewater and Milton, Wis., and Clarinda, Iowa. He taught Harmony and Voice Culture as well as Chorus Singing in these schools. His musical work to this time had extended to thirteen States, namely: Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. In the last half of the 'seventies he

was a resident of Chicago, where he sang in the choir of Centenary Church.

It would be impossible to measure the beneficent results of this prolonged and intense devotion to art. Standards of music were raised in hundreds of communities, and the inspiration to a musical career that was thus enkindled in many a musical breast is indicated partly by the many choir soloists, teachers of music, and others who have attributed their proficiency largely to the instruction given by Mr. Stillman. He is the associate author of "Good-Will for Sabbath Schools," "The Cluster," and "Anthem Treasures," the latter two being well-known and popular anthem books. He has also composed a large number of pieces for other anthem and Gospel hymn books, and a number of songs published in sheet music form. At Chicago he acted as one of the judges, with Prof. T. Martin Towne and others, in selecting from 700 original pieces of music, and in critically editing those which should be published in the work called "International Lesson Hymnal No. 1," published by David C. Cook. In 1884 an excellent article on "Church Music and How to Sustain it," written by Dr. Stillman, appeared in the "Seventh-day Baptist Quarterly."

Since 1885 our subject has been engaged, except for three terms, as professor of vocal and instrumental music in Milton College. He has in that time organized and managed its school of music with regular courses of study, each covering from three to six years, in Pianoforte Playing, Voice Culture, Harmony, and Elementary and Chorus Singing. His work at this institution and outside, in the village and neighboring localities, has attracted wide attention, and brought many young people, desirous of obtaining a substantial musical education, to the school. Another very marked and special result of his labors here has been the preparation of young men for singing in Evangelical work, either as soloists or in quartets. The honorary degree of Doctor of Music was conferred upon Mr. Stillman by Alfred University in 1879.

When not quite eighteen years old Mr. Stillman united with the Seventh-day Baptist Church at Alfred, N. Y., and he has ever since retained his membership in that church. He possesses a deeply reverential religious spirit, which expresses itself chiefly in song. He has

taught singing by schools and conventions in at least forty localities where there are Seventh-day Baptist Churches. He has had charge of the music in fourteen annual sessions of the General Conference of this people, and in a larger number of the annual sessions of four associations of their churches.

J. M. Stillman married Dec. 8, 1867, Miss Clara Langworthy, a charming singer and an accomplished pianist, of Potter Hill, R. I. She died March 1, 1869, leaving a child seven weeks old, now Mrs. Clara Stillman Burdick, wife of Dr. Justin H. Burdick, of Milton.

REV. OLE ANDREWSON, D. D., deceased. Among the Scandinavian immigrants who in the early 'forties peopled the forests of southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois with a thrifty and vigorous class of settlers, were a few ministers, who thus brought to the new land the revered religious services and observances of the old homes. The duties which fell to these spiritual guides were onerous and exacting. They were leaders in temporal as well as religious affairs, and too often the chief mainstay of the community during its years of struggle and long privation. One of the noble clergymen who thus consecrated in a new land his whole-souled energies to his countrymen was Rev. Ole Andrewson.

Our subject was born in Hjertdal's parish, Telemarken, Norway, March 2, 1818, son of Anders Tolleversen and Engebor. In his youth he was a shepherd boy, but he was subsequently educated for the ministry in Hoidseid's Seminary, from which he graduated. For three years he taught parochial school, then in 1841 he emigrated to America, and settled in Racine, Wis. There he remained until 1844, engaged in the arduous labors of the farm in connection with his ministerial duties.

He married June 8, 1843, Miss Ragnhild Paulsen, and in the following year removed to Jefferson Prairie, Rock Co., Wis., where he settled on a farm. In 1846 he accepted a call to a parish at Mission Point, La Salle Co., Ill., and moved there in 1847. He organized congregations at Leland, Fox River and Lisbon, and in 1851 he also organized congregations at Racine, Milwaukee and Muskego, Wis. In 1855 he took charge of the Fox River (Ill.) congregation, and the year following accepted a call from the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Clinton, Wis., where his pastorate extended

through the long period of thirty years and until his death, on Feb. 23, 1885, at the age of sixty-six years. During these years he preached also at Muskego, Wis., and Queen Ann Prairie and Leland, Ill. In 1880 he was elected president of the Norwegian Augustana Synod, serving as such until his death. Dr. Andrewson was a minister of deep and earnest convictions, deeply devoted to his consecrated work. He was an eloquent speaker, ranking high in oratory in the councils of the Synod, but no less noted for the clearness and strength of his logic.

To Dr. and Mrs. Andrewson were born eleven children, one of whom, Oscar Norman, the youngest, born Sept. 22, 1867, died in 1870. At a family reunion which was held July 26, 1900, at the old homestead in Clinton, Wis., the entire Andrewson family were present, including the mother, who was born May 23, 1824, and who accordingly was in her seventy-seventh year, and the ten children, as follows: Isabella, Paul, Andrew, Annie T., Oliver, Caroline, Rebecca, Louisa (and her three children), Emma C., and Henry O.

Isabella Andrewson, now the wife of ex-Sheriff Matson, of Chicago, married for her first husband Daniel Richolsen, a commission merchant of Leland, Ill., who died in Calamus, Iowa, in 1872. They had one son, Frank, who died in 1891, aged twenty-three years. The widow married Dec. 13, 1888, Sheriff Canute R. Matson.

Paul Andrewson, the eldest son, was born Sept. 7, 1846, near Clinton, and married Oct. 26, 1882, Miss Emma Oleson. He is a farmer by occupation, owning forty acres of land in Clinton township, Rock county. He enlisted Nov. 15, 1864, in the United States navy, at Chicago, serving on the Mississippi river in the Commodore C. M. Davis squadron, engaged in patrol duty. After his honorable discharge at Mound City, Ill., in 1865, he resumed farming. He is a member of Alexis Tollman Post, No. 70, G. A. R. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican.

Andrew Andrewson, the second son, was born near Ottawa, Ill., Nov. 24, 1848. He removed to Clinton with his parents, working on the farm, and later for several years was salesman in the Clinton stores. Removing to Chicago after the fire of 1871, he there learned the painter's trade, which he has since followed.

He now lives on a farm of forty acres, which he owns, located five miles southeast of Clinton. He married Nov. 4, 1875, Miss Nellie Hawkinsen, a daughter of Ole Hawkinsen, a farmer of Manchester, Ill., and of their ten children seven are now living. Ruth Amelia, Hannah Irene, Sarah Louisa, George Henry and Grace Henrietta (twins), Otto Paul and Emma Helena. The two eldest live in Sharon, Wisconsin.

Annie T. Andrewson, the second daughter, was born at Ottawa, Ill., Aug. 18, 1851, was educated in the public schools of Clinton, and in 1877 removed to Chicago, where until 1888 she was employed by Judson & Co. On December 1, 1888, she was appointed matron of the Cook county jail, a position which she still holds. Miss Andrewson inherits the devotion and deep religious convictions of her father, and her religious influence has been of inestimable benefit to many of the unfortunates who have come under her charge in the department over which she presides.

Oliver Andrewson, the third son, was born near Burlington, Wis., April 28, 185—, and lives at Racine.

Caroline Andrewson, the third daughter, was born March 10, 1856, and lives at home with her mother and her brother Henry.

Helen Rebecca Andrewson, the fourth daughter, was born April 25, 1857, and married April 19, 1884, Elling Arensen, a farmer. They have four children, Olive Agnes, Margaret Rachel, Andrew Norman and Harold Elling.

Louisa Andrewson, the fifth daughter, was born Oct. 14, 1860, and married April 19, 1884, O. W. Christensen, of Chicago. She and her sister Helen were married the same day, her father officiating at the double wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen have three living children, Rhoda Irene, Oliver Winfred and Paul Luther. One son died in infancy.

Emma C. Andrewson, the sixth daughter, was born Feb. 13, 1863, and married May 8, 1889, Ole L. Lindren, of Chicago, an engineer on the Illinois Central railroad. They have had three children, Agnes Isabel, Anne Louisa and Sophia Caroline; the last named died in infancy.

HENRY O. ANDREWSON, the fourth son, was born July 20, 1864, and was educated in the public schools of Clinton and at Beloit (Wis.) College. For some time he worked as

a fireman on the Northwestern road, but after his father's death, in 1885, he took charge of the home farm, which he has since managed. He is a thorough-going business man, polished and genial in address, and popular wherever known.

Canute R. Matson, son-in-law of the devoted pioneer clergyman mentioned above, was born in Norway April 9, 1843. He came to America in 1849 with his parents, who settled in Walworth county, Wis., and subsequently moved to Dane county, and there he attended the local district schools. His early education was supplemented by study at Albion (Wis.) Academy and Milton (Wis.) College, at which latter institution he was the classmate and bosom friend of Knute Nelson, afterward governor of Minnesota. Mr. Matson served through the Civil war as a member of the 13th Wis. V. I., enlisting Aug. 16, 1861, serving a full term of three years, and re-enlisting, and he was mustered out in Texas in December, 1865, with the rank of lieutenant. He served in the Army of the Cumberland. In 1866 he located in Chicago. There he was for a time clerk in the post office, and later he published the "Postal Record." He became influential in politics from the first, and served successively as clerk of the police court (to which office he was re-elected on the celebrated Fire-proof ticket after the fire), justice of the peace, coroner and deputy sheriff, and in 1886 was elected sheriff, serving four years. It was during his administration of this office that the anarchist riot and the Cronin murder occurred in the city, and he officiated at the execution of the convicted anarchists. The Chicago "boodlers" also were convicted during his term of office. At the expiration of this service Mr. Matson began the practice of law in Chicago, having been admitted to the Chicago Bar prior to his election as sheriff. He is a Mason of high standing, and one of the most prominent members of the A. O. U. W. in the United States.

Mr. Matson owns a well-improved farm of 160 acres and a handsome summer home near Clinton, Wis. His family consists of four children: Marie Isabelle, Frederick Rognald, Canute Royal and Gertrude Rachel.

HUGH B. PATERSON, one of the pioneers of Grant county, was born in the State of New York, at Whitehall, April 8, 1787, a son of George Paterson.

In 1811 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Gilmore, a native of Vermont, where she was born Nov. 14, 1790, and after marriage the young couple settled down to domestic life in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where they lived until 1836, at which time they migrated to Jamestown, Grant Co., Wis. Here Mr. Paterson undertook the clearing of a large tract of wild land, and upon it he passed his life until within two years of his demise, when he retired from the farm and removed to the village of Jamestown, where he died in August, 1874.

The first wife of our subject died Nov. 1, 1847, and his second marriage was to Mrs. Catherine Davis, whose death occurred several years prior to that of her husband. By the first marriage he became the father of eight children, only two of whom are living: Jane, Mrs. Sheffield; and George, who is a resident of Albany, Oregon. The deceased were: David B., Mrs. Betsey Ann Bowmer, Mrs. Charlotte Benton, Mrs. Martha Jones, Mrs. Lucy Justis, and Norman, the youngest of the family.

During his long and worthy life our subject was a prominent citizen, for several years was chairman of the board of supervisors, and also for a long term of years was a justice of the peace. In early life he was a Whig, and later became a staunch Republican.

**HARMON H. EARL**, of Fennimore, is one of the few remaining pioneers of the northern part of Grant county. He was born in Windham, Portage Co., Ohio, March 8, 1816, son of Robert and Lydia (Hubbell) Earl. His father was a native of New Jersey, and the Earl family was formerly from England, whence three brothers came in Colonial times, one of them settling in New Jersey, a second one in Virginia, and the other in New England. They have numerous descendants throughout the Union, and from them Harmon H. Earl is descended.

Robert Earl was one of five brothers. Jacob, Joseph, Robert, James and Walter. The eldest of the family was Betsy, who married John Caldwell, and died in Ohio. Nancy married Thomas Lee, and died in Iowa. Robert Earl married in Huntington, Penn., Lydia Hubbell, and located in Trumbull county, Ohio. In 1816 they settled in Windham, Ohio, where they passed the balance of their lives.

Mrs. Earl died in the fall of 1849, and Robert married again, his second wife being named Bissell. He died in 1857. The record of Robert Earl is that of a man of upright character, and he was a faithful member of and a deacon in the Congregational Church. He was a farmer by occupation. Harmon H. Earl was the fourth in a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters. One of the sons, Adna, died in childhood, and the others all reached mature years. Harmon H. and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Cabaness, of Bloomington, Ill., are the only children of their parents now (1900) living. Eber, the eldest son, died in Kentucky. Susan and Jane were twins: Susan married Harvey Millard in Ohio, and died at her home near Spencer, Iowa; Jane married Frederick Palmer, and died in Missouri. Lydia married Daniel Richardson, and after his death married Rev. Mr. Wilson, a Congregational minister; she died in Kansas City, Mo. Sarah married Daniel Howard, and died in Illinois. Aner, the fourth son, married Sarah Knott; he died in Litchfield, Minn., some years ago.

Harmon H. Earl lived in his native place until he was twenty-two years of age, when he married Roxie Wheeler, who was born in the town of Solon, Cortland Co., N. Y., June 25, 1816, and was a daughter of Jesse and Nancy (Tucker) Wheeler, natives of Connecticut. Her father died when she was in her eighth year, and later her mother, with four children, moved into Cattaraugus county, N. Y., where one of the daughters, Clara, died. Soon afterward the mother and remaining children removed to Ashtabula county, Ohio, where she married Hiram Hough. In 1838 the family went to southern Illinois, and lived there seven years. In 1846 they came to Grant county, and settled on land in the town of Fennimore. Mr. and Mrs. Hough died at the home of a son, Mrs. Hough surviving her husband several years. Roxie, Mrs. Earl, was the eldest of her mother's children. Laura, the next in the family, married in Ohio A. L. McElwain, and died at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Their brother, Josiah Wheeler, died in Monona, Iowa. There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hough, three of whom are living: Hiram and Aretus G. live at Oakland, Iowa; Sylvia is the wife of D. R. Walker, of Boscobel. William and Harlow, the eldest and youngest, respectively, are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon H. Earl were married Feb. 25, 1838, and the following autumn moved to southern Illinois, where they remained seven years, and then went to Jo Daviess county, in the same State. Three years later they went back to the old home farm of Mr. Earl, in Ohio, and in 1850 came to Grant county. Mr. Earl's father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and our subject entered a land warrant received by him, that called for 160 acres. Later he bought an adjoining forty acres, making a fine farm of 200 acres. For twenty years they lived on this farm, and then made their home in Fennimore, selling the place a few years later. Since 1868 they have lived retired. They have had nine children, but only Olive and William are living. Olive married H. B. Lewis, of Fennimore. William, also a resident of Fennimore, is a carpenter and builder. He married Nellie Wilkinson, and they have four children, George, Bennie, Olive and Harold. The deceased children of Mr. and Mrs. Earl were: Lydia, who married C. W. Loney, died in February, 1876. George died at the age of twenty-three. Nancy married William Loney, and died a few years ago. Arthur died at the age of fifteen. Olive E. died in infancy. Sarah died in 1848, at the age of three years. Robert E. died in infancy. Mrs. Earl had a son by a previous marriage, Samuel Armstrong, a resident of Fennimore. In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Earl had fourteen grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Earl have been residents of Grant county for half a century, and their married life covers a period of sixty-three years. They still enjoy good health, and are passing their declining days in placid comfort. He was originally a Whig, and later a Republican, but has voted with the Prohibitionists for a number of years. He has held at different times many offices of trust and honor; was postmaster at Fennimore for fifteen years, justice of the peace nine years, and assessor of Fennimore for two years, 1851 and 1852. He and his wife have been members of the Methodist Church for more than sixty years, and he was a licensed local preacher for more than thirty years.

REV. FAYETTE ROYCE, D. D. (deceased), was an able and popular man, with a wide circle of friends in Beloit and the surrounding country, and these pages would hard-

ly be complete without some mention of this scholarly and devoted minister and genial gentleman of the old school.

Dr. Royce was born in Moravia, Cayuga Co., N. Y., April 22, 1833, the youngest son of Lyman and Mary (Burgess) Royce. His mother was a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Collins) Burgess, and was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1800. His father, Lyman Royce, was one of five sons of Amos and Sarah Royce, and was born June 17, 1796, in Washington, Litchfield Co., Conn. Robert Royce, of Boston, 1631, was the earliest American ancestor of the Royce family in this country. He was a supporter of Hutchinson and Wheelwright in their religious teaching, and removed to Stratford before 1656.

Rev. Dr. Fayette Royce was brought up on a farm, but farm life was not to his taste. He attended district school summer and winter until twelve years of age, and the winter sessions of the school until he was sixteen. He then became a student at the Moravia Academy, and made such progress that at eighteen he was appointed teacher in the public school at Venice, Cayuga county, receiving the princely emolument of ten dollars a month, "boarding around" the district. He taught school the next winter at Montville, a little hamlet, near Moravia, at twenty dollars a month. In 1853 he entered the Freshman class at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., and, taking the classical course, was graduated in 1857. The ambitious and capable young student took the first prize for declamation in the Sophomore exhibition. For some six months before his graduation he was engaged in teaching the higher branches in Cary Collegiate Seminary, a celebrated institution of learning near Batavia, and after receiving his diploma continued in the same school until Oct. 15, 1858. At that time he resigned to accept the principalship of Olean Academy, in Cattaraugus county, holding that position for three years, and building up a large and flourishing institution. On Sept. 15, 1862, this earnest and capable young teacher entered the DeLancey Theological School, at Geneva, to make his preparation for the ministry, and in nine months he finished the course. He was ordained to the diaconate of the Episcopal Church by Bishop DeLancey, in St. Paul's Chapel, Geneva, May 3, 1863, and on the first day of the following June he took charge of Grace Church, at Nunda, Livingston coun-



ty. At the same time he assumed charge of Trinity Church, Casaneraga, Allegany county, and ministered to the spiritual needs of these two churches with rare ability. The young deacon of the Episcopal Church was ordained to the priesthood in St. Peter's Chapel, Geneva, Aug. 14, 1864, by Bishop DeLancey, being the last priest ordained by that great and eminent bishop. Dr. Royce began his rectorship at Bay City, Mich., March 1, 1866. His stay in the Saginaw Valley was brief, and he came to Beloit to assume charge of St. Paul's Church, Nov. 18, 1868, and was rector of that church for twenty-nine years. He was appointed dean of the Janesville (afterward known as the Madison) Convocation, Aug. 1, 1871, by Bishop Armitage, and reappointed yearly for a succession of terms. Dr. Royce was elected a delegate to the General Convention three times in succession. He received the degree of S. T. D. Feb. 26, 1886, from his Alma Mater, Hobart College, Geneva, New York.

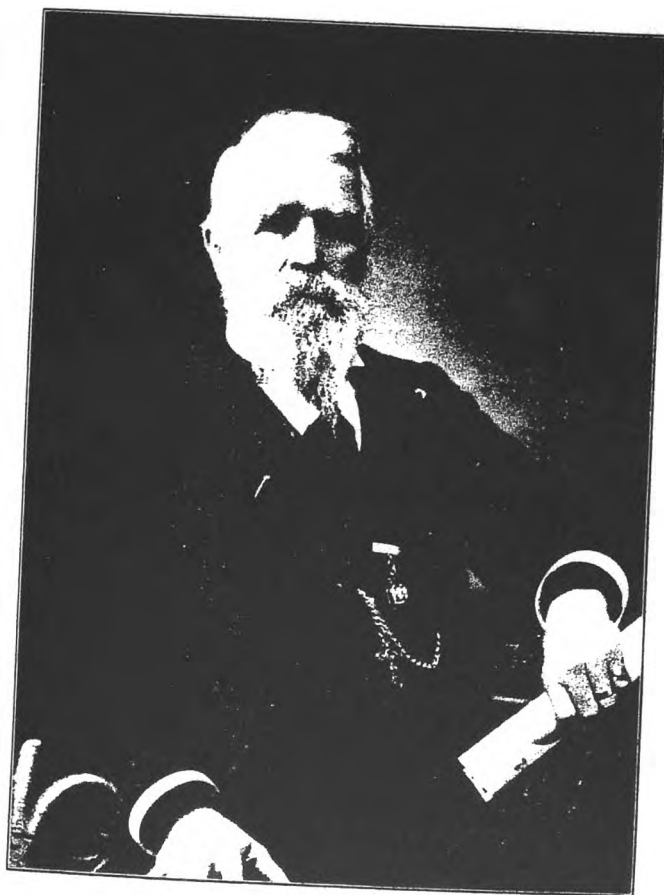
The domestic life of Dr. Royce began with his marriage to Miss Minnie Rosetta Van Antwerp, a niece of Rev. Dr. Van Antwerp, author of the popular "church history." The marriage was celebrated April 13, 1858, in Groveland, Livingston Co., N. Y., at the home of her father, James P. Van Antwerp. She lived five years and one month from that day, long enough to see her husband greatly advanced in the ministry, which had been all along her hope and prayer. James Lyman was born to them in Olean, N. Y. Dr. Royce and Miss Catherine Hunt were married Dec. 27, 1864; Mrs. Royce is a daughter of the late Dr. Hiram Hunt, of Mount Morris, N. Y., a physician of eminence and popularity. Her mother, Mrs. Mary (Wadhams) Hunt, is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Royce, at the venerable age of ninety-eight. Two daughters were born to Rev. and Mrs. Royce: Mary Hopkins, born in Bay City, Mich., and Anna Burgess, born in Beloit, Wis. Rev. Dr. Royce died at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Oct. 19, 1897, and closed with saintly resignation a long and useful life.

JOHN M. EVANS, M. D., SR. This old and experienced physician of Evansville is one of the older settlers of Rock county, and has a history that is interesting, not only for its personal element, but because it has

to deal with a period in Wisconsin that is closed to all but a few survivors. He is a good physician, and an honorable and upright man.

Dr. Evans was born in Addison, Addison Co., Vt., Feb. 12, 1820, a son of Calvin R. and Penelope (Goodrich) Evans, also natives of that State, who had five children, of whom Dr. John M. is the only one living. The father was a farmer. He came West with his second wife, and about 1850 located in Evansville, Rock Co., Wis., where they died, he in 1866, at the age of sixty-nine, she in 1870, at the age of seventy-one. The first wife, the mother of Dr. Evans, died in Vermont about 1833. They were Congregationalists in the East, but in Wisconsin Mr. Evans and family were associated with the Free-Will Baptists. Gilbert Evans, the father of Calvin R., was a native of New York, and of Welsh descent. He was a farmer, and died at a very advanced age. Allen Goodrich, the father of Mrs. Penelope Evans, was a native of Connecticut, and went to Vermont with a colony when it was a wilderness. Two of his brothers went with him, and all three settled in the town of Benson, Rutland county, and cleared three farms in the midst of the mighty forests. Allen Goodrich was the father of five daughters and three sons. He died at the age of eighty years. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church, and was an upright and honest man.

Dr. John M. Evans, Sr., is a leading physician in Evansville, and the proprietor of the "pioneer drug store" is a well-known old settler of Rock county. When he was a lad his mother died, and he was an inmate of his maternal grandfather's home until about nineteen years of age. Mr. Goodrich gave him every care, and treated him as a son. He attended the public school, and had a good preliminary training for life. In 1838 the young man went to LaPorte, Ind., where his father was living. There he learned the trade of a carpenter, and followed it for three years, but was obliged to abandon it on account of hip disease. In 1843 the invalid youth took up the study of medicine, with Dr. Meeker as preceptor. About this time a medical college was organized at LaPorte, and Mr. Evans was a member of its first class, and was in its first graduating class, receiving the degree of M. D. in 1846. The LaPorte College continued a few years, and was then merged into Rush Medical, at Chicago. The young doctor came



*John M. Evans M.D.*



to what was then known as "The Grove," a small frontier settlement, and flung out his sign to the world in 1846. The name of this community was soon afterward changed in honor of the young physician, and perpetuates the name of Evans to posterity. Several years later the parents of Dr. Evans came to Evansville, as above related.

Our subject has passed his entire professional life in his present home, covering a period of fifty-four years. Dr. Evans was postmaster in Evansville from 1852 to 1855, and was the first mayor of the city. He was elected to the Legislature in 1853, and again three years later, serving with honor and credit both times. In 1861 he was commissioned surgeon of the 13th Wis. V. I., entered the field with his regiment, and continued in active service until 1865, when, his health failing, he resigned and returned home. On June 1, 1854, in LaPorte, Ind., Dr. Evans was united in marriage with Miss Emma Clement, a native of New York. She was a daughter of Richard and Chloe Clement, and moved with them to Indiana when she was a child. The union of the Doctor and his wife was blessed with three children, two living: Elizabeth Emma and John M. Elizabeth E., born April 7, 1855, married D. C. Griswold, and has one son, Ray C. John M., Jr., was born Nov. 14, 1858, and married Miss May Johnson; they have three children, Adelaide Emma, John Clement, and Richard Donald. He is a physician and surgeon, having graduated from Rush Medical and had special instruction in Europe. He has an office in Evansville, and has won a wide patronage.

Dr. Evans, Sr., is one of the oldest and most zealous Masons in this part of the State. He joined the order in 1841, at LaPorte, and is a member of LaPorte Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M. In 1851 he joined Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., and six years later he united with the Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T. On Oct. 24, 1882, he became a member of the H. A. S. V., Orient of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Valley of Milwaukee, and on the 27th of the same month was advanced to the 32d degree in that body. He has also been inducted as an honorary member of the "Oriental Order of the Palm and Shell," an honor that has been conferred upon very few in the State. During these many years he has filled various official positions in the fraternity.

He was worshipful master of Union Lodge, No. 32, for twelve consecutive years, and was high priest of Evansville Chapter, No. 35, for the first six years of its existence. In 1882 and 1883 he was grand high priest of the State. Dr. Evans is also a member of Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee, Mystic Shrine.

Dr. Evans and his family are members of the Episcopal Church at Evansville, in which he has been senior warden since its organization. He was active in the formation of the parish. Mrs. Emma Evans died Feb. 6, 1899, at the age of seventy-eight. She was an active worker in the Episcopal Church, widely known and greatly beloved for her good works.

JUDGE JOHN R. BENNETT (deceased) was one of the most prominent men Rock county ever had within its confines, and was Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit from 1882 until the day of his death, June 9, 1899.

Judge John R. Bennett was born in Rodman, Jefferson Co., N. Y., Nov. 1, 1820, and his parents were natives of Connecticut, descended in a direct line from Puritans who settled in New England in the very earliest days of the country. After completing his studies at the district schools, Judge Bennett entered the Black River Literary and Religious Institute, Watertown, N. Y., where he qualified himself for teaching, and engaged in that occupation for several years. In 1844 he entered upon the study of law, under W. W. Wager, an attorney of Brownville, N. Y., and later studied with D. N. Burnham, Esq., of Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., being admitted to practice in the courts of New York in May, 1848.

In October, 1848, Judge Bennett came to Wisconsin, and located at Janesville, engaging in the practice of his profession. Within a very short period he took a high position as a trial lawyer and advocate, and in 1862 was elected district attorney of Rock county, serving in that capacity for two consecutive terms with a high order of ability. In April, 1882, he was elected to the office of Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, to succeed Judge Harmon D. Congor, was re-elected in 1888, and again in 1894.

On November 28, 1844, at Houndsfield, N. Y., Judge Bennett married Elsie L. Holloway, and for nearly fifty years she was his faithful, devoted wife; she died May 28, 1893,

at her home in Janesville. On June 9, 1899, while in full possession of his faculties, Judge Bennett passed away, leaving a wide circle of friends, as well as associates of the Bar, to mourn his loss.

Not only was Judge Bennett an able attorney, and an astute and just judge, but, socially and in his home, he was kind, gentle and greatly admired. Although his educational advantages were not what he had desired, he ever sought to improve his already well-stored mind, and at an advanced age enjoyed translating Greek.

On April 24, 1900, memorial services were held at the court house in Janesville, and a portrait of this honored judge was presented to the Rock County Bar Association by his daughters. All of the leading representatives of the Bar were present, and touching testimonials were read by Judge Bennett's associates, who thus assembled to honor his memory. B. B. Eldredge read the memorial, in which the highest praise was accorded Judge Bennett, and an eloquent eulogy paid his remarkable attainments. A certified copy of the same was delivered to his family.

JAMES A. LORD, M. D., deceased. For almost half a century the name of Lord was prominently identified with the medical history of Rock county. Our subject's father, Dr. Simon Lock Lord, was for many years an influential and successful practitioner of Edgerton, and after his retirement the large and lucrative practice was continued by Dr. James A. Lord.

The family is of Puritan extraction. The paternal great-grandfather of James A. Lord, Adam Lord, was a Revolutionary soldier. He married Olive Knight, a lady of English extraction, and was a lifelong farmer of Maine. Their son, James Lord, grandfather of our subject, also followed the vocation of farming in Maine, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-five. He married Hannah Durell, daughter of David and Mary Durell, of French Huguenot extraction, and to them were born a large family.

Simon Lock Lord, the father of our subject, studied medicine, and in 1852 migrated from Maine to Iowa, locating first at Dubuque, and later at Dyersville. In 1857 he came to Edgerton, Rock Co., Wis., and there began a memorable practice which was broken by his

distinguished service in the Civil war. He enlisted in September, 1861, in the 13th Wis. V. I., and was mustered in as assistant surgeon. Proceeding with the regiment from Janesville, Wis., to Fort Scott, Kans., he was there detached to organize a hospital for 400 sick and chronic and wounded cases. Once organized, the hospital was left in charge of Dr. Cookly, and Dr. Lord was transferred to Corinth, Miss., and detached as flag surgeon by Gen. Mitchell, then commandant of the fleet. In June, 1862, he was detailed as surgeon in charge of the 12th Wis. V. I., at Humboldt, Tenn., where he found Dr. J. M. Evans, surgeon of the 13th Wis. V. I., sick and relieved the latter, who returned home to Evansville. Meanwhile Dr. Lord had been appointed staff surgeon under Gen. Ransom. In October, 1862, he received orders from Gen. Grant's headquarters to report at Holly Springs, Miss., while Gen. Grant was moving on Vicksburg, and was there ordered to take charge of the sick and wounded as assistant medical director of the department in Kentucky, and inspector of camps and hospitals. In the performance of his duty as inspector he found 900 men unfit for duty behind the fortifications, and transferred them to Mound City (Ill.) Hospital. He was next instructed to proceed to Memphis, Tenn., and convert the Adams block into a hospital. Under his charge it became the finest hospital on the Mississippi river. Within ten days he had the care of 400 sick soldiers in bed. After the battle of Vicksburg the patients numbered 1,700, for whose care there were employed 160 nurses and eleven assistant surgeons. In April, 1863, Dr. Lord was appointed surgeon of the 32d Wis. V. I. under Gen. Bryant, of Madison, Wis., and was with him at Vicksburg, as staff surgeon, until after the capitulation. Relieved from this special service, he rejoined his regiment, and was later placed in the Medical Director's Department of the Tennessee, for the examination of surgeons and assistant surgeons of colored regiments. In November, 1863, he was ordered with his regiment to Grand Junction, Miss. The month following Gen. Howe was placed in command of the brigade, and Dr. Lord was commissioned brigade surgeon, still retaining his commission as surgeon of the 32d Wis. V. I. In 1864 this command was under Gen. Sherman, in the Meridian raid, and was afterward attached to Gen. Howard's brigade, and ordered

to Kenesaw Mountain and thence to Decatur, Alabama.

Here the health of Dr. Lord finally gave way under the long and arduous duties which he had most creditably discharged, and at the advice of his friends he in September, 1864, resigned and returned home. For a year he practiced at Janesville, then at the solicitation of old friends he returned to Edgerton, his old home, where he practiced continually until within a few years of his death, which occurred Feb. 18, 1893, when he was aged sixty-seven years. His widow, Mary M. (Wright) Lord, who survived until May, 1896, was born in Iowa in 1839, the only daughter of Ansel Wright, a Methodist clergyman, who was a native of New York, and who in an early day moved to Iowa, where, until his death, comparatively early in life, he was a circuit rider. To Dr. Simon L. and Mary M. (Wright) Lord were born nine children, namely: Charles H., of Mexico; Dr. James A., our subject; William F., of St. Paul, Minn.; Edward S., of Manitowoc, Wis.; Belle, wife of George F. McGiffin, of Edgerton; Mary L., wife of Frank Ware, of Hitchcock, Texas; Emily M., of St. Paul; Blanche C., wife of Charles L. Teller, of New York City; and Nellie M., of Edgerton, Wis. Dr. Simon L. Lord, the father, was for some years quite prominent in politics at Edgerton. He was an active Republican. From 1880 to 1882 he served in the State Assembly, and during the succeeding four years, 1882 to 1886, he was a member of the State Senate. Among the fraternal orders he was a leading Mason at Edgerton. Early in life he was a member of the Methodist Church, with which religious society his wife also was actively identified, but at the time of his death he was not identified with any church.

Dr. James A. Lord was born in Edgerton July 22, 1858. He was reared in his native town, where he attended the public schools, completing his literary education at Epworth Seminary, Epworth, Iowa, where he attended one year. He began the study of medicine in his father's office, and completed the course of study and lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago, graduating in 1879, with the degree of M. D., at the age of twenty-one. The young physician at once became associated with his father in practice at Edgerton, continuing in this manner until the father retired from active professional life, after which he

practiced alone. He was a progressive, careful and enthusiastic physician, and enjoyed a large and lucrative practice until his decease, Dec. 1, 1900.

The Doctor married, April 6, 1881, Miss Ida G. Williams, of Madison, daughter of John P. and Mary (Mosely) Williams, and to them was born one son, Karl W. Mrs. Lord is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Dr. Lord was a Republican in politics, and fraternally a Mason. He was devoted to his profession, and kept thoroughly abreast of the rapid strides of progress made these later days in medicine and surgery.

RUEL MORRELL (deceased), one of the pioneers of Grant county, was born April 19, 1809, in Otsego county, N. Y., and was a son of James and Harriet (Reed) Morrell, the former of whom was a soldier in the war of 1812. James and Harriet Morrell were the parents of four sons and two daughters. During the boyhood of our subject they became residents of the western part of the Empire State. The eldest of the sons, Alanson, came to Grant county, Wis., in a very early day and died in Lancaster in 1895, at the age of eighty-eight years; Ruel was the second son; Robert, the third, also came to Grant county quite early, but returned to his native State, where he died; and Warren, the youngest son, never left New York; Prudence, the eldest daughter, married and died in New York; Celinda died there after having attained mature years.

Early in 1832, Ruel Morrell started for Wisconsin from his home in western New York, via Pittsburg, Penn. From Pittsburg he descended the Ohio river to its mouth on a raft, and thence journeyed up the Mississippi river by steamboat to St. Louis, Mo., where he transshipped for Galena, Ill. On the passage from St. Louis up stream one of his fellow-passengers was Gen. Zachary Taylor, who was on his way to Prairie du Chien. From Galena Mr. Morrell came to Wisconsin, first putting his foot on the soil of the Territory May 7, 1832. He engaged at once in mining in the southern part of Grant county, but a few weeks later the Black Hawk war broke out, and Mr. Morrell, with a large body of other miners, went to Galena, and there erected a fort as a precautionary measure. When the war closed Mr. Morrell returned to Grant county, and for about four years worked in the mines for

one James Gilmore. In the meantime, however, realizing the fact that his education was deficient, he returned to his father's home in New York, and attended school one winter, and the following spring rejoined his former employer, coming by way of the lakes to the present site of Chicago, then a mere landing place, and consisting of a small cluster of log huts or shanties.

In 1835, while still in the employ of Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Morrell entered from the government, at \$1.25 per acre, the eastern half of Section 31, Lancaster township, while Randolph Marlow entered the western half. In 1836 he located on the tract, which was heavily timbered, and began clearing up, building a log house, in which he lived alone for a while. In 1837 he returned to his father's home in New York, and married Miss Eliza Cooley. While in New York he purchased a team of horses and a wagon, and by this means returned with his bride to his land in Wisconsin. They worked hard together to develop a good home, but Mrs. Morrell was called away March 6, 1852, leaving five daughters and two sons; the sons, named Byron and Wallace, died at the ages of thirteen and fourteen years, respectively. The daughters are all still living, as follows: Mrs. Mary J. Fifield, of Sutter county, Cal.; Mrs. Laura Knapp and Mrs. Maria A. Irish, of Lancaster; Mrs. Mina E. Coombs, of Madison, Wis.; and Mrs. Loraine B. Watts, of Phillips county, Kansas.

On Aug. 20, 1853, Mr. Morrell married Miss Polly Richardson, who was born in Erie county, N. Y., June 27, 1820, and died March 15, 1886, the mother of four children, one of whom died in early infancy; Robert Guy, born in 1856, died in what is now the State of Washington, in June, 1886; Josephine, now Mrs. Vernon Kinney, lives near the old homestead in Lancaster township; Lee is the youngest of the family.

Ruel Morrell lived on the farm which he entered from the government from 1837 until his death, May 11, 1889, a period of fifty-two years. He was one of the most highly esteemed residents of Grant county, as he was one of the most upright of men. He believed that uprightness was the best test of true religion, and cared but little for the tenets of the various churches in other respects. In his political affiliations he was in early life a Whig, but on the disintegration of that party became

a Republican, and was always a patriotic and public-spirited citizen, and "a man among men." In his later years he was afflicted with a difficulty of hearing, increasing to almost total deafness, but he bore his infirmity with patient resignation.

During the early days of our subject's residence in Lancaster wild game abounded in that section—deer, wolves, wild cats, and occasionally bears and panthers. Several bears were killed in the neighborhood. One day Mr. Morrell was away with his team, and on the return trip, after reaching his own land, on a road cut through the brush, he saw a large panther sitting by the roadside. However, the animal ran away after looking at him a moment.

LEE MORRELL, the youngest child born to Ruel Morrell, is the only male representative of his father's family now living. He was born on the Lancaster township homestead Dec. 8, 1861, and lived with his parents until they passed away; he has since spent much time in traveling. He was awarded a portion of the homestead when twenty-one years old, in consideration of his promise to care for his father until the latter's death, a promise he most faithfully fulfilled, and then to partition the remainder of the estate with the other heirs, share and share alike. He is an omnivorous reader, possesses a most retentive memory, and stands very high in the esteem of the community.

PAUL M. GREEN. As cashier of the Bank of Milton, Mr. Green is one of the best-known business men of the little city which for the past thirty-two years has claimed his residence. He has lived in Rock county and Milton township for over sixty years, coming hither with his parents when a child of three years, was reared near Milton, and his entire life has been spent in this locality.

Mr. Green was born in Allegany county, N. Y., Aug. 15, 1837, son of Henry W. and Martha M. (Coon) Green, and grandson of Joseph Green, a cooper by trade and a native of New Jersey, who moved to New York State, there reared a large family, and died. His son, Henry W., father of our subject, was born at Brookfield, N. Y., and was a farmer by occupation. He married Martha M. Coon, who was born in Leonardsville, N. Y., one of the large family of Stephen Coon, a farmer of

that place, who died well advanced in years. To Henry W. and Martha M. Green were born three children: Ira, who died in infancy; Mary E., born Sept. 27, 1832, widow of M. S. Burdick, now living at Milton; and Paul M. In 1840 Henry W. Green migrated to Wisconsin, entering government land in the north-western part of Milton township, Rock county. There he lived as one of the pioneer settlers for twenty-eight years, and in 1868 moved to the village of Milton, where for a number of years he engaged in the boot and shoe business in partnership with his son, under the firm name of H. W. Green & Son. He died at Milton in 1879, aged seventy-two years, his widow surviving to the winter of 1894, and passing away at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. Both were devout members of the Seventh-Day Baptist Church. Mr. Green was a prominent citizen of the community, was supervisor for several terms, and in an early day was road commissioner. In politics he was a Whig, and later a Republican.

Paul M. Green was three years old when brought by his parents to Rock county. He grew to manhood on the farm in Milton township, receiving his education in the district schools and at Milton Academy. His education completed, Mr. Green engaged in farming. He and his brother-in-law, Mr. Burdick, purchased 200 acres of land which for eight years they tilled in partnership, in connection with Mr. Green's father's farm, 328 acres in all, located in Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, Milton township. Then, in 1868, Mr. Green removed to Milton, where he has lived ever since, associated for four years with his father as a boot and shoe merchant. About 1884 he became a stockholder in and was one of the organizers of the Bank of Milton, of which in about 1892 he was made president, holding that position for two years, and since then he has served continuously as cashier.

Mr. Green married, May 19, 1859, Miss Abbie McHenry, a native of New York State, daughter of James and Abbie (Vincent) McHenry, the former one of the earliest settlers of Allegany county, N. Y., where the Valley of McHenry was named in his honor. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Green, Eldon L., who died at the age of fourteen months. Mr. and Mrs. Green are members of the Seventh-Day Baptist Church. Politically he is a Republican. For five years he was

chairman of the town board of supervisors; for fifteen or eighteen years he has been associated with the school board as director or treasurer; for thirteen years he served as postmaster at Milton; and in 1893-94 he was member of the State Legislature. Mr. Green is now president of the College board of trustees. Fraternally he is a member of Du Lac Lodge, No. 322, I. O. O. F. He is one of the prominent, successful business men of Milton, whose keen business judgment and conservative methods commend him as a wise counselor throughout the community. He is public-spirited, and in various ways has most materially contributed to the prosperity and growth of Milton.

CHARLES W. BEALS (deceased) was a well-known and highly respected citizen of the town of Beloit, Rock county, for many years, and built up a character and a standing in the community in which he lived so many years that are still remembered with words of warm appreciation by his old associates.

Mr. Beals was born at Floyd, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1816, and was taken by his parents when a child of two years of age to Burlington, Vt., where he was reared to manhood, and received a good education at the hands of the public-school teachers of the State. He early learned the millwright's trade, and worked much while a boy in the woolen mills of Massachusetts. When he attained manhood Mr. Beals came West to Michigan, and spent several years in the Saginaw Valley. He went from there to Hartland, Ohio, where he remained for twenty years, and only the California gold fever was strong enough to tear him away from pleasant ties. In 1850 he went to California by the overland route, and returned by way of the Isthmus. In 1864 Mr. Beals made an extended trip to Idaho, Oregon and Colorado. In 1870 he made his first appearance in Wisconsin, locating at Prairie du Sac, where he spent one year, and then removed to the vicinity of Beloit, where he established a beautiful fruit farm, which attracted universal admiration for its high cultivation and perfect management. He was familiarly known in Beloit as the "strawberry man."

On Oct. 12, 1869, Mr. Beals was married, in Ohio, to Miss Johanna Jones, who was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, Oct. 26, 1850. They had three children, Albert M., Elmer E.,



and Alice Gertrude. Mrs. Beals is the daughter of George and Eliza (Jordan) Jones, the former a native of New York, the latter of Rockport, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. He died in Baraboo, Wis., when about fifty years old, and was the father of eight children, of whom Mrs. Beals was the eldest.

Charles W. Beals was a Republican. His religious views were those of the liberal school, and consisted of good deeds and manly conduct rather than profession. He paid one hundred cents on the dollar, and exercised charity as proper subjects for it came under his eye. He was an honest man, and was forcible in the expression of his views on all subjects. He was satisfied in his last days that honorable manhood was a good capital to live by, and would certainly be a recommendation in that "undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns."

**JAMES MCEWAN.** No name is more intimately associated with the pioneer history of Milton, Rock county, than that of our subject. His brother Peter left Scotland and in 1837 migrated from Canada to Wisconsin, purchased the claims of two eighty-acre tracts of land, and claimed several lots besides, including the site of the village. The following year our subject, then a lad of fifteen years, made the trip across the ocean from Scotland with his widowed mother and her family.

James McEwan was born at Comrie, Perthshire, Scotland, May 8, 1823, son of William and Elizabeth (Dow) McEwan. The grandfathers, John McEwan and John Dow, both died in Scotland. There too, about 1834, the father of our subject died, and the widow, several years later, came with her family to America. She was a relative of Neal Dow, a famous musician, was a woman of strong character and deep religious convictions. The family sailed from Greenock in the "Lady of the Lake," a sailing vessel, which was nearly two months in making the trip across the ocean; the entire passenger list comprised Scotch people and their families, except one Englishman. Landing at New York, the McEwans proceeded immediately to the Wisconsin wilderness. The trip, strange as it appears to-day, was typical of that time. The emigrants went by one of the new steamers to Albany, and thence by rail to Schenectady, N. Y., the cars being drawn up the hill at Albany by a

stationary engine, the rails being simply strap-iron, and the speed very moderate. From Schenectady the party proceeded by the Erie canal to Buffalo, and then embarked on the passenger steamer "Gen. Wayne" for Milwaukee, where a small steamer met the vessel and brought the passengers up the river to the landing. There they lodged at the "Cottage Inn," and next day were met by Peter, the brother and son, and were conveyed by ox-team and wagon to Milton, the trip requiring three days; the country was swampy and the roads miserable until the Fox river was crossed. Then the scenery became more beautiful to the eye, and cheered and re-inspired the weary pilgrims.

At Milton the family located in a house south of the present residence of Mr. McEwan. There was then only the one small house on the site of Milton, and Peter McEwan sold the first lot to a Mr. Sprague, for a blacksmith shop. Mr. McEwan sold the south one of his eighty-acre tracts to a Mr. Goodrich, and soon after the sale of town lots became more frequent. Here the widow resided with her family, and lived to the age of eighty-one years. Of her eight children, four sons and four daughters, only two now survive: Catherine, widow of James Home, residing at Milton; and James, our subject.

James McEwan remained on the Milton farm for several years, assisting his brother, and about 1840 went to Milwaukee, where he learned the carpenter trade. Returning to Milton, he followed his trade for some years, also engaging in contract work, there and at other places. He then for some years engaged in mercantile business at Milton, finally selling out to Mr. Holmes, who is still engaged in business at Milton. Since then Mr. McEwan has lived retired, his home being on a lot in section 34, Janesville avenue. He has owned for many years a farm of 160 acres, located one and a half miles northeast of Milton, which he has greatly improved, and which he rents.

In 1861 Mr. McEwan married Miss Elizabeth McEwan, daughter of William and Mary (Marshall) McEwan, and to them was born one child, Mary, who is a graduate of Milton College, and is now the wife of William Alexander, of Lima township. Mrs. McEwan died Aug. 13, 1878, and in 1881 he married, for his second wife, Miss Margaret Young, daughter of William and Ellen (Shewan) Young.

natives of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. McEwan are Presbyterians in faith. In politics he is independent. In his early years he was a Democrat and Free-Soiler, but in later years has been a Republican, though not in any sense a politician.

**MAJOR GEORGE ROBINSON FRANK** (deceased) was one of the distinguished war veterans of Muscoda, Grant county, and a gentleman who enjoyed to the full the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He was born at Gray, Cumberland Co., Maine, May 2, 1824, a son of Alpheus and Naomi (Stimpson) Frank.

James Frank, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and a very worthy man. Alpheus Frank and his wife resided in Maine until their deaths. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom our subject was the eldest son and second child. One of our subject's brothers, John W. Frank, served his country in a Maine regiment during the war of the Rebellion, and is still a resident of Maine. Another brother, Gen. Royal T. Frank, graduated from West Point in 1854, and during the Civil war served his country with distinction, being brevetted major, July 6, 1862, for gallant and meritorious conduct in the Peninsular campaign. In December of the same year he was further honored by being brevetted lieutenant-colonel for bravery at Fredericksburg. During December, 1870, Gen. Frank was transferred to the 1st Artillery, and Nov. 25, 1888, was made commandant of the Artillery School at Fortress Monroe. When Gen. Merritt was sent to the Philippines, during the war with Spain, Gen. Frank succeeded him as commander of the East, with headquarters at Governors Island. During his long and active career General Frank served his country with marked bravery, and his honors are but the just reward of his faithfulness and devotion. Another brother of Major Frank and Gen. Frank is Malvin P. Frank, one of the distinguished attorneys of Portland, Maine.

George R. Frank grew to manhood in his native State, receiving a good academic education, and teaching school himself for four winters, beginning when but seventeen. However, wishing to see something more of the world, the young man, in March, 1845, left home and went to Boston; thence to Buffalo;

and in September of the same year to Chicago, which was then a small village. From Chicago he proceeded to Galena, and thence to Benton, Lafayette Co., Wis., where he taught school the following winter. In the spring of 1846 Major Frank removed to Grant county and engaged in farming and teaching, his last term of teaching being at Boscobel, in the winter of 1861-62. Fired with patriotism, when the war of the Rebellion broke out Major Frank applied for a recruiting commission, and while waiting for it sought to stir up his fellow citizens by speeches and enthusiastic talking. As a result of his efforts, when the commission arrived, he enrolled his full company in a single day, and it became Company B, of the 33d Wis. V. I., our subject being its captain, in which capacity he served until the spring of 1865, when he was promoted to the rank of major. Except for a furlough of sixty days, Major Frank was with his regiment continuously, and participated in the twenty-four battles in which it was engaged. The 33d Wisconsin Regiment has a most honorable record. Its first commander was Col. Jonathan B. Moore, formerly sheriff of Grant county, Wisconsin, a very able officer. The regiment took part in the siege of Vicksburg, Meridian expedition, Red River expedition, battle of Tupelo, and other engagements of equal importance. After the surrender at Mobile the regiment was ordered to Montgomery, Ala., and moved thence to Vicksburg, where it was mustered out.

In 1875 Major Frank purchased a large stock farm, just across the line in Grant county, and became one of the largest stock raisers in that locality. He held various county and town offices, having been town superintendent of schools, justice of the peace, member of the county board, deputy United States marshal, deputy United States collector, assistant assessor Internal Revenue, etc.

The first marriage of Major Frank occurred in 1848, to Miss Matilda Price, a native of Indiana, daughter of Zachariah and Elizabeth Price, who was brought to Grant county, Wisconsin, when but six years old, in 1836. The children born of this marriage were seven in number, and those now (1901) living are: Alpheus E., Charles E., Naomi E., William E., George E. and Fred J. The other child, Florence C., wife of Charles J. McKittrick, died July 10, 1897. On Aug. 4, 1891, Mrs.

Frank died while on a visit to her daughter Naomi, at Fremont, Ohio. On Dec. 2, 1897, Major Frank was again married, this time to Miss Mary L. Owens, daughter of Thomas and Mary M. Owens. Mrs. Frank was born in Jo Daviess county, Ill., May 25, 1863; her mother is still living. Mr. Owens died in Richland county, Wis., in 1899.

Major Frank enjoyed the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, and was one of the leading factors in the social and political life of Muscoda. Genial, public-spirited, enterprising, he was a pleasant companion, as well as a good business man and faithful public official, and his sudden death, on May 20, 1900, at his home in Muscoda, was deeply and sincerely mourned. After the funeral services, which were conducted by the A. F. & A. M. and the G. A. R., six of his old company acting as pall-bearers, the remains were taken to Fremont, Ohio, and buried beside those of his first wife, in Oakwood cemetery. The Major is survived by a wife and six children.

HON. GEORGE CLEMENTSON, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Wisconsin, with his residence at Lancaster, has been a resident of Grant county since early childhood. He was born in Yorkshire, England, in March, 1842, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Peacock) Clementson, the former of whom was born in Neasham, County of Durham, July 6, 1816, and by trade was a wheelwright. He removed from Darlington, where he had served his apprenticeship, to Richmond, Yorkshire, and there followed his calling until 1849, when he came to America with his wife and son and daughter, a third child having died in infancy; George is the elder of the two survivors. He made settlement at Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wis. He was one of the sufferers from the cyclone which partially destroyed the village in 1876. Mrs. Elizabeth (Peacock) Clementson was called away early in 1879, and the death of Joseph Clementson took place at Hazel Green April 16, 1880.

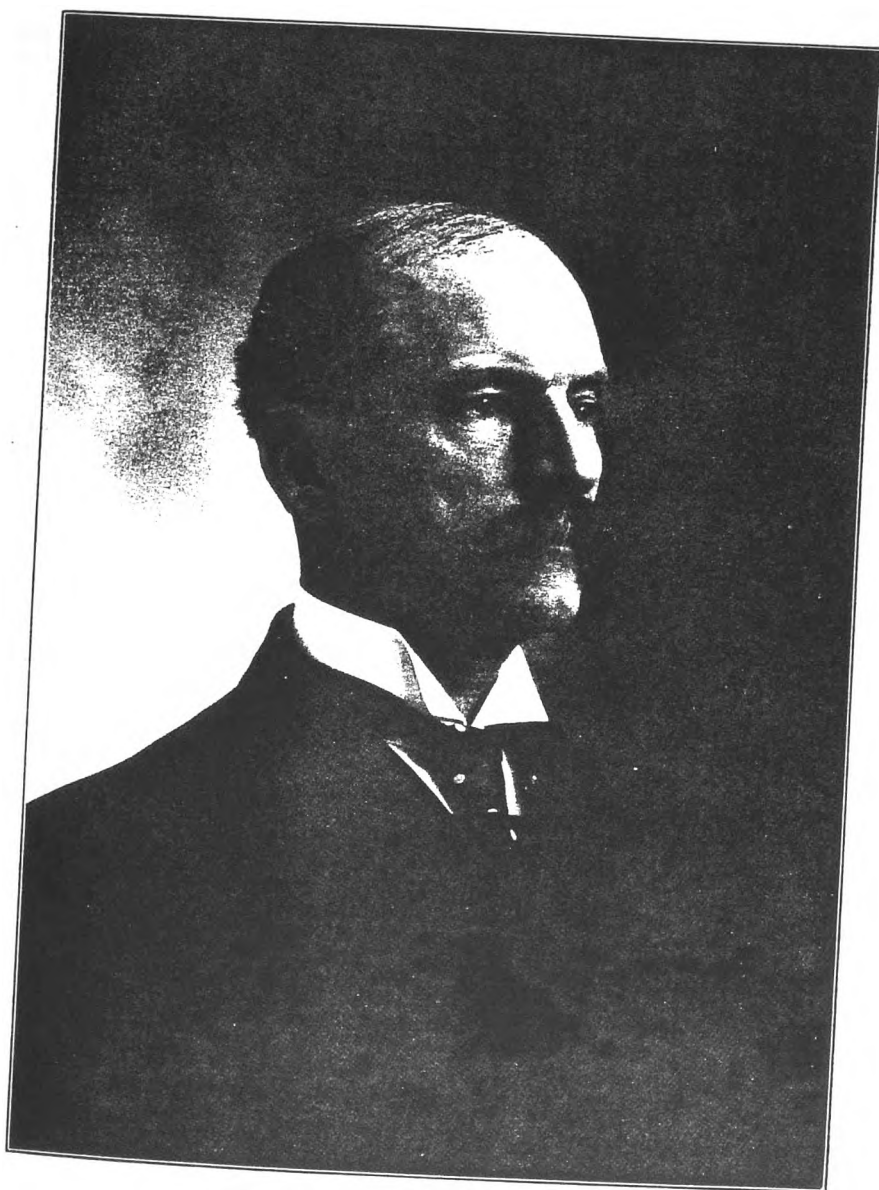
Judge Clementson began his business life by assisting his father in carpenter work, and later in wagon-making, principally at Hazel Green. For a short time the family lived in Hudson, St. Croix county, and then returned to Hazel Green, where young Clementson acquired his elementary education in the common school and local academy. But his course of

reading and general study were far in advance of the curriculum, as he was innately a student and an apt one, and self-education raised him above the average of other young men. He early resolved to become a lawyer, and having well prepared himself, through self-discipline, he began the study of law unaided, and qualified himself for entering the law department of the University of Michigan, which he attended one year. Later he read law in the office of Hon. J. Allen Barber, and in March, 1868, was admitted to the Bar—having worked at his trade, meanwhile, to earn the wherewithal to pay his expenses at college and thereafter until admitted to practice.

In the fall of 1868 Mr. Clementson was elected to the office of district attorney, and in the fall of 1869 he formed a partnership with Joel Allen Barber, which was continued until the death of the latter, in 1881. While this firm still had its existence, and was enjoying quite an extensive and consequently lucrative practice, Mr. Barber was elected a member of Congress, in 1870, and re-elected in 1872, and during the four years of his incumbency the legal work of the firm was practically conducted by Mr. Clementson; that it was successfully carried on is self-evident.

In the spring of 1882 Mr. Clementson was elected on the Republican ticket Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and has been thrice re-elected, as a non-partisan candidate, without opposition, this fact showing the confidence reposed in him by his party and the public. His fourth term will expire at the close of 1906. During the period of his judgeship his ability and erudition have been fully recognized, and his integrity has never for a moment been questioned. Among many of the important criminal cases that were brought before him while on the Bench, his acumen was truly and effectively manifested in the trials of Rose Zoldoski for the murder of Ella Malley, of the Koetting case, in Milwaukee, and of the lynchers of Siebolt, who was hanged by the culprits to a tree opposite the court house at Darlington.

On May 11, 1869, Judge Clementson married Miss Mary Asenath Burr, a native of Vermont, a daughter of Addison Burr, and a distant relative of Vice-President Aaron Burr. Three children have been born to the Judge and his wife: George Burr, who was graduated from Cornell (N. Y.) University in 1892, and



*Geo. Clementson,*



is now a member of the law firm of Lowry & Clementson, of Lancaster; Joseph Addison, who graduated from the high school of Lancaster, took a three-years course in Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, Ill., later took a course in the Polyclinic College, Philadelphia, Penn., and is now a practicing physician at Mineral Point, Wis.; and Bessie Barber, still under the parental roof.

Mrs. George Clementson is a devout member of the Congregational Church, of which the Judge is a trustee, although not a member. There is perhaps no individual in Grant county more honored and respected than Judge George Clementson, and not one that more justly deserves the respect that is paid him, as it is through his own personal merits and inflexible integrity that he has risen from a comparatively obscure condition to the elevated position he at present holds.

**JUSTIN HERBERT BURDICK, M. D.** Both grandfathers of this eminent physician of Milton were pioneers of Rock county. The paternal grandfather, George Stillman Burdick, was a native of Rhode Island, and of English extraction. In his native State he was a member of the State militia. By occupation he was a lifelong farmer, and migrating about 1842 to Wisconsin, he located in Lima township, Rock county, where he followed farming for many years, removing to Milton a few years before his death, in 1890, at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. His wife survived him several years, passing away at the age of ninety-two. Both were devout members of the Seventh-day Baptist Church. George S. Burdick was a man of quiet, retiring disposition, but of firm principles and strict integrity. He had four children, two sons and two daughters.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Abel Babcock, also a native of Rhode Island, about 1842 cast his lot with the fortunes of the growing Western State of Wisconsin. In the East he had been a woolen manufacturer, and after his arrival in Wisconsin he opened at Milton the "Dulac House," one of the finest hotels of the village. A few years later he entered mercantile business, which he followed successfully until incapacitated by old age. He lived to about the age of eighty years. His family consisted of twelve children.

George Burdick, the father of our subject,

was born in New York, and when a minor came with his parents to Lima township, Rock Co., Wis., where he was reared on his father's farm. He married Harriet Babcock, who was born in Pennsylvania, and to them were born two children: Clifford R., who died at the age of two years; and Justin Herbert, our subject. The father purchased land in Lima township, and adopted farming as his vocation. For the past fifteen years he and his wife have made Milton their home. They are prominent members of the Seventh-day Baptist Church, of which society he is a trustee.

Justin Herbert Burdick, our subject, was born in Milton Dec. 29, 1851. He was reared on the farm in Lima township, five miles northeast of Milton, attending the district schools, and later, from 1868 to 1874, Milton College, selecting the classical course. Choosing medicine as his profession, he began his studies in 1874 under Dr. O. Allen, and in 1875-76 attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from the Medical Department of the Northwestern University, Chicago, in 1877. Until September, 1878, he was connected professionally with Mercy Hospital, Chicago, and then began private practice at Utica, Dane Co., Wis., continuing thus from 1878 to 1887. There had been inherited a taste for manufacture which now for a few years asserted itself. Relinquishing his practice, Dr. Burdick began at Milwaukee the manufacture of steel elastic nuts for bolts, a device that has been widely introduced among the leading railroads of the country, East and West, and especially in the Northwest, their advantages in the great saving of construction and maintenance of track commending general use. For six years he continued actively engaged in this manufacture, but professional life called him back. He retains his stock in the National Elastic Nut Co., of Milwaukee, but in 1893 he reentered the profession of medicine, locating at Milton, where he has ever since enjoyed a lucrative and growing practice.

Dr. Burdick married, Aug. 30, 1882, Miss Fannie E. Coon, daughter of Samuel H. and Lucy (Coon). Five children were born to them, Percy Willard, Paul Howard, Lucy Adene, Justin Hugh, and Clifford Leslie. Mrs. Burdick died Nov. 12, 1896, aged thirty-four years, and for his second wife Dr. Burdick married, Sept. 1, 1898, Miss Clara L.

Stillman, a native of Rhode Island, daughter of Jairus M. and Clara (Langworthy) Stillman. By this marriage Dr. Burdick has two children, William Stillman and Ruth Evelyn. Dr. and Mrs. Burdick are members of the Seventh-day Baptist church at Milton. Politically he has always been a Republican. For the past four years he has been executive officer of the Milton board of health. He is also a trustee of Milton College. His pleasant home in Milton he erected in 1893. He is public-spirited, and both as a physician and a citizen ranks high in the estimation of the people of Milton and the surrounding region, where he is widely known.

**ELISHA CARRINGTON.** To the citizens of Grant county the name of this distinguished and public-spirited resident of Montfort is well-nigh as familiar as household words. An old settler, he is known to all the men and women of later generations, and the mention of his name at once challenges attention and commands respect. His birthplace was Monroe county, N. Y., a section which forms a part of the Genesee Valley, far famed for its fertile valleys and its gently sloping, vine-covered hills. His eyes first opened Jan. 9, 1831, on the farm of his father, William Carrington, who was born near the city of Utica, N. Y., not far from the headwaters of the Black river, whose undulating banks and picturesque falls, as it descends through the gorge near Trenton, have made it famous among tourists from all parts of the country.

Elisha Carrington lost his father while he was a child, and his mother afterward returned to her father's home, in Ontario county, N. Y., taking with her her three children, one of whom was a daughter. From that place she removed to Medina county, Ohio, making her home at Westfield. There she married a second time, becoming the wife of Hiram Hatch, of the same bailiwick. The elder (and only) brother of Elisha Carrington was named Miles; he died at Detroit, Mich., in 1882. Betsey Jane, his only sister, was twice married, first to William Baker, and after his death to N. P. Hoag, who died Nov. 24, 1894; she died near Kent, Wash., Feb. 14, 1898.

In 1849 young Carrington returned to New York, but after remaining two years went back to Ohio, in 1851. From that State

he removed to Wisconsin, in February, 1855, and has ever since been a resident of Grant county, with the exception of the years 1866-68, which he passed in Iowa county. For many years his homestead was in Clifton, but in 1877 he took his family to Montfort, which has since been his place of residence. Brought up as a farmer's boy, he has devoted nearly his entire life to agriculture. His home is one of happiness and comfort, and as he nears the age of threescore years and ten, and looks about upon his children and grandchildren, and reflects upon his long, well-spent and useful life, he is able to return thanks to the Power which has enabled him, through his own, unaided efforts, to accumulate a competence. His fellow citizens have not been slow to recognize his ready grasp of affairs and his moral worth. For two years he served as chairman of the town board of Clifton, and has also served as chairman and treasurer of the board of Wingville township. For many years his political affiliation was with the Republican party, but, having become convinced that intemperance and the liquor traffic are the two most serious dangers menacing the perpetuity of the Nation, he has felt it his duty to give his adherence to the Prohibition movement as a political as well as a moral force. Both he and his family are earnest members of the Methodist Church, to whose advancement he has been a liberal supporter.

On Jan. 8, 1857, Mr. Carrington was married to Caroline Althea, daughter of Adam Keith, who settled in Grant county in 1847. Mr. Keith was a man of intense energy and a somewhat restless temperament. He was born in Pennsylvania March 16, 1794, removed thence first to Ohio, afterward to Indiana, and later to Rockford, Ill. From the place last named he went to Wisconsin, and two years later (in 1849) crossed the Plains to California, where he remained for two years. He finally settled in southwestern Nebraska, and died there March 16, 1883. He married for his first wife Elizabeth Shirley, and after her death wedded Hannah Harris, who survived him until Jan. 7, 1900, when she too passed from earth. By his two marriages Mr. Keith was the father of a large family of children, nine of whom are yet living: Louis, Jasper, Ruhama (Mrs. Pridaux) and Henrietta (Mrs. Reynolds), all of Nebraska; Mrs. N. Banker, Mrs. M. Bartholomew, and

Mrs. Carrington, of Wisconsin; Mrs. M. Bowker, of Minnesota; and R. H., of California.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Carrington have been born ten children. One of these, William Grant, died at the age of twenty-four years. Those who survive are Gertrude Louisa, Ella J., Luella Jane, Henrietta Keith, Bertha Adelia, Mabel Susan, Adam M., Elisha Lewis and Miles Frantz.

JOHN O. BEAVER (deceased) is well remembered by the older residents of Clinton township, Rock county, as an exceedingly industrious and upright farmer, working hard for the accumulation of a competence for the good it would enable him to do for those he loved and cherished. He was a man of high character and real worth, and would scorn to tell an untruth or do a mean action.

Mr. Beaver was born in Norway Dec. 24, 1828, and came to this country when a stout and sturdy lad of sixteen years, coming straight to Wisconsin. Here he presently bought a farm, and created that magnificent rural estate that is still kept as the Beaver homestead. It consisted of 120 acres of highly improved land in Section 27, Clinton township, Rock county, to the cultivation of which he devoted his entire life. He died July 4, 1875, and his loss was deeply felt by many who had come to prize him, both as a man and as a friend.

John O. Beaver and Miss Christie Oleson, daughter of Ole Oleson, of Norway, were married in March, 1857. Mrs. Beaver came alone to this country when a young girl, seeking the opportunities the young Republic were said to offer the children of privation in the old world. Mr. and Mrs. Beaver became the parents of six children, Nellie, Betsy, Olinda, Ole J., Oliver, and Ann Maria, all born on the present Beaver homestead and educated in Rock county. Nellie married Andrew Johnson and died in March, 1886; she left one daughter, Alma Charlotte, who is now an inmate of the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Beaver. Betsy married Thomas Olson, who died leaving his widow with two children, Oscar Julius and Eva Clarene, who are also living with Mrs. Beaver. Olinda married Andrew Lewis, a farmer in the town of Clinton, and they have five children, Hattie Julena, Elva Charlotte, Mattie Clarene, Lilly Amelia and John Bent-

ley. Oliver, a farmer in Minnesota, has never married. Ann Maria was married to Ole Aarud, and they have three children, Clara Matilda, Oscar James, and Gertie Bertine.

OLE J. BEAVER, the youngest of the family, lives at home. He is unmarried, and devotes himself to the care of the farm. His mother and sister, Mrs. Olson, make a home for him, and he is making himself felt in the community as a rising and successful young farmer. He is a member of the church of his parents, the Lutheran, and is taking a leading position in the community. He is a Republican, and socially a most genial and hospitable gentleman.

WILLIAM KIRK JAMESON, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Grant county, and a highly respected and prominent citizen of Muscoda, is a member of the G. A. R., having honorably served his country during the Civil war.

Dr. Jameson was born at Glasgow, Scotland, March 4, 1836, the only child of Rev. James and Anna Jameson, and was brought to the United States by his parents in 1844. The family resided in Albany, N. Y., where they first settled, until 1848, when they removed to Milwaukee, and Rev. Mr. Jameson, who had been a clergyman in the Presbyterian Church, became identified with the Congregational Church in missionary work, preaching at various places in Wisconsin, including Albany, Magnolia, and Center, Rock county, establishing societies and erecting churches. During this time he became the owner of a fine farm in Rock county, which he obtained from the government, and greatly improved. In 1871 Mr. Jameson removed to Muscoda, built a comfortable residence, and officiated as pastor of the Congregational Church there, remaining until 1876, in which year he located at Albany, Green county. There he resided until his death, in 1896, at the advanced age of ninety-four. Not only was Mr. Jameson a man of more than average ability, but he had also enjoyed educational advantages not accorded to everyone, as he was a graduate of a theological school of Edinburgh, that great center of learning. United to his attainments and powers as an orator, he possessed that faculty of winning hearts and endearing himself to his people that made him invaluable as a worker and clergyman. Possessing a robust



constitution he was untiring in his efforts, and continued in active work until after he had passed the fourscore milestone, upholding the principles for which he had lived and labored so long until the day of his death. Mrs. Jameson died before her husband, passing away in 1886, at the age of eighty, and both will be long remembered by those who knew and loved them for their many estimable qualities.

Dr. Jameson has proven himself a worthy son of these good people, to whose teachings and example he attributes his own success and integrity of purpose. While a boy he attended common school in the several places at which his father was located, and at eighteen he entered Beloit College. In 1858 he commenced study at Ann Arbor (Mich.) Medical College; was in Hudson, Wis., with Dr. Otis Hoyt, at the breaking out of the Civil war; returned to Ann Arbor after the close of the war, graduating in 1866; and settled at Muscoda. In 1862, at the call of his country, Dr. Jameson enlisted in Company A, 30th Wis. V. I. At Camp Randall, soon after his enlistment, he was made hospital steward; in 1863 was appointed assistant surgeon of his regiment, and continued to serve in that capacity until the close of the war. The greater portion of his time of service Dr. Jameson spent on the frontier, his regiment being one of those stationed in the Indian service, and he was with Brig.-Gen. Sully in the Northwest until the spring of 1865. From Sioux Falls, Iowa, the regiment was ordered to Madison, Wis., and there honorably mustered out. Dr. Jameson has continued to reside in Muscoda, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice.

On Dec. 3, 1855, Dr. Jameson was married to Miss Julia Parslow, who died Oct. 12, 1882. Two daughters were born of this union: Ella, wife of Frank A. David, a prominent merchant of Moscow, Idaho; and Alta, wife of H. R. Smith, one of the leading attorneys of the same place. Within recent years Dr. Jameson has made a visit to his daughters in their far Western homes, and is contemplating eventually locating in Moscow, in order to be near them.

In his political convictions Dr. Jameson is a Republican. He is a highly valued member of the G. A. R. post. Successful in his practice, honored by his associates, esteemed by his friends, and beloved in his family, Dr. Jame-

son is a living proof that a good man and woman live on in their offspring, and that the world is not only bettered for their own lives, but by those who come after them.

JOHN KEMLER (deceased), formerly one of the leading merchants of Platteville, was a man of high character and benevolent disposition, who numbered among his friends the best-known people of Grant county, and in his death the city sustained a great loss.

Mr. Kemler was born in 1818, in Hanover, Germany, where he grew to manhood, and was fairly well educated in the schools of his native land. In 1837 he came to America, and after spending one summer in New York went to Savannah, Ga. There he resided two years, serving as overseer of a large plantation, but in the spring of 1842 he removed to Galena, Ill., residing there until the fall of 1843, when he returned to Germany, and was married, in 1844, to Miss Maggie A. Meyer, of Hanover. The same year he and his estimable wife came to America, locating at Platteville, and Mr. Kemler engaged in the mercantile line, continuing thus until his death, in January, 1889. As a merchant he was exceptionally successful. His worthy Christian wife survived him until February, 1899. Both were consistent and active members of the Presbyterian Church, and endeared themselves to all who knew them. During his residence in Platteville Mr. Kemler served as trustee. To himself and wife were born a number of children, four of whom survive, all residing in Platteville: Minnie, Julia, A. W. and James C. The eldest, Minnie, was born in Platteville in 1844, was educated in the Platteville Academy, and in 1870 married H. P. Shroder, now one of the retired merchants of Platteville; they have had no family. Julia, also a native of Platteville, is now the wife of George Hendy, a prominent merchant, and a member of one of the old families of Platteville.

A. W. KEMLER, son of John Kemler, was born in Platteville in 1851, was educated in the old academy of the city, and later took a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Chicago, after which he went upon the road as salesman for a Dubuque dry-goods house. In 1877 A. W. Kemler returned to Platteville, and embarked in business as proprietor of a general store. Later he enlarged his establishment, and now handles dry goods ex-

clusively, having built up a large trade among the very best people of Platteville. His place of business is one of the largest in the city, and he also owns a one-half interest in a flourishing boot and shoe concern of Platteville; and is a large stockholder in the First National Bank of Platteville.

In November, 1878, A. W. Kemler married Miss Dora Campbell, of St. Louis, daughter of J. C. Campbell, M. D., one of the leading physicians of that city. Dr. Campbell was born in Tennessee in 1810, came West, and studied medicine in Illinois. In 1841 he was married to Miss Permelia Oliver, of Alabama, and located in Platteville, Wis., where he practiced his profession, erecting a sanitarium which he conducted until 1852, in which year he was induced by his friends to remove to St. Louis. There Dr. Campbell resided until retiring from the practice of his profession, when he came to Platteville, and resided here until his death, in November, 1881; his wife died in 1882. To Dr. and Mrs. Campbell were born seven children: Dr. James A. Campbell, an eye and ear specialist of St. Louis, a physician of note, is married and has three children; Belle, now the wife of T. D. Kimbell, living near St. Louis, has two sons, Clinton and Arthur; Jennie is the wife of Frank W. Person, an active business man of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and has one son, Walter; Dora is the wife of A. W. Kemler; and three are deceased. Dr. Campbell served his country, during the Civil war, as captain, and later as surgeon, for two years.

Mrs. A. W. Kemler was educated in the schools of St. Louis, graduating from the normal and high schools, after which she taught four years in the public schools of that city; she is a very highly cultured lady. Mr. and Mrs. Kemler have had five children: Florence died in childhood; Clara, born in Platteville in 1880, graduated from the State Normal in the class of 1899, and is now a student in the University at Madison, being very highly accomplished; Truman, born in 1882, is a student of the State Normal; Virginia, born in 1887 in Platteville, is a student of the State Normal; as is also Olive, who was born in Platteville in 1890.

A. W. Kemler was brought up in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, but is not a member, although he has always contributed generously to the support of church work. Mrs.

Kemler and the children are all consistent members of the Congregational Church. In social matters Mr. Kemler is one of the leading Masons of Platteville, and takes an active part in the work of the fraternity. He is justly regarded as one of the leading business men of Platteville, is popular with the best element of people in the city, and has always taken a deep interest in local affairs. He is a member of the Republican party. Mrs. Kemler is very prominent socially and in the church, and both are highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

James C. Kemler, the second son and youngest child of John Kemler, was born in Platteville Aug. 20, 1858, and was educated at the State Normal, and at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Chicago. After completing his education he was salesman for Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago, for three years; later served in the same capacity in a large dry-goods store in Dubuque, Iowa; and in 1891 returned to Platteville, and embarked in a general dry-goods and merchandise business, with John H. Lutjens, continuing this partnership to the present time. In 1895 Mr. Kemler married Miss Beata C. Mackey, of Lancaster, Wis., daughter of Frederick Mackey, one of the old pioneers prominent in the history of Grant county, and formerly a resident of Platteville. Frederick Mackey was born and reared in Germany, and is now a resident of Lancaster, Wis. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. James C. Kemler settled in Platteville, and are regarded as among its most prominent people. To this union was born one son, Herbert J., born in June, 1897. Mr. Kemler is also a Republican in political faith, and has been very prominent in the work of this party in Platteville.

No record of Grant county would be complete without the history of the Kemler family, every member of which has contributed so materially to the commercial and material welfare of Platteville, and borne his part in its development and advancement.

ALONZO C. GRAY, vice-president of the Bank of Evansville, Rock county, occupies a conspicuous standing in the community, not merely on account of the financial relations which he sustains toward the business of the community, but also because of the personal probity, kindly disposition and unswerving in-

tegrity that have been his most marked characteristics.

Mr. Gray was born in Somerset county, Maine, March 20, 1841, a son of Robert D. and Lurana (Tinkham) Gray, natives of Maine and Massachusetts, respectively. Mrs. Gray was a daughter of Orin Tinkham, and a granddaughter of Hon. John Tinkham, of Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Gray were the parents of four children: Orin T., a lawyer in Boston; Alonzo C., our subject; Clara L., of Norridgewock, Maine; and a daughter who died in infancy. The father was a lumberman in Maine until 1850. The mother died in 1845, and five years later Mr. Gray went to California and engaged in mining. He spent fifteen years in the golden West, and then went back to the Eastern shore of the country, and spent some years in the city of Boston and in the State of Maine. He spent the closing years of his life in Evansville, Wis., in the home of his son, Alonzo C., and died in 1884. His death was the result of a fall, whereby he broke his hip. He had reached the age of seventy-one, and had reasonable expectations of a longer lease of life. His wife was a Baptist, but he was without religious affiliations, though he was a thoroughly honorable and upright man. In early life he had filled several local offices in Maine, and was well thought of by his old associates. His father, Capt. Joshua Gray, was an officer in the war of 1812. He was a farmer, a man of marked ability, taking a prominent part in public affairs, and reached the age of ninety years. He reared a large family.

Alonzo C. Gray grew to manhood in his native county, enjoying all the privileges and opportunities that farmer boys were wont to command in those early days. He received an education that was both broad and deep, studying at the public schools, attended Anson (Maine) Academy, and had private instruction at Waterville, Maine. When he had reached the age of twenty years he felt that he should apply himself to the work of life, and securing a position in a shoe factory spent some years within its walls. He was careful and saving, wisely invested his earnings, and presently had enough to open a general store for himself at West Bridgewater, Mass., but President Lincoln's call at that time for 300,000 men caused him to lay aside personal aims and to enlist in his country's defense. He

place his store in charge of his brother, and entered the Union army as a member of Company D, 58th Mass. Vol. Inf., and served until the close of the war. Mr. Gray was detailed to assist in the recruiting office at Faneuil Hall, Boston, Mass., where he remained until April 28, 1864, when he joined his regiment at the front, and six days later took his "baptism of fire" in the battles of the Wilderness. He was at Spottsylvania Court House and Cold Harbor, and was in front of Petersburg during the summer and fall of 1864. There he was taken sick and sent home on a furlough. Before he was able to return to duty the regiment was coming home on account of the close of the war and the dawn of peace over all the land.

Mr. Gray was married about this time, and came to Evansville, setting up in business here, and the city has been his home to the present time. He clerked in a general store from 1867 to 1869, and then bought a half interest in the business with M. V. Pratt, continuing until 1883, at which time he sold out his general stock, and confined himself for a few years exclusively to boots and shoes. Finally disposing of this he turned to real estate, making investments in Chicago and building some residences there. For a number of years he has been quite retired from active business cares. For some eight years he has been vice-president and director of the Bank of Evansville, and is one of three men in Rock county to whom is committed the distribution of funds to indigent old soldiers and their widows and orphans. He is officially connected with both the Badger State Long Distance Telephone Co. and the Evansville Telephone Exchange, being one of the original promoters of both enterprises.

Mr. Gray and Miss Isabel F. Peckham were married Nov. 28, 1866, at West Bridgewater, Mass., and the union, singularly happy while it lasted, was broken by the death of Mrs. Gray, on Sept. 23, 1878, at the early age of twenty-nine years. Mr. Gray's second marriage, on May 18, 1879, was to Miss Emma J. Rowley, daughter of Daniel and Calista (Wells) Rowley. Mrs. Gray is a lady of many gifts and excellencies of mind and heart, and has proved in every way a fit companion for her energetic and enterprising husband. Four children were born to this union, Orin C., Ellis Wells, Paul Rowley and Isa-

bel Bernice. Orin C. is a student at Beloit College. Ellis Wells died when a child of one year and nine months. The two younger children are at home, and attend school. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M.; Evansville Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M.; and Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T. He is also an active worker in T. L. Sutphen Post, No. 41, G. A. R., and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Gray is a Republican, and has received various honors at the hands of his fellow townsmen. He is alderman from the Second ward, and has filled that position several terms; was a member of the old village board of trustees; was city assessor one year; was president of the school board six years; and has always taken a deep interest in the local schools. His home is on Church street, west of First, where he has lived a number of years.

**HILEN CANFIELD MORSE** (deceased) was born in Geauga county, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1824, a son of Amos and Anna (Fisher) Morse, natives of Maine and New York, respectively. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters, all now deceased. Amos Morse died in Ohio in 1838, aged seventy-three years. His wife survived him many years, and married again. She died in 1863. Amos Morse is supposed to have been a soldier in the war of 1812.

Hilen C. Morse, whose name appears above, was reared on a farm in Geauga county, Ohio, and had his home in the town of Huntsburg. He received such schooling as fell to the lot of the farm lads of his time, and when he reached manhood learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. This was his occupation conjointly with farming for many years. He came to Wisconsin at an early day, and for some years made his home at Pewaukee Lake, near Milwaukee. About 1848 he moved to Johnstown, Rock county, and helped to build the first church in that community. He also aided in the construction of a church in what was known as Old Johnstown. He was a resident of Rock county many years. Attracted by the fact that he had a brother living in Jo Daviess county, Ill., near the settlement of Morseville, which was named after him, he sold out in Rock county, and moved into Illinois. He returned to Johnstown, and made his home there once more,

then lived near Monroe, in Green county, and finally came back to Johnstown, where he died in 1888, aged sixty-four years.

Mr. Morse and Miss Angelett Newhall, a daughter of Elisha and Esther (Richardson) Newhall, were married June 27, 1852. They had five children: Amos Elbridge, Sarah Louisa, Martin Hilen, Willie, and Julia Esther. Amos E. married Clara Godfrey, who bore him one child, Ray Denver, and is deceased; he married a second time, Emma Smith becoming his wife, and she bore him two children, Mabel Louisa and Harry Eli; the husband and father died in 1886, at the early age of thirty-three years. Sarah Louisa died when only three months old. Martin Hilen married Mary Jane Hall, and lives in Janesville; they have three children, Ida, Pliny and Lenn. Willie died in infancy. Julia Esther married Walter S. Pember, of Johnstown Center. Hilen C. Morse and his wife were members of the United Brethren Church. At one time he was associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he was a Republican. Mr. Morse was a man of most excellent character, and the earlier settlers of the county remember him as an honorable and industrious man, who worked hard, paid his way, and was always a kind friend and good neighbor. Mrs. Morse has made her home in Janesville since 1892, and is much respected for her intelligence and her kindly heart. She is a good neighbor, and a woman of strong personal character.

The parents of Mrs. Morse were Eastern people, her father a native of Massachusetts, and her mother of Vermont. They had four children, two of whom are now living: Elbridge G. and Mrs. Morse. Mr. Newhall was a farmer, who came West to New York, where he married. About 1830 he moved to Indiana, and settled near the town of New Durham, La Porte county, where he lived until 1837. That year he moved into Rock county, Wis., and settled near Johnstown, where he took up a claim of 160 acres for himself, and an equal amount for each one of his sons. Here he spent the balance of his days, and died about the year 1857, aged seventy-four years. His wife survived him two years, and died when she was sixty-five years of age. They were Universalists, and liberal people. He was a man of ability and character, and held several town offices at different times; he was appointed notary public by Gov. Noble, of Indiana.

W. M. HETHERINGTON, cashier of The First National Bank of Platteville, Wis., is a native of Dubuque, Iowa, born April 24, 1863, and is a son of C. E. and Lucy (Mills) Hetherington, of whom brief mention here follows:

C. E. Hetherington was born in Bellefonte, Penn., in 1825, came to the West in 1847, located in Dubuque, and there married Miss Mills, daughter of William Mills, a lawyer of considerable celebrity. Mrs. Lucy Hetherington was born in Monongahela City, Penn., in 1834, received her education at Washington, Penn., and in 1855 accompanied her parents to Dubuque. For many years Mr. Hetherington was secretary and manager of the Dubuque Linseed Oil Works.

W. M. Hetherington received his education in the public and high schools of Dubuque, and when eighteen years of age entered The First National Bank of that city, as messenger, occupied all of the different positions in the bank up to that of cashier, and in November, 1891, came to Platteville. Here he organized The First National Bank, which purchased and succeeded the private bank of Dr. George W. Eastman, the latter becoming president of The First National Bank, and Mr. Hetherington cashier.

On July 6, 1898, Mr. Hetherington married Miss Jessie M. Kyle, a native of the city, where she was graduated from the State Normal School, and for three years thereafter taught in the city of Milwaukee. Mr. Hetherington is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics is a stanch Republican. He has, however, never taken an active part in politics, preferring to give his entire time and attention to the management and building up of the bank with which he is connected, and which is regarded as one of the most conservative and substantial financial institutions in this part of the State.

GEORGE COVERT, M. D. This well-known and popular physician of Clinton, Rock county, is not only one of the oldest practicing physicians of that thriving little village, but also one of its pioneer residents. He located at Clinton in December, 1855, and has lived there ever since, being with one exception the pioneer of longest residence in the village. His life of more than forty-five years in the community has been most active, influ-

ential and useful. The Nestor of his profession, he has won honor among his fellow practitioners, and the lasting confidence and high regard of a large clientele.

Dr. Covert is of Holland-Dutch extraction. His grandfather, Abraham A. Covert, a native of New Jersey, became one of the earliest settlers of Seneca county, N. Y., migrating with his father, and followed the vocation of farming through life, living to the age of ninety-nine years, and leaving a large family. His ancestors had earlier settled in New York, and a Mr. Covert erected the first church in the city of Brooklyn.

John A. Covert, the father of our subject, was reared a farmer on the Seneca county homestead. He married Miss Catherine B. Huff, a native of New Jersey, and a daughter of Isaac Huff, who was of Holland-Dutch descent, the family originally being of French-Huguenot extraction. Isaac Huff was a man of superior education, and followed farming. He married a Miss Van Nostrand. He moved to Ovid, N. Y., and later to Oakland, Mich., where he died at the age of seventy-five, having reared a large family. His widow later came to Clinton, Wis., where she died, having attained the remarkable age of one hundred and one years and seven months. In 1852 John A. Covert moved from New York State to Oakland county, Mich. Ten years later he settled at Clinton, where he remained until his death, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife survived him one year, dying at the age of eighty-three. They were reared in the Dutch Reformed Church, but later united with the Presbyterian, and then the Congregational Church. Mr. Covert was for a number of years a justice of the peace, and he was a man of unusual force of character. Of the six children of John A. and Catherine B. Covert, four sons and two daughters, four are now living: Dr. George, our subject; Augustus, of Cheney, Spokane county, Wash.; Ryneer, of Paw Paw, Mich.; and Elizabeth, wife of Norton Winslow, of West Bloomfield, Oakland Co., Michigan.

Dr. George Covert was born at Ovid, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1829. He was reared in Seneca county, and received his education in the common schools there and at Washington Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y. Determined to prepare himself for professional life, he taught school for several years, then prepared him-



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self for the practice of medicine, receiving his professional education at Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, and the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical Institute. Dr. Covert began practice at Oakland, Mich., in 1854. In 1855 he settled at Elgin, Ill., and in December of the same year located at Clinton, Wis., where he has remained continuously in practice as a physician and surgeon ever since. He has always been a progressive physician, and during his long and successful practice he has kept thoroughly abreast with the rapid advance in the medical profession. He graduated from the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical Institute in 1863; in 1878 received a diploma from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, became a lecturer at that institution on chronic diseases, and later was professor of obstetrics. Dr. Covert is a member of the State Eclectic Medical Society, and has twice been honored by election to the presidency thereof. He is also a prominent member of the National Eclectic Medical Association, served as its president one term, and as vice-president for two terms. He is a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, and of the Pennsylvania and Oregon State Medical Societies. He is a noted contributor to medical journals, one of the most extensive writers in general practice in Wisconsin. Dr. Covert built the first drug store at Clinton, which he conducted for twenty-five years. His practice has been general in character, and lucrative. Dr. Covert married, in January, 1858, Miss Mary Janette Barker, daughter of Cyrus J. and Eliza (King) Barker. Three daughters were born to them. Effie Grace, Kittie May and Georgia K. Effie Grace is the widow of C. B. Shepard, and lives in Elkhorn, Wis., where she is employed in an abstract office. Kittie May married T. J. Creeth, of Hastings, Neb., and they have two children, Claire J. and George Alexander. Georgia K. married Calvin S. Thomas, a merchant of Clinton. Mrs. Mary Janette Covert died June 30, 1873, and for his second wife Dr. Covert married, June 13, 1887, Miss Jennie Muzzy, daughter of Lorenzo and Mary J. (Barker) Muzzy, who were natives of Massachusetts, and early settlers in Rock county, Wis., where Mrs. Covert was reared. She was educated at the State University at Madison, being graduated with the degree of Ph. B. in 1872. Two years later she received the degree of A. B., being

the first lady to receive this degree from the University of Wisconsin, and then taught Latin and Greek for three years in the high school at Madison. She possesses the culture and accomplishments which make her a prominent factor in social functions. Dr. and Mrs. Covert have an adopted daughter, Julia Gertrude. They are prominent members of the Congregational Church. He was superintendent of the town schools many years ago, and has always been deeply interested in educational matters. The Doctor has been twice president—in 1887 and 1899—of the Covert Association, the largest family association in the country, which meets in June of each year in Seneca county, New York.

JOHN SHORTNEY (deceased) was for many years a familiar figure on the streets of Janesville. Though confined closely to the house during the last part of his life, he is remembered as an exceedingly honorable and upright man, and a choice spirit by those privileged to count him as an intimate friend.

Mr. Shortney was born in London, England, Sept. 14, 1822, only child of John and Ann Shortney. His father, who was a London merchant, died in 1824. The infant son was then taken by his aunt, Letitia Ainsley, and under her fostering care he grew to manhood. When about twenty-eight years old he came to this country, his two aunts, Miss Ainsley and Mrs. Jane Parris, supplying him with clothing and plenty of money with which to make a fair start in the New World. The voyage was disastrous. The craft was a sailing vessel, and took seven weeks to make the journey. On the way over a severe storm carried away one of the masts, and all but wrecked the vessel. Everything movable on the ship had to be thrown overboard, and Mr. Shortney lost his money, his clothes, and everything he possessed in the world except the suit he wore, and his letters of introduction and credit. He landed in New York without resources, and at a loss where to go. He let chance decide, set up his cane, and went in the direction it fell, which was west. He made his way to Rome, N. Y., secured work, and saved money that brought him, after a year's delay, to Janesville.

Mr. Shortney arrived in Janesville in 1850, and at once began clerking for Ensign Bennett, and worked for him about two years. Leav-



ing him, he entered the general store of Charles Stevens, with whom he continued until he was offered a position as bookkeeper in the Badger State Bank, at Janesville. He was rapid and accurate, and remained with the proprietor, Edward L. Dimmock, until his failure, in 1858. After the closing of the bank Mr. Shortney was a partner in the book and stationery business for a year with James Sutherland. He worked for the American Express Co., and then became bookkeeper for M. C. Smith & Co., and was with them twenty-one years, until their sale to Bort, Bailey & Co. He kept on with the new firm for a year, and kept books for his former employer, Mr. Smith, at Richland Center, Wis., for two years. For three years he was manager of the estate of Peter Myers for the widow, Mrs. Myers, and while still an active and vigorous man, on March 4, 1891, he fell on a slippery stairway at home, and received injuries from which he never recovered. He died June 5, 1899, at the age of seventy-seven. Mr. Shortney was educated in a private school in London, possessed an unusual familiarity with literature and history, was a deep reader, and accumulated a fine library. He was of a somewhat reserved nature, but his friends became warmly and deeply attached to him. He was very orderly and precise, carried into his own matters the most exact order, and was a fine penman. He was very ambitious in all business matters.

Mr. Shortney was twice married. His first wife, Isabel Older, to whom he was united Oct. 26, 1855, died April 21, 1857. On Nov. 28, 1859, was celebrated his wedding with Miss Isobel Margaret McDonald, daughter of James and Jeannette (McNaughton) McDonald. To this second union were born six children: John, Isabel, Letitia, Letitia (2), Jeannette and James. John is not married, and is a clerk in a shoe store at LaCrosse, Wis. Isabel lives in Detroit, Mich. Letitia (1) died when a babe of three months. The second of that name is a trained nurse in the city. Jeannette and James are both living at home. Mr. Shortney was an Episcopalian in religious faith, while his wife, who survives him, is a Presbyterian. He was a Republican, but was never a candidate for any office. James McDonald, Mrs. Shortney's father, was born in Scotland, Aug. 16, 1810, and was educated in his native land. Coming to this country, he made Port Jervis, N. Y., his first stopping

place, remained there three years, and then went to Caledonia, in the same State, where he was married, and from Caledonia he moved to Sturgis, Mich. In 1855 he moved to Chilton, Wis., and remained there until 1874, when he came to Janesville. He lived only a short time after his arrival in the city, dying April 4, 1877, at the age of sixty-six years and eight months. His wife died in 1855. They were the parents of five daughters and one son. Mrs. McDonald was born in Johnstown, N. Y., in 1810, and was one of a large family. Her father, Robert McNaughton, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and lived to be ninety-six years old.

CHARLES M. SMITH, SR., M. D., of Evansville, is one of the older physicians of Rock county, and has been identified with its interests for forty-one years. He entered the State as a teacher, and taught school for a time following his arrival here. It is as a physician, however, that he has made himself felt in the community, and it is not too much to say that he has lived up to the best ethics of his profession.

Dr. Smith was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., June 25, 1834, and is a son of Jacob and Delana (Rich) Smith, natives of that State. Three sons and six daughters, seven of whom are now living, were born to this worthy couple. Catherine is the wife of George Paine, and lives in Cattaraugus, N. Y. Dr. Charles M. is at Evansville. Elvira died in infancy. James R. is in New York. Arvilla is the wife of C. M. Rumsey, and lives in New York. Judson lives in the same State. Mary R. is the wife of Rev. C. M. Pullen, an Episcopal clergyman, now of Buffalo, N. Y. Matilda, who died in February, 1901, was the wife of Orrin Rich, of New York. Jacob Smith was a farmer and breeder of fine stock in Cattaraugus county, and died there at the age of seventy years. His wife, the mother of our subject, died at the age of fifty years. They were members of the Methodist Church. His father, John Smith, was a native of New York, of German descent, and was a farmer by occupation. He reared a family of ten children. He reached the age of eighty. The maternal grandfather of Dr. C. M. Smith was a native of Onondaga county, N. Y., of English descent, and was a farmer. He participated in the war of 1812. He died in old age, and his wife reached the age of

ninety. They had a large family, and Delana was the youngest of their thirteen children.

Dr. Smith lived in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., until he was twenty years old, was a student in the district school, and for a time was clerk in a drug and commission store in Forestville, N. Y. In 1854 he came to Wisconsin, taught the first school in Dayton, and later was a teacher for two terms in Evansville. He then entered the academy at Albion, Wis., where he attended three terms, and was graduated in 1856. That year he took up the study of medicine with Dr. Evans as his preceptor, and was graduated from Rush Medical College in 1860. He began the practice of medicine at Footville, Rock county, Wis., and was there two years when he obtained the appointment of assistant surgeon to the 13th Wis. V. I., in which position he served throughout the war. Returning to Evansville at the conclusion of hostilities, he formed a medical partnership with Dr. Evans that continued for eighteen years. In 1873 he took a special course in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York. In 1882 he was made an honorary member of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association; he is also a member of the American Medical Association, the State Medical Association, and the Central Wisconsin Association.

Dr. Smith and Miss Julia Sawin were married May 16, 1861. Mrs. Smith is the youngest daughter of Rev. John Sawin, a clergyman of the Baptist Church, and one of the earliest settlers of Wisconsin. To Dr. Smith and his wife have been born two children, Flora D. and Charles M., Jr. Flora D. married George O. Gordon, of Lodi, Wis., and is the mother of one child, Doris. Charles M., Jr., is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Dr. Smith, Sr., and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church. He is a Mason, and holds membership in Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M.; Evansville Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M.; and Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T. He also belongs to Leota Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Evansville Post, No. 46, G. A. K., of which latter he has been surgeon ever since its organization. He lives at the corner of Church and Madison streets, and his office is at No. 204 Main street. Politically he is a Republican, was president of the village board in 1876, and was clerk of the high school fourteen years from its organization.

HON. JOHN MEEK WHITEHEAD, senior member of the law firm of Whitehead & Matheson, Janesville, Rock county, stands by general confession among the very first lawyers of the State. He has a good knowledge of legal principles, and is able to apply that knowledge to cases under discussion in a manner both accurate and convincing.

Mr. Whitehead was born on a farm near Hillsboro, Ill., July 29, 1852, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Ann (Paisley) Whitehead, natives of New Jersey and Montgomery county, Ill., respectively. They were the parents of six sons and four daughters, and six of their children are now living: Hon. John M.; Rev. Jacob P.; Elizabeth, matron of the State Hospital at Mendota, Wis.; Joel B.; Mary, wife of Arthur W. Cole, of Hyde Park, Ill.; and Miss Mathe Whitehead, of Hillsboro, Ill. The father was a blacksmith and farmer. He was of English descent, and exhibited many of the best traits of his ancestry. He was born in 1815, and left New Jersey when nine years old, living at Hamilton, Dayton, Piqua, and other points in Ohio until the month of December, 1837, when he came West, and located at Alton, Ill., where he lived one year. Then he moved to Montgomery county, and lived in and about Hillsboro, Ill., up to the time of his death, April 24, 1900. His wife survives. Jacob Whitehead was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a colonel in the State militia about the time of the Mexican war. At one time he was a Democrat, but voted for Lincoln in 1860, and was a Republican ever after.

Daniel Whitehead, paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of England, was a shoemaker, and came to the United States about 1812. He settled in Ohio with his family, and died there in middle life. He had two sons and one daughter. Joseph Paisley, the father of Elizabeth Ann Paisley, was born at Greensboro, N. C., and moved to Illinois about 1820, locating in Montgomery county, where he engaged in farming. He spent the last years of his life there, and died in 1858, when about sixty years old. He was a prominent farmer, and had a familiar acquaintance with many of the leading men of the times. He left a widow, and five of his children also survived him.

Hon. John M. Whitehead was reared at Hillsboro, Ill., and received a solid and sub-

stantial education. He attended a local select school and an academy, in 1872 spent a year at Wabash College, and attended Williston Seminary, at Easthampton, Mass., completing his preparation for Yale, from which institution he was graduated in 1877. While at Yale he made the exceptional and creditable record of not missing a recitation or a chapel meeting for five years. After leaving school he taught a year at Ravenswood, Ill., and then became a student at Chicago, in the law office of Leaming & Thompson, prominent lawyers, under their direction mastering the elementary principles of the law in a manner both thorough and brilliant, being admitted to the Bar in 1880. He spent five years with them as a clerk and general assistant, and in August, 1883, came to Janesville to open an office and engage in the practice of his profession. He won friends, and has acquired a good patronage, being now regarded as one of the most capable and successful attorneys of the city. He remains in the same building where he began, and old friends know where to find him, always ready for their business and for them.

Mr. Whitehead and Miss Lavina Fletcher Barrows, daughter of James L. and Hannah (Cottle) Barrows, were united in marriage July 12, 1881. To this union were born two children, Philip Barrows, on January 29, 1884, and a daughter, on May 11, 1887. Mrs. Whitehead died March 15, 1888, leaving behind her lasting memories of a sweet and noble womanhood. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Janesville, as is also Mr. Whitehead. He is president of the board of trustees of the society, and has been clerk of the church sixteen years. Politically he is a Republican, and has been honored with many evidences of trust and respect. He is now State senator and was a member of the county board of supervisors for one year. Mr. Whitehead has been associated with Alexander E. Matheson as a law partner, and they are engaged in a general law practice.

PETER ALLER (deceased), at one time superintendent of the Rock County Insane Asylum and Poor Farm, and one of the most widely known and influential citizens of Janesville, Rock county, was largely instrumental in the development and improvement of the material resources of that locality.

Mr. Aller was born in Hunterdon county,

N. J., March 18, 1817, a son of William and Mary (Dalrymple) Aller, also natives of New Jersey. William Aller was a son of Peter Aller, also a native of New Jersey, of German descent, who was a lieutenant in the war of the Revolution, and migrated to Pennsylvania, where he died at the age of eighty-six. He was married twice, and had seventeen children. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Jesse Dalrymple, was also in the Revolutionary war, and a native of New Jersey. The founder of this family in America was born in Wales and immigrated to this country. He had eight children, and died at the age of eighty-five or eighty-six.

William Aller, who was a carpenter, moved to Pennsylvania, and settled in Bedford county, where he resided a number of years. In 1840 he came to the Territory of Wisconsin, and settled in Union township, Rock county, where he took up eighty acres of government land and greatly improved same. He died at the age of eighty-six. Mrs. William Aller died several years before her husband, aged eighty. Both of these good people were Baptists in religious faith, and were highly esteemed for their many admirable qualities. To them were born five sons and three daughters, of whom but one is now living, William, of Utah.

Peter Aller was only one year old when his parents removed to Bedford county, Penn., and he grew to manhood on the farm there, attending the district school, and learning the trade of stone and brick mason, which he followed many years. In 1840 he came to Rock county, Wis., and took up 160 acres of government land, in Union township, which he improved. There he lived until 1870, when he removed to Evansville, and was in the drug business for a few years. For nearly fourteen years Mr. Aller was superintendent of the Rock County Insane Asylum and Poor Farm, which was first located in Johnstown township, but in 1894, the buildings being old, the county erected new ones in Janesville township, about three miles north of the city of Janesville, where the poor farm of 383 acres is also situated. The county buildings are very substantial and well built, and the asylum is a quarter of a mile in circumference. It now has about 145 inmates, with a capacity of 160; while the poor house inmates range in number from fifty to sixty.

On March 28, 1841, Peter Aller was mar-

ried to Miss Eleanor Temple, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Stabard) Temple, and of the five children born to them, two sons and three daughters, only one survives, Hannah, wife of William Roberts, who lives in Mitchell county, Iowa; they have five children, two sons and three daughters, Claude (a lawyer in Holdrege, Neb.), Claire (a farmer), Nellie, Essie and Maude. The deceased were named Ebenezer, Jennie M., Hale and Olive. On Oct. 20, 1860, Mrs. Aller died, mourned by all who knew her. On Dec. 2, 1863, Mr. Aller was married to Maria Smith, who was born in Montpelier, Vt., daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Bean) Smith, and one child was born of this marriage, a son, Arthur P., who married Miss Ella C. Barker; he is steward at the Northern Hospital, near Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Mr. Aller was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, to which his widow also belongs, and enjoyed the highest esteem of all who knew him. Politically, Mr. Aller was a Republican, served as chairman of the town board of supervisors for twenty years, and was a member of the county board for the same length of time; was also township assessor three years, and justice of the peace about eight or ten years; and in all these various offices, gave unbounded satisfaction on account of his integrity and strictness in the faithful discharge of his duties. At the time of his death Mr. Aller was quietly enjoying the fruits of his long years of earnest effort, surrounded by the comforts of life, and esteemed by a wide circle of friends. He passed away March 14, 1901, at the home of his son, in Winnebago, Wis., and was buried in Evansville.

**CHARLES M. SMITH, JR., M. D.,** of Evansville, Rock county. The country physician with a large practice and an extended "ride" has selected a most laborious vocation, and subjects himself to a constant strain. His patients are remote, and much depends on the fidelity and good sense of those attending them. He is far more helpless than his city congener. But the profession in the country has its vast advantages, and the young man is wise who prefers the peace and quiet of the country, with its simpler diseases and more certain and rapid recovery, to the glare and excitement of the city. Such a man is the physician whose name introduces this article. He wants to be close to his community, wants to

know the people as only a country doctor can know his patients. He is beginning well, and a bright future is augured for him by his friends.

Dr. Smith was born in Evansville, Rock Co., Wis., March 23, 1866, son of Dr. Charles M. and Julia (Sawin) Smith, a family history of whom appears elsewhere. The young man had his education well advanced while at home under the parental care, attending the local school and academy. He obtained his medical education at Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which institution he was graduated in 1890. He had an office at Milton Junction for a year following, and then returned to Evansville, where he has been engaged in a general medical practice to the present time. He has won many friends, and has a large and growing patronage. On June 30, 1895, Dr. Smith married Miss Ida Monshau, daughter of Henry and Mary Monshau. They have one son, Dudley W. E. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Episcopal Church, and the Doctor is a member of several fraternal orders, holding membership in Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M.; Evansville Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M., of which he has been high priest three years; Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; and the Knights of Pythias, of which he has been chancellor commander three years; he is highly prized in these various associations. Professionally he belongs to the Wisconsin State Medical Society, and to the Wisconsin Central Medical Society, is examiner for the New York Life, Connecticut Mutual and Pennsylvania Mutual Insurance Cos., and the Knights of the Macabees. He has a handsome home at the corner of Madison and Church streets. Dr. Smith has practically spent his entire life in Evansville, and is a most popular young man in that thriving city. He is a Republican politically.

**JAMES GRAY** (deceased), late a resident of Beloit, Rock county, was born March 20, 1824, in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parents, and came with them to this country when he was a lad of five years. The father, also named James Gray, was a farmer, and died near Galena, Ill., at the age of fifty-five. His father, also named James Gray, was a well-to-do man, and died in Ireland. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Mary Johnson, died in Kansas, at the home of a daughter, when eighty-two years old. Our subject was

one of a family of eight. The family located in Baltimore, and our subject remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-eight years, when he came West, and spent some time at Galena, Ill. But the country did not entirely satisfy him, and he retraced his steps to Maryland. He was married in Baltimore in 1851, and the young couple sought a home and business in the West. They spent three and a half years at Galena, and about eleven years at Warren, Ill., where Mr. Gray was engaged in the plow-making industry. In 1866 he moved to Beloit, and thereafter that city was his home as long as he lived. Here he formed a partnership with J. R. Booth, and bought the sash and blind factory of Burpee & Hammond, conducting it for five years under the firm name of Gray & Booth. Mr. Booth then disposed of his interest in the factory to Mr. Gray, who held and managed the business alone for many years.

Mr. Gray was married Oct. 8, 1851, to Miss Catharine Rust, a daughter of Paul and Patience (Stinchcomb) Rust, and to this union came seven children, James Pierce, Alda, George S., Nellie, Tina Pauline, Frank Elmer and Labertice. James Pierce married Miss Anna Clark, now deceased, and he died in 1894; they were the parents of five children, Frank, Mabel, Paul, Robert, and one child deceased. Alda married W. A. Root, and lives in Elgin. They have one child, Kate Pauline. George S. is a traveling man; he is unmarried, and makes his home with his mother. Nellie died when two and a half years old. Tina Pauline married Ernest Fluekiger, a groceryman of Beloit; they have three children, Alda, Ruth and Ernest Rust. Frank Elmer married Miss Anna Wells; they live in Chariton, Iowa, and are the parents of three children, Catherine, Helen and Rosie. Labertice is single, and is in business at Atlanta, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Gray were always believers in the Christian faith, but never united with any church. They attended the Second Congregational Church in Beloit. He was a Democrat, and was alderman from the Third ward three years. Mr. Gray united with the Odd Fellows while still living in Baltimore, and beautifully exemplified the tenets of that order in his own life. He was a man of marked domestic tastes, and greatly loved his home. He seldom spent the evenings abroad, but enjoyed his friends at his home, owning a beautiful

residence at No. 756 Bluff street. He remodeled the house thoroughly, and it is still the home of his widow.

Mrs. Gray's parents were natives of Maryland. They had five children, three of whom are now living. Achsah is the wife of Austin Hemphill, of Burlington, Iowa; Catharine is the widow of James Gray, of Beloit; and Mahalah is the widow of John Greenwood, of Kalamazoo, Mich. Mrs. Gray's father, Paul Rust, was a blacksmith by trade, though he was more largely interested in real estate than in anything else. He served in the war of 1812, and died in Baltimore when he was eighty-nine years old. His wife died in 1850, when sixty years old. They were both Methodists. His father, Charles Rust, was a native of Pennsylvania; his father was a German, and his mother English. Charles Rust served in the American Revolution, and died when somewhat past middle life. Thomas Stinchcomb, the father of Mrs. Paul Rust, was a native of Maryland, of Welsh descent, and also a soldier of the Revolution. He was the father of eleven children, and died in middle life.

**BARNABAS BALLOU ELDREDGE**, senior member of the firm of Eldredge & Fisher, and one of the foremost members of the Rock County Bar, was born at Sharon Springs, Schoharie Co., N. Y., Feb. 2, 1824.

David Eldredge, his father, married Sally Swift, some mention of whose ancestry may be found in a succeeding paragraph. The father of David Eldredge, and grandfather of the subject of this narrative, also bore the baptismal name of Barnabas. He was of Welsh stock, his father having emigrated from Wales to America and settled on Cape Cod, Mass., in 1736; he married Adna Hammond, a descendant of the Penn family, through Elisabeth Hammond, a sister of Sir William Penn, the father of William Penn, of American distinction. Barnabas Eldredge was born at New Bedford, Mass., and married Docia, one of a large family of children born to Josiah Wadsworth, of Hartford, Conn., who finally with his family located at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Mr. Wadsworth was one of the pioneers of Dutchess county, N. Y., and one of the earliest merchants and traders of that section.

David Eldredge began life as a farmer, and was the founder of Sharon Springs, which is today one of New York's most beautiful and

most fashionable watering places. In 1836 he disposed of the same to Stephen Crocker, of New York City, and thereupon retired to his farm, where he died Oct. 8, 1865, after an illness of six days, in his sixty-ninth year. He was a man of excellent business sagacity, and of an industry not easily wearied; a good citizen, and a man thoroughly respected in every relation of life. His wife, Sally (Swift), was a daughter of Thomas, who was of English descent, and was a native of Rhode Island. He removed from that State to Otsego county, N. Y., where for many years he owned and occupied a farm, and was proprietor of an inn situated near Sharon Springs—a popular hostelry in its day. In 1837 or '38 he migrated from New York to Illinois, settling between Plano and Aurora. There he purchased a farm, to which he soon afterward brought his family, and on which he died, at an advanced age. He was regarded as a man of more than ordinary native ability, and of unusually good business sense.

David Eldredge and his wife were the parents of five children, four daughters and one son. Those yet living are Julia, Barnabas B., and Louisa. Julia is Mrs. William Becker, of Easton, Penn.; and Louisa is the widow of Evan Worthing. The two daughters deceased were named Irene and Nancy: the elder married William Dale, of Phillipsburg, N. J., who was superintendent of construction on the Belvidere & Delaware railroad, and other important engineering enterprises; Nancy became the wife of Philip Henry Platner, and both died near Cherry Valley, N. Y. Mrs. Eldredge passed away six days before her husband, at the age of sixty-seven. Both were Universalists in faith.

Barnabas B. Eldredge received his early education in the common schools of Schoharie county, and at the Clinton Liberal Institute, at Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y. In 1841 he entered Hamilton College, and in July, 1845, received the degree of A. B. Immediately after graduation he became a student in the Law Department of Harvard University, at Cambridge, Mass., continuing there until December, 1846, the eminent Simon Greenleaf being then at the head of that department. Thereafter he continued his professional studies in the office of Samuel Stevens, of Albany, N. Y., then one of the foremost practitioners in that State. In May, 1848, he was admitted to practice in the

courts of New York, the judges sitting *in banc* who passed upon his qualifications being Willard, Cady and Hand.

Being thus equipped for his chosen work, he married and came West. His objective point was Janesville, but very shortly after reaching that inchoate city he received advice of the serious illness of his father, and at once returned home. In 1850 he returned to Wisconsin, and opened an office at Janesville on Dec. 2, of that year, in partnership with Isaac Woodle and John J. R. Pease. The co-partnership continued until June, 1851, under the style of Woodle, Eldredge & Pease, when Mr. Woodle withdrew. Eldredge & Pease remained together until 1866. On March 20, of that year, Mr. Eldredge revisited Sharon Springs, to attend to some needed repairs upon a farm which he owned. This property he finally sold, and returned to Janesville July 1, 1868. He did not resume practice, however, until 1877, his wife's health calling for his constant attention. On Jan. 1, 1878, he entered into partnership with Ogden H. Fathers, the firm of Eldredge & Fathers continuing in business for five years, when Mr. Fathers withdrew. Mr. Eldredge continued in business alone until 1898, when he associated with himself Arthur M. Fisher, a gentleman of distinguished native talent.

Reference has been made to our subject's marriage, which occurred Feb. 2, 1848. His bride was Louisa M. Hutchins, a daughter of William and Louise (Angel) Hutchins, who were born and married in Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge became the parents of two sons, William M. and Charles C. The elder, whose biography may be found upon another page, is engaged in handling real estate. Charles C. died in infancy. Mrs. Eldredge was a Universalist, but attended the Episcopal Church in Janesville until her death, which occurred March 28, 1877. On June 17, 1878, Mr. Eldredge married a second time, leading to the altar Miss Mary A. Hunter, the daughter of a distinguished Presbyterian clergyman of Quebec, Canada, who died there after reaching the extraordinary age of ninety-two years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge are communicants of the Episcopal Church. He is a man of genial, wholesouled temperament, kindly disposition, and social instincts. He belongs to Janesville Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; to Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; and is

also a member of Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T., in which he at one time held the office of captain-general. In early life he was a Democrat, but supported the Free Soil wing of that party in 1848, and shortly before the outbreak of the Rebellion espoused the political tenets of the Republican party. He was the original promoter and organizer of the branch of the Union League established at Janesville in the early days of the Civil war, and for two years was its chief executive officer.

In the early days of Janesville's history as a municipality Mr. Eldredge consented to serve as alderman. The position was distasteful to him, yet he devoted to its duties his best efforts. He also occupied a seat on the board of supervisors for several years, and was long a director of the Rock County Agricultural Society. No wisely-conceived, well-directed public enterprise has ever appealed in vain either to his sympathy or to his purse. He was the promoter and supervised the sinking of the first artesian well in Rock county, and was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the city water works, furnishing an abundant supply of water taken from artesian wells.

EDWARD DWIGHT EATON, D. D., LL. D., the distinguished president of Beloit College, is justly regarded as a leading citizen of Beloit, Rock county. Under his administration and that of his predecessor the name of the college and of the city has become familiar to every part of the United States, and many who are scarcely able to locate the great cities of the land know well the whereabouts of Beloit, Wis. Dr. Eaton is a scholarly and broadly-educated gentleman, with rare administrative gifts, and the College has greatly prospered in his hands.

President Eaton was born at Lancaster, Wis., January 12, 1851, and is a son of Rev. Dr. Samuel and Catharine (Demarest) Eaton, his father a native of Massachusetts, his mother of New York. They were the parents of four children: Rev. James D., D. D., of Chihuahua, Mexico; Dr. Edward D., of Beloit; Samuel L., M. D., of Newton Highlands, Mass.; and Charles W., M. D., of Des Moines, Iowa. The father, a clergyman, now preaches in the Congregational Church at Roscoe, Ill. He was chaplain in the Iron Brigade three years during the war of the Rebellion. For

forty years he was pastor of the Congregational Church at Lancaster, Wis., his pastorate extending from 1846 to 1886. He was a trustee of Beloit College for many years.

Eben Eaton, the father of Dr. Samuel Eaton, lived at Framingham, Mass., where he was a farmer. He served for over fifty years as a deacon in the Congregational Church in that city. Eben Eaton's father, Ebenezer Eaton, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and helped to carry Gen. Warren off the field of battle at Bunker Hill. The Eaton family has been established in that vicinity for a century and a half. Jonas Eaton, of Reading, Mass., was the founder of this branch of the family in this country, coming hither in the early part of the seventeenth century. Rev. James Demarest, the maternal grandfather of President Eaton, was a clergyman of the Reformed Dutch Church, and lived to be ninety years old. He was the father of three children: Rev. James Demarest, D. D.; Catharine, the mother of Dr. Eaton; and Sarah, wife of Richard B. Ferris, vice-president of the Bank of New York.

President Eaton was reared in Lancaster, Wis., and attended Lancaster Institute, where he prepared for Beloit College. He was a student here, and was graduated in the full classical course in 1872. He studied theology at Andover and at Yale, graduating from Yale Divinity School in 1875. On August 23, 1875, he was married to Miss Martha E., daughter of Hon. J. Allen Barber, of Lancaster; her mother bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Banfill. Dr. and Mrs. Eaton are the parents of one son and five daughters, Ethelwyn, Allen Barber, Elizabeth, Mildred, Martha, and Aldyth. The two elder daughters are in Beloit College, and the three younger are in the city schools. The son is a graduate of Beloit College, in the class of 1899, was instructor in sciences in the Academy at Elgin, Ill., in 1899-00, and is now traveling in Egypt and Palestine. During his course in college he held the State championship in tennis. He was also on the college base-ball team.

After their marriage Dr. and Mrs. Eaton went to Europe, where he spent a year in study, principally in the Universities at Leipzig and Heidelberg. Returning home, he was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church at Newton, Iowa, in 1876. In December, 1879, he was called to the First



*Edward Dwight Eaton*





Congregational Church at Oak Park, Ill., and in June, 1886, was called to the presidency of Beloit College. He succeeded Dr. Chapin, a most scholarly and accomplished educator, and has been president of the College to the present time. During these years the resources of the College have been trebled in value, five large buildings have been erected, and the courses of study greatly enlarged. The number of students in the classes has increased nearly four-fold, and the latest enrollment is about 500. The Faculty numbers twenty-three members. President Eaton received the degree of LL. D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1887, and that of D. D. from Northwestern University the same year, and from Yale in 1900.

In January, 1898, Dr. Eaton went to China as a member of a deputation sent by the American Board of Foreign Missions to inspect and report upon its missionary operations in that country, returning in June of the same year. The Doctor will preach the sermon before the American Board at the annual meeting in Hartford, Conn., in October, 1901.

**HOWARD F. BLISS**, superintendent and steward of the Wisconsin School for the Blind, who has his home in Janesville, Rock county, is a man of irreproachable personal character and business standing.

Our subject was born in Carroll county, Ill., Feb. 15, 1844, a son of Lewis and Eliza (Jenkins) Bliss, both native to the soil of Connecticut. They had three children, two of whom are now living: George J., of Chicago; and Howard F., whose name introduces this article. The father, who was a farmer, moved from Connecticut to Illinois at an early day, and located on eighty acres of government land in Carroll county. He made this his home, added more real estate thereto and farmed until old age compelled him to retire from active work, spending the last five or six years of his life with his son in Janesville. He died in that city in July, 1899, at the venerable age of ninety-three years; he was a Methodist. His first wife, who died when she was about forty-five years old, was a Presbyterian. He married for his second wife Mrs. Flavilla Snow, who still survives, and is living with her daughter at Oak Park, Ill. The paternal grandfather of Howard F. Bliss was also a native of Connecticut, of French descent, and died in

his native State. He reared a large family. The father of Eliza Jenkins also died in the East. He had a small family.

Howard F. Bliss grew to manhood on the Illinois farm, attended the district school, and at the age of twenty began clerking in a drug store. About 1863 he came to Janesville, to take a clerkship in a wholesale harness and saddlery house, which he held for some three years. Then he and his father-in-law, Adam Hayner, bought out the business, and conducted it under the firm name of Hayner, Bliss & Co. for a number of years. Then the firm became Bassett, Bliss & Echlin, and in 1883 Mr. Bliss retired. The business is still continued by Bassett & Echlin. Very shortly after his retirement from the harness firm Mr. Bliss associated himself with the Gazette Printing Company, and became its president; at the present time he is treasurer of the concern. He was actively identified with the *Gazette* office from 1883 to the fall of 1895, in which year he was appointed by the State board of control to the office of Superintendent and Steward of the Wisconsin School for the Blind, the appointment being made under the administration of Gov. Upham. The school now has 109 pupils, with fifteen teachers in the various departments. It has a reputation among the various schools of the kind as extremely high-grade in all its work.

Mr. Bliss and Miss Carrie Hayner, a daughter of Adam and Alsora (Smith) Hayner, were married Oct. 25, 1865, and they have had four children: George, Harry, Emma and Charles. George lives in Chicago, and is acting secretary of the Chicago office of the National Fidelity & Guarantee Co. Harry lives in Janesville, and is the present manager of the *Daily and Weekly Gazette*; he married Miss Clara Smith, and has one child, Josephine. Emma died at the age of twenty-one. Charles is now studying in the College of Osteopathy in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss are members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been a member of the board of stewards many years, and is at present superintendent of the Sunday-school. Socially he belongs to Janesville Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M., and politically, he is a staunch Republican.

**ALVIN B. CARPENTER**, a prominent capitalist and retired business man of Beloit, Rock county, has led a long and active life

full of lofty motives and noble ambitions, and is now passing the sunset hours of his days on earth amid the scenes of former activities, for he has always been an exceedingly busy man. He has worked diligently in a multitude of enterprises, and, whether they have hit or missed the mark, he was never discouraged, but kept on working with all the dynamic forces of a mighty nature, and at last the day dawned, as soon or late it surely does to all great souls.

Mr. Carpenter was born in Strafford, Orange Co., Vt., July 17, 1812, a son of Willard and Polly (Bacon) Carpenter. His parents were natives of Connecticut, and had twelve children, of whom our subject is the only one now living. Willard Carpenter, who was a farmer, moved from Connecticut into Vermont very soon after his marriage, and the journey was made so far back in the history of New England that the way was indicated by blazed trees. In Vermont he hewed out a farm, and the family for a long time lived in a log cabin. All the children were born in the same house in Vermont, and all grew to maturity before a death occurred in the family. In later times more prosperous conditions permitted the erection of a frame house. Here Willard Carpenter lived and reared his large family, and here he died when eighty-seven years of age. His wife lived to be ninety-one; with her husband she was a member of the Congregational Church. Ephraim Carpenter, the father of Willard, is supposed to have been a native of England, settled near Woodstock, Conn., and served in the Revolutionary war. He died in the East. Alvin Bacon, the father of Mrs. Polly Carpenter, was born in Connecticut, of English descent, and lived to old age. He was the father of several sons and daughters.

Alvin B. Carpenter was only seven years old when he left home to earn his own living, his father giving him his time, and saving for him all he could earn. His first money was a dollar, as a compensation for a week's work. This he changed into one hundred pennies, with Senator Morrell, and felt richer than he ever has since. Three or four years later his father gave him a hen, and promised him all he could make out of it. The hen raised thirteen chickens, from which he made ten dollars. While still a mere child he was taken sick with St. Vitus' dance, and for three years had to lie in a cradle. When about fifteen he had recov-

ered so that he was able to shift for himself. Accordingly he went to Troy, N. Y., and entered the employment of his brothers John and Willard, as chore boy in their store. He earned a little extra money selling boiled chestnuts and clothes-pins, and finally accumulated five hundred dollars. He put this in the bank, and after a time bought a horse and wagon, and peddled tinware and notions through Washington, Saratoga and Rensselaer counties, N. Y., and then sold dry goods in the same way from house to house, his brothers furnishing him goods to sell for a certain profit. Before he was twenty-three years of age Mr. Carpenter had earned ten thousand dollars as a peddler from house to house. In 1835 he came West, and established a prosperous general store at Evansville, Ind., in partnership with his brothers. He purchased an extensive stock of goods in New York, and shipped it to Evansville by water, that being before the day of railroads. The three brothers about 1838 saw large opportunities in Indiana real estate, and made extensive investments in farm properties throughout the State, which yielded rapid and enormous profits, and all became very wealthy. His brother Willard gave a half million dollars in money and land to the city of Evansville, personally superintending the building and furnishing of the library.

Alvin B. Carpenter lived in Evansville ten years, and then moved to Galena. There he remained only a year, and then went to Chicago, where he started a man in business, which cost him ten thousand dollars in a very little time. In 1846 he came to Beloit, and engaged in business as the proprietor of a general store, which he conducted for some years. He had a branch store at Cambridge, Dane Co., Wis., which he founded and named in honor of Cambridge, Mass., and another store at Delavan, and laid off the town of Avon, Wis., in partnership with a man whose interest he afterward acquired, having a small store there also. He closed up all these mercantile establishments at the time of the gold excitement in California, intending to go West, but his wife prevailed upon him to abandon the idea, and his home has continued to be in Beloit to the present time. He has never wholly lost interest in Evansville, and for a period of two years did a wholesale merchandising business there since his settlement in Beloit; and from time to time he has also taken part in several im-

portant business enterprises in that city. Mr. Carpenter still looks after his property interests, though he is eighty-eight years of age. He comes of a sturdy stock, and feels that he is good for a long stay yet on earth.

Mr. Carpenter and Miss Almira L. Dutcher, daughter of Simeon Dutcher, were married July 6, 1839. They became the parents of one son and five daughters. James M., Mary, Hattie, Anna B., Adeline and Cornelia. (1) James M. first married Hattie Root, of Mohawk, N. Y., who died shortly after, and he then married Miss Louisa Ingle; they had two sons and three daughters, and three of these are now living. Alvin B., Ingle and Isabel. (2) Mary married Alonzo Green, and is the mother of two daughters, Lulu, wife of Walter Bowen, of St. Paul, Minn., and Florence Elizabeth, wife of J. W. Campbell, of Peoria, Ill.; the latter has two daughters, Gladys and Marie. (3) Hattie married William M. Searing, of Saratoga, N. Y., and they had one son, Alvin, who died when seven years old. Mr. Searing died in Philadelphia in 1884, and his son's death occurred ten months previously. (4) Anna B. is the widow of Jeremiah Lawrence, of Chicago; she has two children, Jessie C. and Willard C. (5) Adeline married C. B. Salmon, of Beloit, and is the mother of five children, three of whom are now living. Edward, Cornelia and Loretta; Edward is a miller in Beloit, and a capable business man. (6) Cornelia married F. D. Caldwell, of Evansville, Ind., and is the mother of one child, Mary S. James M. Carpenter was a partner with his father in the Evansville business, a merchant in Beloit, and had numerous interests in that city. He died in April, 1899. His son Alvin B. lives in the City of Mexico, and is in charge of valuable gold mines in that country. His son Ingle is a prominent lawyer in New York City. Both graduated from Beloit College in the same class, in 1893. Both are unmarried.

Mrs. Almira L. Carpenter was a native of Castleton, N. Y., where she passed her girlhood days, and died in Beloit Feb. 9, 1890, when seventy-five years old. Their Golden Wedding was celebrated the summer before, a thousand invitations being issued. Among the presents received on that occasion were a gold-headed ebony walking cane, presented by fifty ladies, and a fine gold-headed parasol presented by fifty gentlemen. Mrs. Carpenter was a Congregationalist, as is also her husband. In early life

he was a Democrat, but for forty years he has been a Republican. He lives at No. 416 College avenue, where he built a fine home about 1885. It is said of him that he has put up more houses than any other man in Beloit, and that on every occasion he has paid one hundred cents on the dollar. All his life he has been inflexibly honest, and met every agreement to the letter.

HON. PLINY NORCROSS is one of Janesville's influential citizens. A lawyer by profession, he served four years as district attorney of Rock county, from 1871 to 1875, and two terms as city attorney of Janesville, 1875 and 1876. He sat in the mayor's chair for two terms, 1877 and 1878, and has twice represented the Janesville District in the State Legislature, first in 1867, and again in 1885. His intellectual capability and his moral worth have commanded respect and his kindly impulses, generous nature, genial disposition and charitable instincts have made him universally popular.

Mr. Norcross was born in the town of Templeton, Worcester Co., Mass., Nov. 16, 1838. His father, Franklin Norcross, married Lydia Powers, who bore him three sons and two daughters, Lanson Powers Norcross, Pliny Norcross, Frederick Franklin Norcross, Ellen Sophia Norcross, and Louisa Azubah Norcross.

Franklin Norcross was a farmer and lumberman in his native State, and removed from Massachusetts to Wisconsin in 1852, settling at La Grange, Walworth county. For a time he cultivated a farm there, but being allured by tales of brighter prospects in the West he went to Tama, Iowa. Within a few years he returned to Wisconsin, taking up his residence in Janesville. He died there in 1875, in his sixty-third year, his wife surviving him until August, 1892, when she died at Denver, Colo., at the age of seventy-seven.

Daniel Norcross, the father of Franklin Norcross, and grandfather of Pliny, was descended from English ancestors who settled in Massachusetts in early Colonial days. He died after reaching the age of seventy-six years, the father of five children. Lydia Powers, wife of Franklin, and mother of Pliny Norcross, was one of the twelve children of Oliver Powers, a Massachusetts farmer who traced his lineage back to the early Puritan settlers of

the Massachusetts Bay Colony. He died on the ancestral farm at the age of seventy-seven.

Pliny Norcross came to Walworth county, Wis., with his parents, in the fall of 1852. He attended Milton Academy for two years, and was for a short time at the State University. On April 16, 1861, while a Freshman, he enlisted in Company K, 1st Wisconsin Infantry, under Capt. Lucius Fairchild, being the first student to enlist in the war for the Union. At the expiration of this term of service he again enlisted, in Company K, 13th Wisconsin Infantry, and was captain of that company during three years. His brothers Lanson and Fred were members of the same company. Fred died during his term of service at Nashville, Tenn., May 16, 1865.

Mr. Norcross was married Jan. 4, 1865, to Phoebe A. Poole, only daughter of John H. and Elizabeth (Winne) Poole. The children of this marriage were Frederick F., John Vanderpoole, Elizabeth Leavitt and Edward Powers. Frederick married Alice Wrenn. John married Marian Ruger. Elizabeth married George A. Mason. Both sons and the son-in-law practice law in the city of Chicago. The third son, Edward, is studying medicine at the Medical School of the Northwestern University of Chicago.

In the spring of 1865 Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Norcross settled in the city of Janesville, Wis. Mr. Norcross was a partner of the late Judge John R. Bennett from 1866 until 1873, then a year with Hon. A. A. Jackson, and from 1876 to 1883 was in partnership with Hon. B. F. Dunwiddie, present judge of the Twelfth circuit. Upon the dissolution of the firm of Norcross and Dunwiddie Mr. Norcross gave up the practice of law and went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and in company with two Englishmen, Messrs. Ivery and Bulver, organized the International Tile Co., of which he was president. After the factory was erected he sold out his interest and returned to Janesville, and in the fall of 1883 he erected the Norcross block, on River street, and in the summer of 1884 moved the Farmer's Mill from its location on Milwaukee street to its present site, on Rock river, at the foot of Dodge street, and leased it to the firm of Doty & McKey; later he bought out McKey and remained as a partner in the milling business with E. P. Doty until 1900, when he sold his interest in the milling business to Mr. Doty. In the same year, 1884, he erected the

Phoebus block, on Milwaukee street. In 1885, he built the first permanent electric light plant in the city of Janesville, Wis., on a part of the site formerly occupied by the Farmer's Mill, using the same water-wheels and flume for generating electric current that had been used for turning the Buhr mill stone.

In 1892 Mr. Norcross purchased the Fulton milling property on the Catfish river, tore down the old mill, and put in its place an electric light plant, from which he furnished current for Edgerton and for the Janesville street lamps. The Janesville circuit was about thirty-three miles in length, and was a part of the first long-distance plant in Wisconsin. In 1891 and 1893 he purchased both of the old and abandoned flouring mills at Indian Ford, and a few years thereafter united the power of both mills into an electric light plant and grist mill on the site of the McChesney Mill, on the west side of the river. In 1899 he sold the Janesville Electric Plant, Library and Mill, together with the Fulton Electric Plant, to the Janesville Electric Company, of which he was the first president, and still serves in that incumbency. From 1889 to 1897 he was in partnership with Alexander Richardson, in the manufacture of ladies' fine shoes, in the Norcross block.

**HON. ALLEN P. LOVEJOY.** The family of Lovejoy has played no unimportant part in making and molding American history, and the eminent citizen of Janesville above named is not one of its least distinguished members. It is of English Puritan origin, and its members have been for generations noted for that courage, love of liberty and loyalty to conviction which made their pilgrim ancestors bid adieu to their native shores, to found a new country on the rock-bound coast and among the cloud-scraped hills of New England. Elijah P. and Owen Lovejoy, whose names are "familiar as household words" in every home where human slavery is held in detestation and abhorrence, were of the same stock as is Allen P., and were educated in the same schools in the Pine Tree State.

The earliest American progenitor of that branch of the Lovejoys to which the Janesville family belongs was one John Lovejoy, who came from England to the New World about 1630, and was one of the earliest freeholders in the Massachusetts Colony. His de-

scendant. Hezekiah Lovejoy, removed to New Hampshire, and it was in that State that both the father and grandfather of Allen P. Lovejoy were born. The grandfather, John Lovejoy, was a farmer, was born in Amherst, N. H., and reached the age of fourscore years. He was the father of nine children, and his family were noted no less for longevity than for industry and integrity, all the sons and daughters attaining a ripe old age. John Lovejoy married Martha Odell, daughter of William Odell; she died in 1850, aged ninety-five years.

Allen Wing, our subject's maternal grandfather, born in Sandwich, Mass., migrated to Maine in 1781, and died when eighty-three years of age. His English progenitors emigrated from the mother country about 1636, and settled near the site of the present city of Lynn, Mass. Mr. Wing was a man of considerable wealth, and a large land holder, owning several farms and two sawmills. He was a man of public spirit, a liberal friend of the church, and built a church which he donated to the town.

Nathan Lovejoy, father of Allen P., was born in New Hampshire, but removed to Maine while yet a young man, and it was there that he met and married Temperance Wing, daughter of Allen Wing. He was a Restorationist in religious faith, and she a Universalist, yet their differences in creed did not disturb the harmony of their married life. He passed away in 1867, at the age of eighty-one, four years after she had entered into rest, in her seventy-sixth year. He led the life of a farmer. His many virtues caused him to be held in high esteem. His disposition was naturally retiring, almost shrinking, yet at the solicitation of his fellow townsmen he consented to fill various local offices, bringing to the discharge of these distasteful duties a quick intelligence, ready perception and unswerving fidelity. Of his ten children—six sons and four daughters—four are yet living: Nancy W., wife of John Hunt, of Auburn, Maine; Nathan E., a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Allen P., of Janesville; and Alden W., whose home is at Roxbury, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

Allen P. Lovejoy grew up on the paternal farm in Wayne, Maine, where he was born March 20, 1825. His attendance at the district school was supplemented by a brief course in

the Wesleyan Seminary at Readfield. Being naturally inclined to study, he proved himself an apt pupil, easily outstripping his schoolmates in mathematics, for the mastery of which he manifested a rare intuitive ability. For eight terms he wielded the birch in country schools, his native ability, sound mental equipment and inborn executive ability commanding respect from parents and pupils alike. He learned the trade of a carpenter, but found little opportunity in his native State for the exercise of his craft. Accordingly, before he had reached the age of twenty-five, he resolved to seek a wider field, in what was then rather indefinitely described as the "far West." In 1850 he reached Wisconsin, arriving at Janesville on foot, after a long walk from Milwaukee. He found work at his trade, and it was not long before his mechanical skill, joined to those qualities of thrift and perseverance which have characterized him through life, enabled him to start in business for himself as a contractor and builder. In 1859 he undertook a new venture, opening in that year his first lumberyard. The issue of the undertaking proved his business prescience, others being established in 1863, 1865, 1870 and 1874, and branches operated at Oregon, Brooklyn and other points. In 1868, in company with Daniel W. Bradley, Mr. Lovejoy purchased several thousand acres of pine lands in Michigan, in 1871 several thousand more, and later an addition of many thousand acres, for the proper handling of the yields of which our subject has been largely interested in three sawmills, while he also owns a number of lumberyards. He is also interested in other commercial enterprises, some of which are of considerable magnitude. Among these is the Janesville Machine Co. (formerly known as the Harris Works), of which he has been president for a quarter of a century. The concern has a working capital of half a million dollars, employs 240 men, and conducts, in addition to a foundry and general machine shop, a large, well-equipped plant for the manufacture of agricultural implements. Mr. Lovejoy is also a stockholder in the Janesville Cotton Mill Co., and has extensive holdings of real property in that city, as well as in other localities in his adopted State, being one of the heaviest tax-payers in Rock county.

Mr. Lovejoy's intellect is keen and farsighted, and his business judgment rarely at

fault. His habits are methodical and systematic, and his conclusions are usually reached through a course of logical reasoning for which his native aptitude for mathematics, perhaps, well qualifies him. Facts and figures appeal to him quickly, while for theoretical inferences he has little regard. Yet, practical man of affairs as he is, his nature is gentle, genial and generous. Liberal in his benefactions, he is charitable also to the frailties of his fellows; and, while he has been wholly the architect of his own fortune, he is entirely devoid of that imperative, self-assertive spirit which too often mars the character of the self-made man. His physique is well proportioned, and is indicative of great strength, even at the age of seventy-five years. His frame is tall and muscular, yet possesses that suppleness and alert activity of motion which come to men of his years only after a life of abstemiousness. He is a Knight Templar Mason, and a member of the Knights of Pythias. In his old home, in Maine, he was prominent and influential in the councils of the Sons of Temperance. His political creed is that of the Republican party, of which he has been an active member since the date of its organization. He has been repeatedly elected to offices of high trust and responsibility, but in no position of either public or private life has he ever been tried and found wanting. In 1869 he was a member of the lower house of the Legislature, and served as State senator in 1887-89. In 1881 he was mayor of Janesville.

On May 29, 1880, Mr. Lovejoy was married to Miss Julia A. Stow, a daughter of Henry and Susan (Folliett) Stow. Four children have blessed their marriage: Allen P., Henry S., Julia S., and Webster Ellis, of whom the last named died in infancy. Mrs. Lovejoy is a member of the Baptist Church.

C. A. LIBBY, editor and proprietor of the *Enterprise* and the *Tribune*, at Evansville, Rock county, is a native of New Hampshire, born at Great Falls Nov. 6, 1846. He lived in his native State until he was nine years of age, and came West with his parents to Evansville, Wis., in 1855. His primary education, received in the common schools, was supplemented by a course in Evansville Seminary. When the Civil war broke out it stirred the patriotic feeling slumbering in his breast, and being then too young to enlist he waited until

1864, when he became a member of Company D, 40th Wis. V. I. He remained in the service until honorably discharged by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment. During that time he had a sunstroke, and contracted a chronic disease which has permanently affected his health.

On Nov. 6, 1869, Mr. Libby was united in marriage with Miss Lucila Crandall, who was born July 13, 1850. During the spring following their marriage the young couple moved to Kansas, where they lived for three years. At the expiration of that time Mr. Libby came back to Evansville, bringing his family with him, and here he has since continued to reside, with the exception of one year—1895-96—spent in Chicago, in the grocery and meat business. Since 1881 he has been editor and manager of the local papers, the *Enterprise* and the *Tribune*, and has achieved a success in that line of work. Socially he is a charter member of T. L. Sutphen Post, No. 41, G. A. R., of Evansville, and he is a respected and worthy citizen. Five children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Libby, four sons and one daughter, as follows: Fred Nelson was born Dec. 30, 1871, in Lacynge, Kans.; Mary Alice and Almond Melvin (twins) were born Jan. 19, 1874; Bur Ansel was born Aug. 18, 1881. The youngest child, Roy, who was born Oct. 3, 1884, died Aug. 3, 1886. Almond Melvin, who is engaged with Montgomery, Ward & Co., Chicago married Miss Henrietta L. Herbster, of that city, and they have two daughters, Irene Caroline Alice, born Sept. 16, 1898; and Hazel Grace Eveline, born July 16, 1900. Fred N. entered the United States Pension Office at Washington, D. C., in 1893, and has since been employed there; on Jan. 1, 1901, he was married in Washington, D. C., to Miss Helen E. Smith, of that city.

Mrs. Libby is a daughter of Daniel Crandall, a pioneer settler of Rock county, who came to the State in 1844, migrating from Chenango county, N. Y., and settling in the town of Union, where his death occurred Aug. 31, 1862, when he was aged forty-five. His widow is now living in Montana, with her sons.

REV. WILLIAM HARVEY (deceased) was a merchant during the major portion of his active career, and for some years lived re-

tired, in the enjoyment of a competence which bespoke character, intelligence, industry and integrity to a very high degree.

Mr. Harvey was born in Cornwall, England, in April, 1818, son of Christopher and Jane Harvey, both English born and bred. They died in the old country, leaving a large family, and five of their sons, John, William, James, Richard and Joseph, came to the United States, where they led honest and industrious lives.

William Harvey received his education in England, and coming to this country in 1848 located at Hazel Green, Wis., where he worked in the lead mines some two years. In 1850 he established himself as a general merchant at Council Hill, Ill., and followed mercantile business for more than forty years. In 1889 he sold out, and moved to Hazel Green, Grant county, where he lived retired until his death, in February, 1897. Mr. Harvey had a fine education, and had studied theology, with a view to entering the ministry, in his native land, but gave it up after coming to this country, with the exception of the work of a local minister of the Methodist Church, which he continued to do as long as his health and strength permitted, preaching in the school houses and in the country churches of that denomination with fine effect. An eminently Christian man, he lived under an obligation of right and brotherly neighborliness, and his name is remembered as that of an honorable and God-fearing man.

In 1850 Mr. Harvey married Miss Caroline Nacollins, daughter of John and Mary Nacollins, who were born in England. The father died in his native land, and the mother, with her six children, came to this country, settling at Council Hill, where all died with the exception of Caroline, who is now the widow of Mr. Harvey. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey: (1) Christopher, born in 1852, went to Colorado while still a young man, and there followed the occupation of a butcher; he was killed by a snow-slide in 1885. He died unmarried. (2) Joseph, born in 1854, married Miss Laura Thomas, daughter of Josiah Thomas, of Hazel Green, and they now reside in Colorado. (3) James, born in 1856, married in Colorado a Miss Mills, of Georgetown, of that State, and for a number of years has been keeping books for a large packing company in Colorado. He

received a good education, and is a man of more than ordinary ability. Two children have been born to him and his wife. (4) William, born in 1863, married Miss Sarah Reed, of Hazel Green, and is a leading business man of Colorado. They have two children, Clarence and Earl. (5) Mary J., (6) Elizabeth E. and (7) Jane all died in infancy.

Mr. Harvey was a Republican, but his strong convictions and deep interest were in church and school. From time to time, however, he held local offices in his district in Jo Daviess county, Ill., and for years was superintendent of the Sunday-school. For over forty-eight years he exercised his gifts of heart and faith as a minister of the Gospel, and, as a man, a citizen and a Christian, his standing was beyond reproach.

Mrs. Harvey was born in September, 1822, in Cornwall, England, where she was educated. While still a girl she learned the dress-making trade, in which she was engaged at the time of her marriage. A lady of many Christian virtues and high character, as a wife and a mother, as well as a kind neighbor, she is spoken of most highly.

REV. E. O. GIESEL, pastor of the German Lutheran Church at Plattville, Grant county, was born in Silesia, Germany, in 1849, a son of Adolph and Nora (Koerner) Giesel, who spent their entire lives in that country; the father died in 1890, the mother some time previously.

Reared in his native land, Mr. Giesel obtained his literary education in his home city, Sagan, and then entered the theological seminary at Hesse. For one year he was house teacher at Berlin, Prussia, with the family of a millionaire. In 1873 he left Germany and came to the United States. He was graduated from the seminary at Mendota, Ill., in 1874, and was ordained a minister of the Lutheran Church Jan. 28, 1875. That year he began his pastoral work at Glencoe, Wis., where he erected a church, and preached to the congregations at that place, Montana and Whitehall. He next went to Fairmount, now Welcome, Minn., where he built a parsonage, and from there went to Baraboo, Wis. He built a church at that place and also at Caledonia, the same year, while the Baraboo congregation under his pastorate was increased from twelve to thirty-eight families. He also had charge of



the churches at Greenfield and Kilbourn City, Wis. For three years Mr. Giesel was pastor of the Lutheran Church at Meredosia, Ill., and for a year and a half was connected with St. John's Church, of Galena, Ill., from which city he came to Platteville, Wis., May 22, 1884, to accept the pastorate of the Evangelical Church of Peace.

This church was organized in 1856, with fifteen or twenty families, and services were first held in the school house and private homes of Platteville. The first pastor was Dr. S. Fritschel, now a professor at Dubuque, Iowa, who came from that city to establish a church here in 1856. Two years later the congregation built 50 feet of the present church. Dr. Fritschel was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Burk, who in turn was succeeded by Rev. C. Starck, who remained here four years. The next pastor was Rev. Mr. Meumann, who died later in Germany, and was followed by Rev. Mr. Bartels, and Rev. Mr. Thiele, who later became a professor in Milwaukee. The church was divided until the pastorate of the next minister, Rev. Mr. Reichenbecher, who became a professor in the Milwaukee Theological Seminary. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Salinger, who in 1878 made an addition to the church building, which is now a fine structure, 80 feet long, and a pipe organ was put in at the same time. Later Rev. C. Starck was again pastor here, and was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Giesel, who has been in charge continuously since May 22, 1884. In 1895 a new steeple was built, and a bell put in, at a cost of over \$2,000, and the following year the church was thoroughly renovated, being papered and re-seated, while a furnace, altar, pulpit furnishings and a new baptismal font were put in. The first parsonage built near the St. Paul depot, was later sold, and the present parsonage erected in 1883. A parochial school was established during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Starck, an old church building being purchased and converted into school property. The congregation now numbers over two hundred families, there being about six hundred communicants.

In 1876 Mr. Giesel was married, in Glencoe, Wis., to Miss Anna Herbert, who died in Baraboo the following year, leaving one son, Ernest, now pastor at Fall Creek, Wis. Our subject was again married, at Glencoe, in 1878, his second union being with Miss

Elizabeth Herbert, by whom he has the following children: George, Anna, Clara, Nora, Amanda, Herbert, Adolph, Mary and Frieda.

Mr. Giesel has served the church at Platteville longer than any other pastor, having ministered faithfully to the spiritual needs of the people for seventeen years. He has also given powerful and effective aid to all influences which work for the advancement of the community, and he is not only revered and loved by his own congregation, but is esteemed by all others who have seen his devotion to his noble calling. For the past eleven years he has served as president of the Augsburg Synod.

EVANS. The Evans ancestors came from Montgomeryshire, Wales, part of the family in 1694, and others in 1722, settling at Uwchland, Chester Co., Penn., about twenty miles west of Philadelphia; the old farm first tilled by Evan Evans, the pioneer, is still owned by some of his descendants. John Evans, the Colonial governor of Pennsylvania, 1704-09, was a relative of Evan Evans, the pioneer. Other members of the family became prominent in the business and official affairs of the Colony. John Evans, of the third generation, was one of the judges of the Supreme Court at the close of the Revolutionary war. Dr. George Evans, a brother of the Judge, was surgeon of Col. Bailor's regiment, in Gen. Anthony Wayne's division; he was severely wounded in a bayonet charge, in a fight with the British near Tappan, N. Y. After the war Dr. George and Richard Evans moved to Virginia, and from them are descended many of the Virginia Evanses, some of whom subsequently settled in South Carolina and became prominent in that State. John Evans was governor of the State in 1895-96.

Jesse Bateman Evans, of the fifth generation, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Westchester, Penn., March 14, 1808. He learned the blacksmith's and machinist's trades. In 1829 he married Miss Anna Shingle. In 1834 he established car and machine shops a few miles west of Philadelphia, on the line of a railroad then building, which afterward became a part of the Pennsylvania Central; here he began the manufacture of freight cars, and was one of the pioneer car builders of America, continuing this business until 1838, when car building was



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undertaken by corporations with large capital, which compelled small factories to quit the business. In 1843 Gov. David R. Porter appointed J. B. Evans lieutenant-colonel of the "Brady regiment," of Pennsylvania militia, and in this capacity he served until April, 1846, when he resigned, and moved with his family to Wisconsin, entered government land, and began the life of a farmer in Lafayette county. He continued thus, with the aid of his four boys, Jonathan H., Thomas E., George T., and H. Clay, until March, 1849, when his restless spirit induced him to undertake an overland trip to the gold fields of California, with ox-teams; this required five months. Some parts of the journey were through trackless country, the only guide being the sun or a pocket compass. Excepting for occasional trips to his Wisconsin home, he spent the remainder of his life in the gold fields of California, Nevada and Montana, dying at Helena, Mont., on his birthday, March 14, 1869. Of his sons, Thomas E. and George T. are retired farmers, and in their old age passing a life of ease.

H. Clay Evans, the youngest brother, left the farm in 1858, when fifteen years old, and became a clerk for his brother, J. H., in the register's office of Grant county, Wis., remaining there two years. He was a clerk in a mercantile house from 1861 to 1864, when he enlisted in the 41st Wis. V. I., and served as quartermaster sergeant. In the fall of the same year he was transferred to the quartermaster's department at Chattanooga, where he served to the end of the war, being at the base of supplies during Sherman's Atlanta campaign and the march to the sea. At the close of the war Gen. Meigs retained him in the service until 1869, to act as agent of the department in disposing of the war material which had accumulated at different points along the route of Sherman's campaign. While his headquarters were at Chattanooga the business of the department called him to distant points—Andersonville, Atlanta, New Orleans and Brownsville, Texas. At the latter place he resigned in 1869, and returned to Chattanooga, where he immediately began an active career in different manufacturing enterprises, largely in iron, car building, etc. An active, energetic man like H. Clay Evans would naturally drift into politics. Successively he served as alderman, mayor and president of

the board of education of his adopted city. In 1888 he was elected to the 11st Congress from the Third District of Tennessee. President Harrison appointed him First Assistant Postmaster-General. In 1894 he was elected governor of Tennessee, by the Republicans, but, through the peculiar methods well known in some parts of the country, he was counted out by the action of an adverse legislature. In 1897 Mr. Evans was appointed, by President McKinley, commissioner of pensions.

JONATHAN H. EVANS, the eldest of the sons, was born near Philadelphia Oct. 29, 1830. In 1841 he was apprenticed as a printer, and served three years in the office of the *Cumberland Valley Whig*, published at Shippensburg, Penn. By an accident at that place he was crippled, causing a lameness which has followed him through life. In 1846 he came with his parents to Wisconsin, and remained on his father's farm until 1851, when he entered the Platteville Academy as a student. In the winter of 1851-52 he taught a country school, and became a salesman and bookkeeper in a retail store the following August. In 1856 he was elected register of deeds for Grant county, Wis., serving two terms. In 1861 he was made assignee of a bankrupt merchant, this occupying his time for most of that year. In 1862 he was appointed sutler of the 33d Wis. V. I., and was with the Army of the Tennessee for two years, witnessing the siege and fall of Vicksburg, and other important events of those stirring times. Returning to Wisconsin in 1864, he immediately began a mercantile career which continued until 1884. In 1872 he was appointed, by Gov. Washburn, a member of the State Board of Normal School Regents, which position he held, by successive appointments, for twenty years; from 1878 to 1890 he served as president of the board. During his long service as regent he had much to do with shaping the plans and educational policy of the Normal School system of Wisconsin, than which there is none better in the country. In February, 1884, Mr. Evans was appointed assignee of a bank, and was required to give a bond for \$245,000 for the discharge of the trust. This work occupied his time and attention for nearly five years. In 1890 he opened a real-estate office; within the past ten years he has surveyed, platted, and subdivided fifteen additions to the city, giving names to over thirty new streets required in these sub-

divisions. He is one of the owners of the electric light plant, and has been for several years its secretary and general manager. He is a stockholder, director and vice-president of the First National Bank. It has been largely through his progressive spirit that the charming little city of Platteville has become one of the best developed interior towns in the State.

As a member of the Masonic fraternity Mr. Evans is a zealous worker. He was made a Master Mason and member of Melody Lodge, No. 2, at Platteville, Feb. 22, 1854; received the Royal Arch degrees the following June, in Washington Chapter, No. 2; the degrees of Knighthood, at Madison, in 1872; Council degrees in 1880; and the degrees of the Eastern Star in 1890. The fraternity has honored him with many marks of confidence, he having served in nearly all the offices of the local branches, and he has often been a delegate to the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of the State. He represented the Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin in the General Grand Chapters held at Baltimore, Md., in 1871, and at Nashville, Tenn., in 1874. He has for twenty-five years been the accredited representative of the Grand Chapters of New Jersey, South Carolina and Kentucky to the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, and for the past thirty years has been an officer of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, honored in 1874-75 with the highest office in the gift of the order, that of Grand High Priest. In 1895 he was elected Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. In 1898, and again in 1900, he was elected treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the State.

Mr. Evans was married, Nov. 7, 1855, to Miss Sarah Kilbourne, of Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of Prof. John Kilbourne, president of Worthington College. She is a cousin of the late Byron Kilbourne, one of the pioneer founders of Milwaukee. The Kilbourne family came from England in 1632, and settled in Connecticut. To Mr. and Mrs. Evans have been born four children: (1) Charles R., an alumnus of Wisconsin University, is now a lawyer at Chattanooga. Upon the breaking out of the Spanish-American war he tendered his services to the government, and was commissioned by President McKinley major of the 6th U. S. Volunteers; he served in Porto Rico, where for several months he was judge advocate of the general court-martial. When his

regiment was mustered out he returned to Chattanooga, and resumed the practice of law. In August, 1900, he was chosen one of the electors at large on the Republican ticket, and during the campaign made speeches in nearly every county of the State of Tennessee. He is one of the professors of law in Chattanooga University. (2) Harry K., the second son, has been for the past eighteen years cashier and financial manager of the Roane Iron Co., at Rockwood, Tenn. (3) Mary, also an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin, the only daughter, is the wife of William S. Mason, a banker, of Evanston, Ill. (4) Thomas C., the youngest, is with his parents in Platteville.

Mr. Evans' life has been a very busy one, and, notwithstanding his seventy years, he finds no leisure time to idle away. He told the writer that he could hardly recall a vacation from work, of some kind, since he entered the printing office sixty years ago as an apprentice boy.

HON. LUTHER BASFORD, of Lancaster, dates his coming to Grant county from July 1, 1836, and is one of its oldest surviving pioneers. He was born in Chester, Rockingham Co., N. H., in November, 1814, and was a mere child when he lost his father, Richard Basford, who was also a native of the Granite State. His mother, whose maiden name was Betsey Gibins, lived to the age of eighty years. The Basford family originally came from the northern part of England, and the Gibins family from Londonderry, Ireland, but the descendants of both have for several generations been born in America. Luther Basford is the youngest of three children born to his parents, and is the only survivor. His brother, Jason, was for many years a prominent citizen and real-estate dealer in Kankakee, Ill., and his sister, Caroline, passed all her life in her native New Hampshire. Both died leaving families.

At the age of sixteen years Luther Basford left his home in the Granite State and went to Albany, N. Y., where he learned the carpenter's trade, working at same five or six years in Albany and New York City. About this time a company of speculators, comprising Albany and New York men, had entered the land in Wisconsin on which the village of Cassville, Grant county, now stands, with

the expectation and intention of founding an important city. Mr. Basford was engaged by this company to accompany them and assist in erecting in the contemplated metropolis a first-class hotel structure, to be known as the "Denison House"—and this event happened nearly sixty-five years ago. Owing to unpropitious circumstances the project of the company failed of success for the time being, and in the fall of the same year Mr. Basford returned East, visiting New York, Boston, and his old New Hampshire home. The following winter he spent in traveling, when he was again solicited by the old company to return to Wisconsin.

Transportation in those early days was quite a different thing from what it is now, and on first entering the employ of the company, in 1836, Mr. Basford came West via the Erie canal from Albany to Buffalo, N. Y., and thence through the lakes to Green Bay, Wis., where twenty-five Indians and half-breeds were employed to escort the party and carry its effects to Fort Winnebago, now Portage. There the Indians were dismissed, and a yoke of oxen hired to convey the luggage to the Wisconsin river, about a mile and a half distant. On the banks of this river the party of six whites encamped in the midst of an assemblage of Indians numbering at least 1,500. The means of transportation down the Wisconsin now became a serious question, as they had no boat, but they were equal to the emergency. With a whip-saw, borrowed at the Fort, lumber was cut and a flat-boat built, on which the party floated down the river, and in safety reached Cassville, July 1, 1836.

Mr. Basford, with others, when the company decided to cease operations for the time being, started homeward on the same flat-boat that had landed them at Cassville, intending to float down the Mississippi river to St. Louis, Mo., but at Rock Island they found the river so jammed with ice that they were fain to abandon their boat and to proceed by team to the city they had fixed upon as their temporary destination for transfer purposes. At St. Louis they took steamer for Pittsburg, Penn., but when near Lawrenceburg, Ind., well up on the Ohio river, the steamer was so nearly demolished by a cyclone that she could proceed no further; happily, after the subsidence of the storm, the steamer "General Pike" came alongside and took the party on

board, conveyed them as far as Cincinnati, whence our subject journeyed by stage to Pittsburg, Penn., via Wheeling, W. Va., etc. From Pittsburg the party proceeded eastward, and when near Philadelphia struck a railroad, and so continued onward, by rail and steamer, until New York was reached, Jan. 2, 1837. How Mr. Basford was occupied that winter has been alluded to above.

Soon after his return to Cassville, in the following spring, Mr. Basford purchased several lots in the new town, and built upon them. For a considerable length of time he followed his trade of carpentering in Cassville, and then embarked in farming. In 1862 he engaged in merchandising at Glen Haven, Grant county, in which he continued until 1887, when he sold out, and, accompanied by his wife, he went to San Diego, Cal., where he spent one winter. On his return to Wisconsin Mr. Basford settled in Lancaster, and resumed mercantile trade under the firm name of C. H. Basford & Co., and this has continued to occupy his time and attention up to the present hour.

Mr. Basford was joined in matrimony, at Cassville, in 1839, with Miss Elizabeth Jane Blessing, a native of what is now West Virginia, who in 1837 came to Grant county, Wis., with her father, her mother having died in her native Virginia. Soon after the discovery of gold in California Mr. Blessing joined the throng that wended its way toward that Territory, but did not live to return to Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Basford were born several children, two of whom still survive, viz.: Martha J., Mrs. Scott; and Charles H., who is associated with his father in business under the firm style given above. Another daughter, Mrs. Addie E. Brown, of Bloomington, Grant county, died six weeks after her marriage, and Caroline passed away after attaining to womanhood; Alice and Harry died in early childhood. The mother of this family was called to rest in 1890, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Mr. Basford has ever been one of the representative men of Grant county, has been remarkably successful as a business man, and as a citizen has always been held in the highest esteem. As a Republican he has been most popular in his party, was elected a member of the lower house of the State Legislature in 1859, served as sergeant-at-arms of the Sen-

ate in 1864, and in 1871 was again elected a member of the House of Representatives.

Notwithstanding his cares and close attention to his business affairs, Mr. Basford has found time to travel considerably, and has seen much of the world. He has four times crossed the Rocky Mountains, and there is one episode in his life of travel to which he can refer with pride—and it is probable that no other living man has had the same experience—and that is the fact that, in 1832, he rode from Albany to Schenectady, N. Y., on the first trip on the first passenger railroad built in the United States. The locomotive that drew the train was on exhibition at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

The people of Grant county owe an everlasting debt to Mr. Basford, as it is to the energy, foresight and indomitable perseverance of such as he that the county has been raised from its primeval condition in pioneer days to its present proud position in the sisterhood of Wisconsin counties, he having located here in the year 1837.

HAMILTON RICHARDSON has passed his eightieth birthday, and is spending life's closing years in the retirement and rest which his long and useful life has richly earned. In the paternal line he is of Scottish descent, and his grandfather, William Richardson, who was born in Massachusetts, was a soldier in the patriot army of 1776, serving as an aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. Putnam. He removed from Massachusetts to Johnstown, N. Y., where he died "full of years and honors." He had only two children, one of whom, William, born in New York State, was the father of Hamilton Richardson. He married Mary Pierson, who was also born in the State of New York, and was one of a family of five children born to William Pierson, who was of English descent. William Richardson was a farmer by occupation. He was an earnest member of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, as was also his wife. He passed away at LeRoy, N. Y., in 1874, at the age of eighty-seven, and Mrs. Richardson died at the age of eighty-five years. They were the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom are yet living: Mary, unmarried, residing at LeRoy, N. Y.; Martha, widow of Elisha Conklin, of Moravia, N. Y.; Hamilton; Richard J., a resident of Janesville; Cath-

erine, wife of Jerome Richardson, of Sui-un, Cal.; Eliza P., widow of Thomas Buckingham, of Vacaville, in that State; and Ellen, who married a Mr. Lent, of LeRoy, N. Y., and is now a widow.

Hamilton Richardson was born in Genesee county, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1820. He received the training of a farmer's boy, and attended the district schools as opportunity afforded. In the spring of 1836—before he had reached the age of sixteen years—he came West, his first location being in Genesee county, Mich., where he acquired his first business experience as clerk in a country store and bank. In 1842 he removed to Wisconsin, locating first in Milwaukee, whence he went to Racine, and in 1846 to Janesville, which has been his home for more than half a century, his residence being at No. 107 Prospect avenue. He has always taken a deep and active interest in public affairs, being clear-sighted and of sound judgment, at once progressive and conservative. On coming to Janesville he opened a general store, in which, by ready judgment, good sense and practical experience, he made a success. In 1850 he fell a victim to the California "gold fever," and from 1851 to 1856 conducted a mercantile business in that State. Since his return to Janesville, in the year last named, he has resided there continuously, extensively interested in real-estate and various manufacturing enterprises, though he has not engaged in commercial pursuits. He has long been a stockholder and director in the First National Bank. Before the attempted secession of the Southern States Mr. Richardson was a Democrat, but in view of the momentous issue which then confronted the country he rose above partisanship, being one of three men who raised and equipped the 13th Wis. V. I. for the Union service. He has always taken a lively interest in public questions, and has been an active political worker, his affiliations since 1862 being with the Republican party. He has served one term as postmaster of Janesville, and has represented his district in the State Senate for three terms; while a member of that body he was the author and one of those who carried into execution the plan for the county care of the insane, and was one of the recognized leaders of his party.

On Aug. 9, 1858, Mr. Richardson married Caroline A. Pease, a native of Connecticut,

and daughter of Lorrain and Sarah (Marshall) Pease, the former a descendant of John Pease, who came from England to the American Colonies in 1630, the latter a lineal descendant of Capt. Samuel Marshall, who was killed by the Indians in the battle of Ticonda near Fort Narragansett, in 1675. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson: Victor Pease, mayor of Janesville; Sarah M.; Hamilton P., a lawyer of Milwaukee; John P.; Marshall P., a lawyer in Janesville; and Lorrain T., a captain in the Twentieth Infantry, U. S. A., now doing gallant service in the Philippine archipelago.

Our subject is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M.; of Janesville Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M.; and of Janesville Commandery, K. T. Mrs. Richardson is a member of the Episcopal Church.

**LEROY GRANT ARMSTRONG, M. D.,** of Boscobel, has practiced medicine for forty-two years, and is the oldest practitioner in the northern part of Grant county. He is of Irish descent, and the family name, Armstrong, has been traced to its origin in the tenth century, when a king of Scotland was thrown from his horse, and assisted to mount by his armor-bearer, Fairbeorn. He took the king by the thigh and set him on his saddle. "The royal master gave him the appellation of Armstrong, and assigned him a crest, an armed hand and arm, in the left hand a leg and foot in armor, proper," and this is the coat of arms of the family.

Our subject is a lineal descendant of Francis Armstrong, who emigrated from the North of Ireland to this country in 1727. He settled in New York, in what is now Orange county, where he leased a tract of land. His son, Robert, the great-grandfather of Dr. Armstrong, was the father of Moses Armstrong, who became the father of Robert Armstrong. The latter was born at Genoa, Cayuga Co., N. Y., in 1804. His brother, Amza, who was head stone cutter and mason, supervised the building of the locks on the Erie canal at Lockport, and while working there Robert learned the trade of stone mason. In 1839 he was married to Miss Huldah Grant. He was living on rented land, and with difficulty could make head against adverse circumstances. To better his condition he came

to Whitewater, Wis., where Delilah, his sister, who had married Giles Kenney, had settled in 1840. He worked at his trade, and when the railroad from Milwaukee to Prairie du Chien was built he had the contracts for the construction of the mason work between Whitewater and Rock River. In 1864 he removed to Brodhead, where he died in 1875. His wife died at the home of her son, Leroy G., at the age of eighty-five years. They were Presbyterians, and he was a staunch Democrat. He held the office of city marshal at Brodhead.

Dr. Armstrong and Miss Sarah D. Bond, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (French) Bond, were married Jan. 22, 1861. She was born in Pennsylvania Oct. 29, 1834, and died at Boscobel Aug. 23, 1894, the mother of four children, two of whom, twins, died in infancy. Charles A. is a physician in Boscobel, and is the partner of his father in medical practice; his sketch appears elsewhere. George C. is an attorney, and at the present time represents Bradstreet's Commercial Agency at Salt Lake City. Dr. Armstrong contracted a second marriage Jan. 1, 1895, Miss Rosa Baumeister, a daughter of David Baumeister, becoming his wife; she was born in Garnavillo, Clayton Co., Iowa. They have one son, Archie Ames, born May 25, 1897. Mrs. Armstrong is a member of the Lutheran Church. The Doctor owns a residence and other property in Boscobel. He is a charter member and past master of Grant Lodge, No. 169, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest of Boscobel Chapter, No. 52, R. A. M.; and past eminent commander of De Molai Commandery, No. 15, K. T. He is a member of John McDermott Post, No. 101, G. A. R., of which he served as first commander.

Dr. Armstrong spent his early years at Whitewater, and entered the academy at Fort Atkinson in his seventeenth year. He secured a certificate for country school teaching, and in this occupation secured money for a course at the State University, where he was under the preceptorship of Dr. S. P. Lathrop. In October, 1856, he matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he was graduated in 1859, in a class of thirty-one pupils. He received the first prize in surgery from Prof. Brainard, and second honorable mention before the entire Faculty. During his course at this institution he acted for a time as nurse in Mercy Hospital. He took a course at the



College of Physicians and Surgeons, in the city of New York, in 1873-74. Dr. Armstrong has been a close student of his profession, and has taken special courses in gynecology and surgery at Bellevue Hospital, the Woman's Hospital, and the Presbyterian Hospital, in New York.

Dr. Armstrong began the practice of his profession in 1859, in partnership with Dr. Riddell, at Palmyra, Wis., and continued with him for a year and a half. He practiced at Fennimore, Wis., for two years. In 1862 he was appointed assistant surgeon of the 8th Wis. V. I., which regiment he accompanied to Corinth, Miss., where he was transferred to the Army of the Potomac, and assigned to the 6th Wis. V. I. He was promoted and commissioned surgeon of the 48th Wis. V. I. in 1865, accompanied this regiment to Kansas, and was there made post surgeon in charge of the hospital at Fort Scott, and at a later time was transferred to Fort Larned, Kans., where he remained until the expiration of his term of service, in February, 1866. Returning to Wisconsin, he opened an office in Boscobel, where he has since remained in continuous practice. Dr. Armstrong belongs to the State Medical Society, of which he was vice-president in 1875, and president in 1888; is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Grant County Medical Society, and of the Southwestern Medical Society. He was United States examining surgeon in the pension service at Boscobel from 1867 to 1883. He is health officer of Boscobel, and was alderman in 1867, and again in 1899, and was a member of the school board from 1868 to 1901, as such helping to organize and establish the high school upon a basis that should secure its admission to the accredited list of high schools at the State University. Dr. Armstrong is a general practitioner, and has performed such capital operations as resection and laparotomy as fall within a general practice. Among his most valued essays and papers at the various society meetings are several upon puerperal convulsions and their treatment.

**GUY WHEELER.** One of the old and prominent citizens of La Prairie township, Rock county, whose name stands for solidity of character, who has witnessed and contributed materially to the growth of Rock county,

his place of residence for almost threescore years, and who is to-day honored for his most honorable career, is Guy Wheeler, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., Oct. 24, 1820, son of Justus P. and Lucy (Culver) Wheeler, natives of Massachusetts. Our subject's grandfather, who also was named Justus Wheeler, was a native of Massachusetts, of Welsh descent, and lived to the age of ninety-nine years. He had six children. The maternal grandfather, Porter Culver, was a carpenter. The father of our subject was well educated, read law, and was admitted to the Bar. Believing that Western lands would be a fortunate investment, he in 1840 took a trip to Wisconsin, and purchased 640 acres of land in what are now La Prairie and Harmony townships, Rock county. Two years later he brought his family to this property, upon which he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in October, 1872, when he was aged eighty-nine years. His wife survived him several years, passing away at the age of ninety-two. Both were members of the M. E. Church. Justus P. Wheeler was a man of prominence; and held various elective offices. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was the first highway commissioner in the township, and was also chairman of the board of supervisors. To Justus P. and Lucy Wheeler were born ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom five are now living: Guy, our subject; Samuel, of Portland, Oregon; Charles, of Janesville; Cornelia, widow of Archibald G. Benedict, of Ionia, Mich.; and Sarah, wife of Isaac Howland, of Crown Point, Indiana.

Guy Wheeler, our subject, was educated for the most part in New York State. He attended the common schools, then took a course at Lima Seminary, in that State, and completed his education at Mount Morris (Ill.) Seminary, under Prof. Pinckney. He was nearly twenty-two years of age when he came to Wisconsin with his father, in 1842. He entered 160 acres of government land in Section 5, La Prairie township, his present home, where since 1842 he has continued to live. He has added eighty acres to his property, and now has a fertile and well-tilled farm of 240 acres, except a right of way through a part of the farm, which he recently sold to the Janesville & Southeastern Railway Co. Mr. Wheeler

has also followed stock raising in addition to farming, raising a fine breed of horses, many of which have been shipped to Europe.

Mr. Wheeler married, Oct. 9, 1844, Miss Ann L. Snell, daughter of Asa F. and Louisa (Eaton) Snell, and to this marriage four children have been born, Marion W., Cordelia A., William G. and Ralph H. Marion W. married Augustus C. Dow, and now lives in Chicago. Cordelia A. died at the age of thirteen years. William G. is a prominent lawyer of Janesville; he married Miss Jessie Jackman. Ralph H., a very successful practicing physician of Chicago, married Joan McDonald, and has two children, Marie and Ralph.

In politics Mr. Wheeler is a Republican. He was the first town clerk of La Prairie township, and for two terms has been school inspector. In 1864 he was a member of the Wisconsin Legislature. He is popular, a man of great force of character, and one of the representative citizens of Rock county.

**WILLIAM RALPH**, a retired miner and farmer of Cuba City, Grant county, is one of the substantial men of his community, and is now enjoying the well-earned fruit of his early labors. Although born in Cornwall, England, Nov. 9, 1819, Mr. Ralph has been thoroughly identified with the best interests of his adopted country, and is a man of whom Cuba City may well be proud.

William Ralph grew to manhood in his native land, where he attended the public schools until he was seven years and six months old. He then went to work in the mines, and never had any more schooling, but taught himself to write while crossing the ocean from England to Quebec. On April 7, 1842, he left England, crossing to Quebec, where he remained three weeks. He then went to Essex county, N. Y., working in the iron mines until the fall, and in September came to Mineral Point, Wis., where he found employment in the lead mines. Leaving there in the fall of 1844, he went to British Hollow, Grant county. He spent the winter of 1845-46 in Beedown the Mississippi to New Orleans, where he took passage for England, arriving at his old home Aug. 26. A few days afterward he was married, and soon came back to America, bringing his wife and two of his brothers. On his arrival in New York he went to a min-

ing office, and made arrangements for all three to go to work in the Rocky Hill Copper Mine in New Jersey, where he remained two years. At the expiration of this time a company was formed in Philadelphia for working the copper mines of Lake Superior, and Mr. Ralph, on account of his long experience, was one of the men selected for the work. After remaining with this company six years he purchased an interest in a mine at Sinsinawa Mound, Grant Co., Wis., and worked it for seven years. Having saved considerable money during this time, he invested it in some four hundred acres of farm land near Hazel Green, erected a good house in 1868, and moved his family to it, renting the land out on shares. Meanwhile he continued mining with success, the ore averaging \$30 per one thousand pounds, until 1861, when he took up farming. In 1882 he gave up farming and his children have worked his land since that time. In 1884 Mr. Ralph, with his wife, paid a pleasant journey to England, visiting their relatives, and returning to Wisconsin after a year in their native land, making the home trip via New York. One year later Mr. Ralph purchased real estate in Cuba City, erected a beautiful home in the same year, and has since lived there, retired from active business life.

On Sept. 2, 1846, Mr. Ralph was married to Miss Philepie Richards, of England, and nine children were born to them: (1) Elizabeth, born at Lake Superior, in August, 1853, was educated in the Platteville Normal, and in 1876 married Edwin Trenery, of Platteville, a native of that city, born in 1851; they settled on a farm, and later moved to Iowa, where Mr. Trenery conducts a furniture and undertaking establishment. Mr. and Mrs. Trenery have three daughters, Eva, Edith and Gertrude, all born in Grant county, Wis., and educated in the schools of Iowa. (2) John H., born in 1856, grew to manhood on the home farm, receiving his education in the common and high schools of his district, and at Galena, Ill. He married Miss Hannah Williams, of Grant county, and they reside on the old homestead in Hazel Green township. Their family consists of six children, Wilber, Mary, Eunice, Leroy, Homer and Lucile. (3) George C., born in Grant county in 1859, studied in the Galena high school, and now resides on a portion of the old homestead in

Hazel Green township. He married Miss Annie Pascoe, of Grant county, and they have five children, Willie, Velda, Clarence, Lloyd, and an infant, as yet unnamed. The remainder of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph died in infancy.

On Sept. 2, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph celebrated their Golden Wedding, and at that time welcomed to their beautiful parlors many old and honored friends. On Nov. 19, 1899, the faithful wife and loving mother passed to her eternal rest.

Politically Mr. Ralph is a staunch Republican; although not an office-seeker, while residing in Hazel Green he served most acceptably as roadmaster. Mr. Ralph is an active member of the M. E. Church, as was his good wife, and he has always given liberally of his substance toward the support of the Church and its works. He was a trustee of the Providence M. E. Church for a long time before his removal to Cuba City, and also held the same office there for some years, resigning when he found himself unable to attend to the duties of the office with his customary zeal and fidelity.

EZRA GOODRICH was the only son of Joseph Goodrich, the founder of Milton and Milton College, the first landlord, first merchant, first treasurer, and the first postmaster, of Milton. He was born Feb. 24, 1826, at Alfred, Allegany Co., N. Y. He had an only sister, Mrs. Jane (Goodrich) Davis, of Rockford, Ill., born Feb. 6, 1828, at Alfred, New York.

Joseph Goodrich was the son of Uriah and Mary (Carpenter) Goodrich, and was born May 12, 1800, at Hancock, Massachusetts.

Uriah Goodrich was the son of Elijah and Margaret (Gillett) Goodrich, was born Aug. 24, 1767, at Hancock, Mass., and died Sept. 2, 1845, at Alfred, New York.

Elijah Goodrich was the son of Jacob and Benedict (Goodwin) Goodrich, was born July 3, 1724, at Windsor, Conn., and died Oct. 3, 1791, at Hancock, Massachusetts.

Jacob Goodrich was the son of John and Rebecca (Allen) Goodrich, was born Nov. 27, 1694, at Wethersfield, Conn., and died May 11, 1746, at Windsor, Connecticut.

John Goodrich was the son of William and Sarah (Marvin) Goodrich, was born May 20,

1653, at Wethersfield, Conn., and died Sept. 5, 1730, at Wethersfield, Connecticut.

William Goodrich was one of the "Pilgrims" on the "Mayflower" from England, and was a descendant of the founder of "Goodrich Court" and "Goodrich Castle," built during the feudal ages, in Herefordshire, four miles southwest of Ross, about one thousand years ago.

Joseph Goodrich at the age of nineteen years started out in the world for himself, with an ax and a pack of clothes on his back. He went from Hancock, Mass., to the wilderness in Alfred, Allegany Co., N. Y., on foot and alone. He got there with his clothes, his ax, and fifty cents in money left. He went to work with a will to win. In 1821, at twenty-one years of age, he took a contract for a tract of wild, heavily timbered land on the Vandemark creek. He cleared off a small patch, and put up a log shanty there. He then returned East, to Petersburg, N. Y., and married Nancy Maxson Dec. 22, 1821. In the spring of 1822 they came to Alfred and began to keep house in the little log cabin—without a window or a door, and with the ground for a floor.

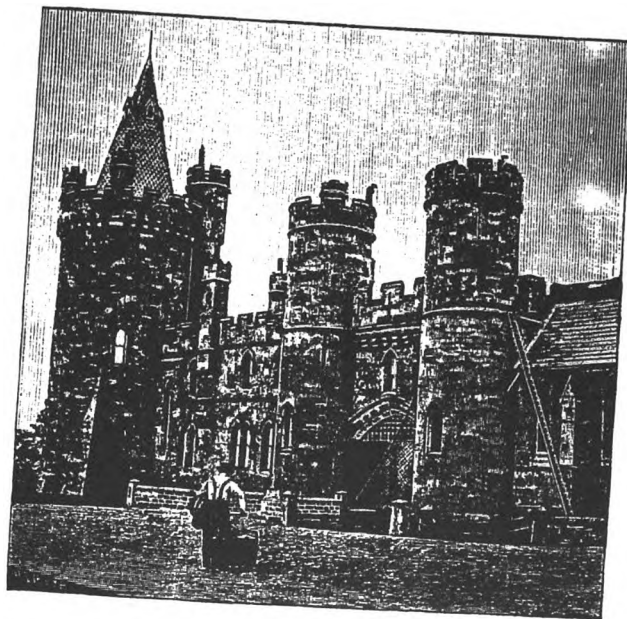
In 1823 his father came out, and united with him in erecting the first sawmill on the Vandemark creek, which they got to running the last day of that year. In this he saved logs on shares, and obtained lumber to put up a good-sized two-story house, which he had enclosed in 1824. In it he had a large fireplace, with andirons, and a crane to swing over and off of the fire, with hooks to hang pots and kettles on. Adjoining there was a large brick oven, for baking bread and pork and beans. On the hearth in front of the oven was the blue-dye tub for coloring stocking-yarn, on which the children sat to warm their toes and their shins. Mr. Goodrich did not get the house plastered and painted until 1827. In it he kept travelers, and religious meetings and town meetings were held there. It is still standing, and is a good dwelling yet. He built and kept a small country store and an ashery there, buying ashes and making potash. The ashes were sometimes brought in sacks, from the hillsides, by women on horseback, and sold by them for pin-money.

Mr. Goodrich was a leader in the military trainings, was made a "major," and was known as "Major" Goodrich throughout his life.



*Sam. B. Goodrich.*





GOODRICH CASTLE, HEREFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND.



Allegany was a hilly, hard-pan country, and, hearing of the rich, level prairies of the West, Mr. Goodrich got the fever to go there; and he induced his neighbor, H. B. Crandall, and hired a young man, James Pierce, to go with him. He boxed up a load of goods from his little store, and on June 26, 1838, they left Alfred with them, journeying to Buffalo with a team, and then by steamboat up around the Great Lakes. They landed in Milwaukee, and from there came on foot. Mr. Goodrich again brought a pack on his back, but instead of an ax to fell trees he brought a spade to test the soil. Coming out onto a wild little prairie, covered with flowers, and surrounded with small silvery lakes and green trees, they tested the soil and were pleased, and Goodrich got a claim where "Milton" now stands, and Crandall a claim where "Milton Junction" now is. No highways were laid out, but Goodrich drew an air line from Chicago to Madison on the Territorial map, and one also from Janesville to Fort Atkinson, and finding they crossed on his claim he there located the site for his house. These roads were laid out the next year, and they crossed each other, as he expected, by his house. He built this dwelling 16 by 20 feet in dimensions, and one and a half stories high; it had one small 7 by 9 glass window above, and one below. The frame he made of hewed oak, and it was covered and shingled with oak, had a three-ply battened Indian-proof oak door, and an oak floor. It still stands, and is now all antique oak. In one gable end upstairs he had oak shelves for his goods, which was Milton's first store; Janesville and Fort Atkinson had none. He bought the claim to the land where Milton now stands with \$60 worth of goods, and the claim to Hon. S. C. Carr's "Pioneer Farm" with \$125 worth of goods. Mr. Goodrich left his house and little store in charge of Mr. Pierce, and returned East for his family, and while he was gone Pierce sold \$400 worth of goods.

Mr. Goodrich moved his family and goods from Alfred, N. Y., with four teams and covered wagons, by the overland route. The first half of the way the wagons were mounted on sleighs, as they started in snow four feet deep, Jan. 30, 1839. There were twelve in the party, including passengers and hired help. One sleigh tipped over during the first day's drive, and Mrs. Goodrich's collar bone was broken.

The surgeons could not set it and keep it in place, and she rode all the long way with it loose, in a sling. In Ohio they crossed the "Great Maumee Swamp," where there were thirty-one emigrant taverns in the thirty miles. In crossing the Calumet, near Chicago, one team and wagon broke through the ice into the water, twelve feet deep, one horse being drowned, and the best load of goods wet. The streets of Chicago (then a small city) were entirely submerged in a sea of black mud. They had to ford the Desplaines river and Turtle creek, each being deep, flood-swollen streams. Not a house was to be seen on Rock Prairie, and only Mr. Newhall's log cabin was in sight, as they struck into the wild oak openings; nor was there another shanty until they came out onto Prairie Du Lac, where, standing out alone on the cold bleak prairie, the little, red, oak, pioneer cabin stood, where it still stands to-day. Here they arrived March 4, 1839, after an overland winter's journey of thirty-four days. In this little 16 by 20 building they lived, with Pierce, a family of thirteen, and kept the store, and travelers besides. And in it religious meetings were held.

Here Joseph Goodrich decided to found a village, for which he platted and gave to the public a large and beautiful "Public Square." He gave lots to mechanics who would settle there, gave grounds for a church, a district school, the college, and a cemetery. He built an academy, and maintained it for ten years. He secured the line for the first railroad via Milton, gave them the right of way and depot grounds, and took \$10,000 worth of its stock. He was a man of unbounded hospitality, and a friend of the poor, the oppressed and the enslaved. He was elected to the legislature by the unanimous vote of his district. In religion he was a Seventh-day Baptist, and in politics a Whig and a Republican. His devoted wife died in 1857, and he was married to Mrs. Susan H. Rogers in 1859. They lived happily together. He died in 1867, and was buried by his beloved wife at Milton, where his son has erected a monument to their memory.

Ezra Goodrich came with his parents to Wisconsin in 1839, when he was thirteen years old. He was a pupil in the first school in Milton, and in the first academy; but the constant need of his help in his father's business, in making a new Wisconsin home, deprived him



largely of schooling. His education was mainly the rough and ready lessons of practical pioneer life. When he came to Milton the Black Hawk and Gen. Atkinson army trails were fresh and plainly to be seen. He was here when Rock county was organized; when the first highway in Milton was laid; when the first mail route and stage line in the county was established; when the first church and school house was built; and the first grave in a cemetery was made. He was in Janesville when it had but one log house, H. F. Janes'; in Fort Atkinson when it had but one log house, Dwight Foster's; in Watertown when it had but one log house and one frame one, and Goodhue had a sawmill there; at Waupun when it had but one log house, Mr. Wilcox's; and at Fond du Lac when Dr. Darling had the only house there. He was here when the first railroad in Wisconsin was built, and the first wire for a telegraph or a telephone was strung. It is marvelous to see the changes that have been made in one lifetime. In 1849 Ezra Goodrich engaged in the mercantile business in Milton, dealing in dry goods, groceries, crockery, clothing, iron and hardware, in which he continued until the dark days of the Rebellion, in 1861.

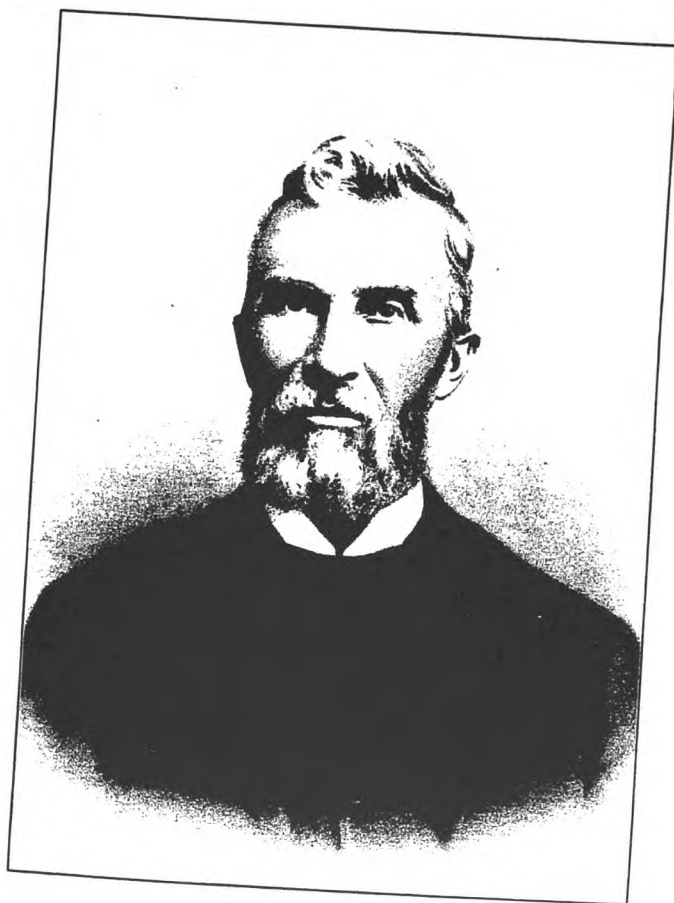
On Oct. 14, 1852, Mr. Goodrich was married to Elizabeth L. Ensign, near Binghamton, N. Y., and they had four children: Joseph C. Goodrich, born June 24, 1854, now of Milton; William H. Goodrich, born Feb. 15, 1856, now of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mary E. Goodrich, born March 23, 1859, now Mrs. Dr. Post, of Chicago; and Anna S. Goodrich, born June 18, 1861, now Mrs. Will Davis, of Colorado Springs. In religious belief Mr. Goodrich is a Seventh-day Baptist. In politics he was a Republican; he is now independently independent, and votes for the best man. He is a man of strong convictions, and that which he believes to be right he dares to defend; and that which he deems to be wrong he dares to denounce. This gives him bitter enemies, as well as warm friends. He has been an active factor in Milton events for the past sixty years and more than an ordinary lifetime. He raised the controlling stock in "Milton Academy" when it was incorporated—over which there was a red-hot denominational strife. He raised the money to fill Milton's quota in the army of the great Rebellion, when the hearts

and hopes of all others had failed, and they were ready to throw up the sponge. He raised the money to set Milton College again on its feet, when it was hopelessly bankrupt, and the efforts of all others had utterly failed, they having succeeded in raising only \$20. For this he raised a subscription of over \$13,000, of which he gave \$2,300 himself. He secured the location of Milton high school building, on the Public Square, in which he was opposed by Milton College, and many others, who wanted it located in an uncouth lot, still vacant, south of the railroad, and south of Lane's mill. He drew the plan, and superintended the erection of the building. He platted the grounds and set out the trees, and to-day Milton's high school grounds are conceded to surpass any public-school grounds in the Northwest. Mr. Goodrich secured the subscription and set out the trees in the beautiful park north of the railroad at Milton. He re-organized Milton cemetery after it had lost its organization, and its grounds were grown up to brush and weeds, and he organized a uniform system of grading and sodding the lots, and adorning them with trees. In these innovations he was also opposed, but Milton now has one of the most beautiful cemeteries in Rock county.

Some twenty years ago Mr. Goodrich inaugurated a system of raising a special tax in the town for graveling the roads, in which at first he was bitterly opposed. By persistence he succeeded; and to-day Milton has more miles of road, that is good at all seasons of the year, than any rural town in the State; and if she continues but a few years longer she will have a good hard highway to every farm in the town.

Many years ago, when they began to gather milk for the factories, Mr. Goodrich began to advocate gathering the children of the towns into centralized schools. In this he was opposed to the point of almost hissing him down; but, of late, a marked change is seen, and many are now advocating the coming change. He now claims that the school children of Milton will ere long all be riding in covered spring wagons, over good roads, to and from school, and that, when the good time comes, every child alike will have the opportunity of a good education free.

On April 23, 1892, Mr. Goodrich lost his most estimable wife. He was again married.



*Ezra Goodrich*



Oct. 16, 1893, to Mrs. Charlotte M. Little, daughter of I. P. Morgan, one of the founders of Milton Junction, and widow of L. V. Little, who died Feb. 18, 1886. The marriage of Mr. Goodrich, a son of the founder of Milton, to Mrs. Little, a daughter of a founder of Milton Junction, is to some extent a union of these two rival villages, which, it is hoped, may soon be blending together, and eventually become a prosperous, happy and harmonious one.

**ALEXANDER GRANT BONHAM.** The family of Bonham is of English lineage, the earliest American progenitors having crossed the water when the Colonies yet recognized their allegiance to the King. Several of the early Bonhams fought with gallantry and distinction in the cause of American independence, and in the war of 1812. Of these it would be interesting to speak, but the necessarily narrow limits within which this narrative must be confined forbid the tracing of the genealogical line beyond the third generation. Nehemiah Bonham, the paternal grandfather of Alexander G. Bonham, was a native of Virginia, and migrated thence to Missouri. His wife, whose maiden name was Isabel Scott, was born in Ireland. Of their union seven children were born, five sons and two daughters, James, Joseph, Harvey, Frank, Martin, Rebecca and Isabel. All have long since passed away, the last survivor of that generation having been Frank Bonham, who died in February, 1892. The daughters married in Missouri, and remained there; but the sons, one and all, migrated to Grant county, Wis., where they became substantial and respected citizens. Nehemiah Bonham also went to Wisconsin, and ended his long life at the home of his son Martin, whose filial care sustained him for many years, and rendered less hard his last days. His widow survived him for many years, but she, too, has entered into rest.

Joseph Bonham, the second son, was the father of Alexander Grant. He was born in Wythe county, Va., and had attained manhood when his parents undertook their toilsome, tedious journey to Missouri. Before leaving that State to seek a new home in the Northwest, he was married to Leah Ford, of Tennessee, who was born Feb. 22, 1804, and was one of the family of eight children of

Alexander Ford, a soldier in the patriot army of 1776. The others were Benjamin, George, Alexander, Joseph, Jane, Sarah and Elizabeth. Joseph Bonham was the first of the family to come to Wisconsin. He visited the lead mining region in 1827, alone, and returned to Missouri. He was, however, deeply impressed by the resources and possibilities of the region, and made a second prospecting tour about the time of the Black Hawk war, going as far north as Galena, Ill. In 1834 he came as a permanent settler, bringing with him his wife and seven sons. Several children were born to them after they were established in their new home. They first settled in what is now the township of Lancaster, and the land which Mr. Bonham pre-empted is called the "Thomas Shanley farm." For two years the family remained there, and at the expiration of that time removed to a tract which now constitutes a part of the farm of Alexander G. Bonham, in Lancaster township. Here was located what his descendants love to call "the old homestead." A brick house—the first in the neighborhood—was built, the bricks being made and burned by Alexander. The building, rude and primitive as it was, is still standing, and in a fair state of preservation—a sort of monument, to remind the present of the achievement of the past. Joseph Bonham was for many years employed in the lead mines, at the same time cultivating his quarter section of land. It was he who first discovered mineral on Pigeon creek, the locality being afterward known as "Pigeon Diggings," and there he was very successful. He was a man of rugged strength, incorruptible integrity and outspoken conviction. A staunch Jacksonian Democrat himself, he reared his sons in the same political faith. Of the large family of children born to Joseph Bonham and his wife only six are yet living, three sons and three daughters. Alexander Grant is our subject; Nehemiah Scott, deceased, is mentioned below; John James died at Bloomington July 16, 1897; Joseph Loyd is deceased; Abijah Abernatha was a miner, and died in Idaho; Carlyle, twin of Abijah, died when a child of three years; Sarah Ann and Melvina are living; George Calvin went to California to seek gold, and was killed by the caving in of a mine; William Henry Harrison, Harvey Holmes, and Rhoda Jane survive. Harvey was a gallant soldier in the war of

the Union, a private in a Wisconsin regiment. The manner of Scott's death is pathetic. He went to Idaho to seek a fortune, and was found by his comrades lying unconscious upon the ice, presumably the victim of a paralytic stroke. Near him sat his faithful dog, who would suffer no one to touch his master, and whom the party had to lasso before the inanimate form could be approached.

Alexander G. Bonham was born in Pike county, Mo., Oct. 27, 1823, and was in his eleventh year when his parents removed to Wisconsin. To-day he is approaching his eightieth year, yet he can recall the incidents of that long journey (a considerable part of it by water) and the appearance of the new country in which his future life was to be spent. Indeed, those were perilous times for the frontiersman and his family, the Indians having not yet been reduced to subserviency, and the tomahawk and scalping knife being still among the possible dangers confronting the settler. During the third winter of the family's residence here a band of fifty aborigines, with their ponies, appeared near their home, but made no hostile demonstration, although indefatigable beggars. The few roads that the settlers had were little more than Indian trails, and game of all kinds, and especially deer, was abundant.

As a boy Mr. Bonham aided his brothers in clearing the land, his father's time being chiefly occupied at the mines. After reaching early manhood he divided his time between working as a hired farm hand and laboring as a miner. The life was a hard one, but he had youth, and health, and strength, and toil only served to develop and harden his naturally robust constitution. To-day he owns a fine, highly cultivated and well improved farm, and in his handsome home is quietly passing his declining years, enjoying the fruits of his early labor and privations. He is the oldest of the original settlers of Lancaster township yet living, if not the oldest in Grant county. He has been prominently identified with the development, social and economic, as well as material, of the region, and as he calmly awaits the call to go to his reward he may well take pleasure in the thought that he will leave to his children a treasure more precious than lands or gold—the stainless record of an honest life.

Mr. Bonham was married, March 16, 1851, to Elizabeth Ann Kilby, a daughter of Abraham E. Kilby and Rhoda Parsons. Mr. Kilby was a North Carolinian and his wife a Virginian. Between the family of Bonham and Kilby there are several parallels. Both are of Southern origin; both of Revolutionary stock; both first migrated to Missouri, and afterward removed to Grant county, Wis., settling on adjacent farms. The Kilbys came in 1836, two years after their neighbors, and between the two families there always existed a warm friendship. Mr. Kilby died in 1874, and his widow in 1893. He was a successful farmer, and a man held in high esteem for his kindness of heart, his keenness of mind, and his inviolable integrity. Mrs. Bonham is one of a family of four, three daughters and one son, two of whom—Jane and John—are deceased. The younger of the two surviving sisters is Mrs. Sarah Margaret Borah, whose home is in Kansas.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander G. Bonham have been born three sons and five daughters: Charles Scott, Lemuel Eddens, Viola Jane (deceased), Lenora Margaret, Lura Ann, Laura Eldora, Lester Grant (deceased) and Mabel Claire.

Charles S. Bonham, the eldest son, was born in 1852, was reared upon the homestead farm, and enjoyed excellent educational advantages at the public schools and the Institute at Lancaster, as well as at Blodgett College, Rockford, Ill., and at the Normal School at Platteville. For several years he was employed in teaching, but abandoned the chair of the pedagogue to become a salesman of school supplies for the well-known firm of Ivison, Blakeman & Taylor. In this line of work he was so successful that he was made general agent of the house for a territory covering Kansas, southern Nebraska, and Wisconsin. He remained with this concern for ten years, and then directed his attention to stock farming, his specialty being the breeding and raising of Short-horn cattle. In this pursuit, also, he succeeded in a surprising degree, but in 1900 he sold his valuable property, famous as the "Oakwood Farm," and is now leading a retired life. He married Flora E. Hannum, a daughter of Rufus Hannum, a sketch of whose life may be found elsewhere, and their union has been blessed with one son, Charles Lloyd, who was born May 5, 1892. Mr. Bonham is

a gentleman of culture and refinement, and is reckoned among Grant county's most successful and prosperous business men.

Lemuel E. Bonham, the youngest son of Alexander G., has been for many years a resident of the far West, and has recently gone to Alaska.

**RICHMOND B. PIERCE.** Grant county has no more highly esteemed citizen than Richmond B. Pierce, of Cassville township, who fought for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Rebellion, and who is descended from good old Revolutionary stock. He was born in Ipswich, N. H., in 1828, a son of Joseph and Eleanor (Mitchell) Pierce, both members of old New England families. His maternal grandfather fought with Putnam, Prescott and Warren at Bunker Hill on that memorable day in June, 1775. Regarding his paternal great-grandfather, who was killed by the Indians in the early days of the New England Colonies, some interesting facts have been handed down to the present generation. He lived in the days of almost constant Indian warfare, and was a typical pioneer of those stirring and dangerous times. He was often heard to say that no Indian should ever have the satisfaction of taking his scalp, and to prevent the accomplishment of this barbarous practice, should he be so unlucky as to fall into the hands of the savages, he is said to have kept his head shaved, thus preventing the growth of the scalp lock so much prized by the savage warrior. He was finally surprised by a band of Indians, while at work in his field, and slain, but his scalp never adorned the belt of his slayer. It is an interesting fact that the farm on which the great-grandfather was killed in Colonial times was the one on which Richmond B. Pierce was born, it having descended by inheritance through several generations of the family. The parents of our subject never came West, but made their home in New England throughout life. They had twelve children, three sons and nine daughters, of whom Richmond and his sister Maria, widow of William B. Frissel, are the only survivors. Her husband was a soldier in the Civil war, being a member of a Massachusetts regiment.

In his native State Richmond B. Pierce grew to manhood. He was married at Winchester, Mass., March 28, 1854, to Miss Mary

Jane Morse, who was born in Maine, but was reared in Massachusetts. Her parents, Moses and Louisa (Cooper) Morse, were also representatives of old New England families. On her father's side she belongs to the same line of ancestry as did Samuel F. Morse, the famous inventor of the electric telegraph. She is also descended from Revolutionary ancestry, her paternal grandfather having fought at Bunker Hill. Her maternal grandfather, however, was an English sea captain, and in the war of the Revolution took sides with the British. It is stated of him that, after the war had closed, he approached the New England coast for the purpose of getting his family, who had remained in the Colonies while he was fighting against them, but, failing to secure them, he sailed away, and was never again seen by them. Mrs. Pierce's father came to Grant county, Wis., in 1851, and purchased a tract of land. He passed the last days of his life in Minnesota, but his wife spent the last fourteen years of her life at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, in Grant county, where she died Sept. 22, 1896. In their family were six children, three of whom died in infancy. Those living are R. S., of Beetown, Grant county; Edwin R., of Bloomington, Ill.; and Mrs. Pierce. To Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have been born twelve children, six sons and six daughters, of whom six are living, namely: Wallace R.; Charles E.; Mary C., wife of William Woodhouse; Fred L.; Nella A., wife of Leo Grattan; and Margarette, a teacher by occupation. Eleanor L. died at the age of twenty-six years, while the others died in infancy.

In the spring of 1855 Mr. and Mrs. Pierce moved from Massachusetts to Wisconsin, and took up their residence in Grant county. In August, 1861, he was enrolled as a member of Company F, 7th Wis. V. I., which formed a part of the famous Iron Brigade, and followed the fortunes of his regiment, taking part in all the battles and marches in which it participated, up to the time of the battle of South Mountain, in September, 1862. In this hard-fought battle he was severely injured by a gunshot just above the right knee, and was in the hospital about eight months. This wound not only renders the limb stiff at the knee, but has never permanently healed, and still requires dressing every day. Notwithstanding the trouble it has always caused him,

Mr. Pierce has done much work as a farmer, and has a pleasant home and unencumbered farm of eighty acres in Cassville township. His wife is a lady of culture and intelligence, as becomes her New England descent and parentage, and is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are widely and favorably known throughout Grant county, and well deserve the high regard in which they are held.

WARREN HANNUM, son of Warren and Laura (Hamilton) Hannum, of whom full mention is made in the biography of Rufus Hannum, elsewhere, was born in Genesee county, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1824, and in 1837 came to Grant county, Wis. He is therefore classed among the county's pioneers.

Mr. Hannum lived on the old homestead until his father disposed of it, in 1856, and in 1858 he purchased a tract of land in Hazel Green township, paying for it with the interest derived from the investment of his early savings. He cleared up this tract of 120 acres, and resided thereon until 1863, when he returned to that part of the old homestead now owned and occupied by his brother Rufus, and bought in addition eighty acres of timber land. In 1868 he sold all his property and purchased his present valuable home in Lancaster.

Warren Hannum was united in marriage, at Rochester, N. Y., for the first time, on March 4, 1863, with Miss Emily E. Cook, who died at their home in Lancaster, Wis., in the autumn of 1868. In August, 1869, Mr. Hannum, for his second wife, married Miss Eugenia Paterson, daughter of David B. Paterson, who was a son of Hugh B. Paterson, a pioneer of Grant county, as will be perceived by reference to his biography, on another page. To the first marriage of Mr. Hannum were born two children: Emma M., now the wife of Harry Brooker, of Lancaster; and Mae, still at her father's home. The second marriage of Mr. Hannum has been blessed with five children, as follows: Etta, wife of Charles Elliott, of Eagle Grove, Iowa; Mercie, wife of Charles Roberts, of Lancaster, Wis.; and Chester, Jessie and Warren, at home.

David B. Paterson, father of Mrs. Warren Hannum, was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 21, 1812, and came to Grant county, Wis., in 1836. In 1837 he went to Ohio, and married, for his first wife, Miss

Cornelia M. Sheffield, who was born May 11, 1815, and was a daughter of Alpheus and Dorothy Sheffield. She died Feb. 8, 1862, the mother of nine children, of whom seven are still living: Frances M., of Hawarden, Iowa; Ida, wife of Dr. O. W. Phelps, of Kanawka, in the same State; Mrs. Eugenia Hannum, who was born April 4, 1847; Edward S., a resident of Stockton, Ill.; Helen, wife of Henry Judd, of Bloomington, Grant Co., Wis.; William D., now in Iowa; and Anna, married to Richard Eddy, of Lancaster township, Grant county, Wis. Of the two deceased children, Alvin A., the eldest of the family of nine, was born Sept. 22, 1838, was a soldier of the 25th Wis. V. I., in the Civil war, and died March 8, 1868, from the effects of exposure and fatigue sustained in his army life; Ira, born Jan. 14, 1845, served in the 7th Iowa Cavalry, and died in the service at Omaha, Neb., Oct. 15, 1863.

In 1869 David B. Paterson selected for his second wife Mary Fusch, a native of Cornwall, England, and to this marriage two children were born, George and Frederick. David B. Paterson was a prominent and well-known citizen, and was long identified with the growth of Grant county, even from his pioneer days of 1836, until his death, which occurred in Georgetown, Feb. 9, 1889, his loss being deeply deplored by a large number of sorrowing friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hannum have a very pleasant home, are blessed with every comfort of life, and are surrounded with sincere friends, both old and new, who honor Mr. Hannum for the active part he has taken in developing Grant county from a wilderness of the frontier into a fruitful and prosperous abode of civilization.

ALBERT WHITFORD, M. A., Professor of Mathematics in Milton College, is one of the oldest and best-known educators of southern Wisconsin. He has engaged in teaching for considerably more than a half century, giving the profession the devotion of his early years.

Prof. Whitford was born at Plainfield, near Leonardsville, N. Y., May 28, 1832, son of Samuel and Sophia (Clarke) Whitford. The father, a farmer by occupation, was born in Brookfield, N. Y., in 1797, and was a son of David Whitford, a native of Stonington, Conn., of English ancestry, and a farmer.

Samuel married Sophia, daughter of Joseph Clarke, who was born in Rhode Island. The father of our subject died in Plainfield, N. Y., in 1848, aged fifty-one years; his wife surviving him forty years, passed away in Plainfield, N. Y., at the age of eighty-six. Both were devout members of the Seventh-Day Baptist Church. They had four sons: Rev. William Clarke, president of Milton College; Hamilton Joseph, deceased; Albert, our subject; and Herbert David, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The early life of our subject was spent on his father's farm. In 1847, at the age of fifteen years, he entered Brookfield Academy, but after a few terms was obliged by the death of his father to abandon temporarily his education. He taught district schools for several years and in 1849 entered De Ruyter Institute as a student, teaching and attending school until 1852, when he entered Alfred Academy, by which he was graduated in the classical course in 1853.

Mr. Whitford came to Milton, Wis., in 1854, and became instructor in the Latin Language in Milton Academy. Returning East two years later, he entered Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y., in 1856; and by doing extra work completed the classical course and was graduated, in 1857, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Four years later Union College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts.

Returning to Milton in 1857, Prof. Whitford again became a teacher of Latin at the Academy, remaining in that position until 1863, when he was elected county superintendent of schools of Rock county, Wis. Two years later he was elected to the principalship of De Ruyter Institute, N. Y., filling the position two years. Again returning to Milton, in 1867, he taught for a year in the newly incorporated Milton College, then accepted the chair of mathematics in Alfred University, New York, where he taught four years. Since 1872 he has been professor of mathematics continuously, for two years of this time, from 1878 to 1880, also serving as acting president of the College, while President W. C. Whitford was State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Wisconsin.

Prof. Whitford married, May 31, 1857, Miss Chloe E. Curtis. Of their five children, one died in infancy. Anna Sophia married

C. Eugene Crandall, a professor in the Chicago University. She has recently been engaged as teacher of German Language and Literature in Milton College. Albert Curtis, a railroad conductor, residing at Las Vegas, N. M., married Louie Harvey; all their children have died, Alfred, the youngest, recently. William Henry, a real-estate dealer at Independence, Kans., married Allie Foster, and has two daughters, Kathleen and Dorothy. Alfred Edward, a student in the Chicago University, has been elected the professor of general physics in Milton College. Mrs. Whitford died Nov. 4, 1888, and on Feb. 14, 1892, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Emily L. Burdick, of West Edmeston, New York.

Prof. Whitford throughout his long and successful career as a teacher has been devoted to the cause of education in the highest sense. While insisting upon a high standard of scholarship among his students, his unassuming manners and kindness of heart have greatly endeared him to his classes. He is liberal in spirit, and has contributed generously in a financial, as well as educational, way to the success of Milton College.

THOMAS H. SHELDON, of the town of Willow Springs, Lafayette county, is a son of John P. Sheldon, who was very prominently identified with the affairs of Southwestern Wisconsin for many years.

John P. Sheldon was born at Rehoboth, Mass., in April, 1792, and in his early youth went to Providence, R. I., as a journeyman printer. When twenty years old he entered the American army in the war of 1812, and was present at the battle of Sackett's Harbor and other military operations during the closing scenes of that struggle. After the war he published a paper at Utica, N. Y., in company with a printer, and was publisher of the first newspaper in Rochester. In 1817, while engaged in business at Rochester, he was married, and the same year removed to Detroit, Mich., where he established the *Detroit Gazette*. Ascertaining that there was corruption among the Revenue officers, and positive dishonesty in their dealings with the general government, he boldly denounced their corrupt practices. He took stenographic reports of the court proceedings, for which the judge inflicted a fine of \$200 upon him, and refusing to pay he was sent to jail, in charge of his own broth-



er, who was sheriff of the county. The citizens, who were much in sympathy with him, raised the amount, and he was released. This was about 1825. Shortly after this Mr. Sheldon sold his paper, and for a time was engaged in farming in Oakland county, Mich., but farming did not prove congenial, and he returned to Detroit, resuming editorial management of the *Gazette*.

In September, 1833, Mr. Sheldon went to Dubuque, Iowa, having been appointed lead agent by Gen. Jackson, his duty being to collect rentals on lead lands. In 1834 he was appointed register of the land office at Mineral Point. This was an arduous position, and carried with it peculiar difficulties. The mineral lands at that time belonged to the government, and efforts were being continually made by speculators and fortune hunters to cheat the authorities, and secure for themselves the benefits of the rich ores underlying all this region. As land commissioner Mr. Sheldon was approached by dishonest men, and urged to favor their schemes. His stern sense of duty and his unswerving honesty forbade his listening for a moment to their solicitations. There fell upon him consequently the bitter condemnation of a number of men, prominent in the early affairs of the county, whose greed for riches outran their sense of honesty and fair dealing. It is worthy of remark that Mr. Sheldon was fully sustained in the stand which he took, after careful study, by Gen. Dodge and other distinguished citizens, who gave special attention to the prolonged controversy. In 1840 Major Sheldon, as he was commonly known, left the land office, and engaged with George Hyer in the publication of the *Madison Democrat*. In 1845 he went to Washington, D. C., to take a position in the Treasury Department, which he held for fifteen years. On the election of Abraham Lincoln, in 1860, he resigned his position in the Treasury Department and returned to Lafayette county, to his home in the town of Willow Springs. There he and his family had had their home since 1835, and it was Mr. Sheldon's residence as long as he lived, though he died at the home of his son-in-law, Judge Drummond, Jan. 19, 1872.

Major Sheldon possessed a strong character, and his integrity, like his ability, was beyond question. A strong believer in Old-school Democracy, when the war for the Union

was about to begin he believed it unnecessary. For the purpose of informing himself fully as to the real spirit and intention of the Southern leaders, he obtained a pass through the lines, and called on Jefferson Davis, who had been elected President of the Southern Confederacy. He was informed by that gentleman that the negro was not the cause of the war, rather that the two sections were profoundly uncongenial, and that their interests were utterly at variance; the South desired to be entirely separated from the North, and no compromise was possible. Major Sheldon returned to his Northern home a strong Union man, and throughout the war lent cordial and unreserved support to the government. When the war was ended his Democracy again resumed sway. He was just as urgent in his opposition to all kinds of oppression.

Major Sheldon and his wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Whiting, a native of Bridgeport, Conn., became the parents of twelve children, two of whom died in infancy, and one at the age of twelve years. The others lived to reach maturity. Of this once numerous family only two members are now living, the elder of these being Mrs. H. H. Hawley, of Chicago.

Thomas H. Sheldon was born in 1825, in Detroit, as were all the children but the youngest, and has resided where he is now found, or in the immediate vicinity, since 1835. Here the father bought claims and entered 160 acres, owning at one time about a section of land. Here Mr. Sheldon was reared to manhood, and here he married Miss Mary H. Pilling, a daughter of Elias Pilling. To their union have been born five children: John, who is on the homestead; Henry, who is at Tucson, Ariz.; Edgar, who is in Chicago; Edith, a teacher in Tucson; and Thomas D.

ALFRED A. JACKSON. For over forty-five years Mr. Jackson has been a resident of Janesville, Rock county, and for more than forty years a member of the Wisconsin Bar. He comes of Scotch-Irish stock, some of his ancestors having come to New England before the middle of the seventeenth century.

Daniel Jackson, his grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was commissioned an officer in the Seventh Company of the Thirteenth Regiment of the Connecticut Militia on May 16, 1794. He removed late in life to central New York, and



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died at Rome, Oneida county, that State, at an advanced age. His son Truman, father of Alfred A., was born in Bethlehem, Conn., in 1800. At the age of twenty-three he, too, removed to Oneida county, N. Y., where he purchased a farm on which he resided until his death, in 1871. He married Polly, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Dennison) Lawton. Mr. Lawton was also a Connecticut farmer who had moved to central New York, and who toward the close of his life removed to Dane county, Wis., to pass his last years with his sons living there. He died in his eighty-fifth year. To Mr. and Mrs. Truman Jackson were born six children, four of whom are yet living. Of these, Alfred A. is the eldest, the others being Nancy A., wife of Absalom Nelson, of Lebanon, Mo.; Homer T., a physician in Verona, N. Y.; and Jane E., of Buffalo, New York.

Alfred A. Jackson was born Aug. 8, 1831, in the town of Verona, Oneida Co., N. Y. After passing through the public schools he entered the academy at Rome, N. Y., but failing eyesight compelled him to forego the completion of his course. For some time he remained at home upon the farm, until he found himself able to take a position in a store. In April, 1855, his eyesight having been restored, he started for the West, and has since made Janesville his home. There he began the study of law in the office of Sloan and Patton on the 21st of April, 1855, and completed his course in the office of Sleeper and Norton. In April, 1856, he was admitted to the Bar, and since that time he has been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession. In politics he has been an ardent Republican since the organization of that party. He has not aspired to leadership, although he served for a year as supervisor, which position he resigned; represented the First ward in the city council for two years; and during 1868 held the office of mayor. For eight years he was one of the trustees of the State School for the Blind, and for four years was president of the Board. He has also been honored in his profession. Since the formation of the State Bar Association he has served on its executive committee, and is at present chairman of its committee on publication. He was also the first president of the Rock County Bar Association, and filled that office several years. In February, 1868, he was admitted to practice

in the United States Supreme Court. He takes a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the domain of American history, and is a member of the Historical Society of Wisconsin, and of the American Historical Society. In 1872 Beloit College conferred upon him the degree of M. A. While kindly and genial in temperament, and heartily enjoying the companionship of his friends, his busy life has left him little leisure to devote to the many calls which membership in numerous societies would have made upon his time. He is, however, a member of Wisconsin Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., and of the Royal Arcanum. He is also an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

In August, 1859, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Anna E. Dyer, a daughter of Burton H. and Rebecca Johnson Dyer. Mrs. Jackson died in 1867. Three children were born to this marriage, Frank D., Bertha A. and William A. (1) Frank D. was graduated from Beloit College and from the Law School of Yale University. For two years he was his father's partner in Janesville, but, having a desire to enter the ministry, he left the office to study at Chicago Theological Seminary; he is now pastor of the Congregational Church at Wabunsee, Kans. In October, 1895, he married Miss Martha P. Little. Two children have been born to them, Bertha L. and Howard L. (2) Bertha A. was graduated from Rockford College, and after spending one winter at Washington and one in the South returned to Rockford to accept a position as teacher in the History Department. Failing health obliged her to resign, and she died at her home Feb. 14, 1893. (3) William A. Jackson, the younger son, is an alumnus of the State University at Madison, having studied in both the Academic and Law Departments. Since his graduation, in 1891, he has been in partnership with his father, and is now (1901) serving his fourth term as District Attorney. In November, 1897, he was married to Miss Mary Emeline Stevens.

On Sept. 7, 1870, Mr. Jackson married Rebecca W., daughter of Luther H. and Celine Johnson. Their daughter, Fanny Rebecca, is also a graduate of Rockford College.

REV. NATHANIEL C. BRADLEY. The subject of this short review, who is now the beloved pastor of the M. E. Church at Fayette, Lafayette county, was not always exclu-

sively engaged in converting man from the error of his ways, in a religious sense, there being a period of his life when he also fought the enemies of the old flag, and as valiantly as he has since contended with the powers that oppose the moral and spiritual welfare of man.

Mr. Bradley was born in Amboy, Oswego Co., N. Y., Nov. 15, 1844, a son of Josiah and Rebecca Bradley. When he was about eight years old his parents migrated to Wisconsin, becoming residents of Dane county, and later of Monroe county. There the mother died about 1872, the father surviving for a number of years. The family of these worthy people consisted of Nathaniel C., our subject; and Carrie, who married J. Goyer, M. D., a veteran soldier, and a resident of Readstown, Vernon Co., Wisconsin.

The subject of this biography attended the public schools at Tomah, this state, and entered the ministry of the Methodist Church in 1869, his first charge being at Mt. Sterling, Crawford Co., Wis., and his second at Bell Center, in the same county, where he remained three years. Thence he went to Bloom City for two years, later filling for three years the charge at Viola, and the following three years serving at Lewisville. His next charges were at Ellsworth, Pierce county, and Clear Lake, whence he went to Arkansaw, Wis., later to Durand, Pepin county, and thence to Greenwood, in Clark county.

At this time our subject practically retired from the severe strain of his ministerial work, as his health became somewhat broken, removing to Ottertail county, Minn., where he engaged in merchandising and farming. On regaining, to a certain extent, his health, he returned to his old labors in the ministry, accepting a charge at Kendall; later he was at Wonewoc, continued three years at Excelsior, and is now in his second year at Fayette.

On March 8, 1864, Mr. Bradley was enrolled as a member of Company D, 38th Wis. V. I., and received his honorable discharge from the army on May 24, 1865, having taken part in some of the severest engagements of the Civil war. Under Gen. Grant he fought in the Wilderness, and was in all the battles under his command until the investment of Petersburg. He was one of the soldiers who worked on the construction of the mine under the enemy's works at the latter place, and took part in the famous charge made after the ex-

plosion. This was the last engagement in which he took part, the heavy work endured then having produced an injury that resulted in hernia and incapacitated him for active work in the field. Soon after he was transferred to the hospital at Beverly, N. J., and, when sufficiently recovered, was placed in charge of a ward in that institution until his discharge.

The marriage of Mr. Bradley took place in 1867, to Frances A. Ayard, a native of Iowa, and five children were born of this union: Mrs. Carrie Gummer, William F., Etta Elizabeth, Arthur B., and Avis M. A faithful soldier, an upright and conscientious citizen, Mr. Bradley possesses the esteem of everyone, and during the long years of his ministry has been comforted by the good he has been able to do. In his present home he is beloved by his whole congregation.

WILLIAM THOMAS, SR., a retired merchant of the village of Hazel Green, Grant county, was born in Cornwall, England, Dec. 13, 1828, son of Hannibal and Elizabeth (Richards) Thomas, both born in Cornwall, where they were married.

In 1840 Hannibal Thomas came to Wisconsin alone, intending to go into the butchering business. In 1848 he sent for his family, who came to Yorkville, where he owned a farm. There they lived for some years, and then moved to Beetown, where father and mother died, he in 1877, and she in 1883. They were good honest people, and had many friends. Six children were born to them: (1) Jane A., born in England in 1819, married William Hodge, also a native of England, lived on his farm in Grant county a number of years, and then moved to Cuba City, where he is living retired. They have two children, William H. and Elizabeth J. (now the widow of Bernard Porter, late of Grant county). (2) James, born in England in 1821, married Miss Susan Richmond, of Ohio, settled at Beetown, and became one of the most successful farmers and miners of that region. He died at his home in 1883, leaving a wife, but no children. (3) William is our subject. (4) Henry, born in 1830 in England, married Miss Grace Ennor, of Potosi, living for some years at Beetown, and then moved to Lancaster, where he still resides. They have five children—Emma, now Mrs. Robert Perkins, of Crawford county, Wis.; James, in South Dakota; Naomi,

now Mrs. French, of Cassville; Phoebe, now Mrs. Frank Sanders, of Beetown; and Mamie. Mrs. Mayne, of Cassville. (5) Hannibal, born in England in 1832, crossed the Plains in 1852, and worked there in the gold mines until 1853, when he emigrated to Australia, where he died in 1857, leaving no family. (6) Margaret, born in 1835, is the wife of Metcalf Hilery, of Beetown, and has nine children. George, Hannibal, Metcalf, James, John, Elizabeth, Sarah A., Susan and Margaret.

William Thomas, Sr., obtained his education in his native country, and worked in the Grant county lead and zinc mines eight years after coming to this country. In 1856 he set up as a general merchant at Fair View, Wis., where he continued for twenty-one years. During these years he also dealt largely in real estate, and now owns three large farms (670 acres) in Grant county, and one (550 acres) in Lester, Iowa. In 1877 Mr. Thomas sold out his mercantile interests, and moved into the village of Hazel Green, where he bought the Mills homestead, one of the most attractive homes in the town, a large brick house with handsome lawn surrounding.

Mr. Thomas and Miss Mary E. Harvey were married in 1863. Mrs. Thomas was born in England in January, 1839, and her parents, William and Ann Harvey, were among the early settlers of Grant county. They were born in England, came early to New Jersey, and in 1852 moved to Grant county, where they died many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are the parents of two sons: (1) William H., born in Hazel Green, in August, 1864, received his education in his native village and at the Platteville Normal. Some years ago he had typhoid fever, and his health became so impaired that he has never since been able to take an active part in business. (2) Clinton W., born in Grant county, in January, 1869, was drowned when eighteen years old, with two companions, while bathing in the Mississippi river. A bright and promising young man, he had a brilliant future before him, and possessed many friends.

Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Methodist Church, to which our subject gives a liberal support. Mr. Thomas has been a Republican all his life, and has been school director and member of the town board several terms. With his son he is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Hazel Green. Mr. Thomas began for

himself in this country without a dollar, and by industry and integrity won a very enviable standing. He has many friends who declare him honest and candid, straightforward and upright, and a genial and generous spirit. He is president of the First National Bank of Cuba City.

JOHN LEWIS. This prominent farmer and leading citizen of Patch Grove township is a worthy representative of a numerous and highly respected family of Grant county. His father, William Lewis, Sr., was born in Scotland April 21, 1795, a son of John and Ann (Wilson) Lewis, in whose family were four children, three sons and one daughter. John Lewis was three times married, and by the third union had two sons, Thomas and John. With their mother he came to America in 1840, and settled in Bovina, N. Y., where he lived to be ninety-one years old. William was the only child of the first marriage to come to America. His youngest brother, James Lewis, served several years in the British army, and was in the battle of Waterloo under the Duke of Wellington. Thomas Lewis was in the British service six years.

In 1815, at the age of twenty years, William Lewis crossed the broad Atlantic in company with an old neighbor, and on landing in this country proceeded at once to Bovina, Delaware Co., N. Y., where he opened up a new farm, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for many years. He married Nancy Burns, a native of Bovina, and on his New York farm eleven children were born to them. He first came West on a visit, and was so much pleased with the country that soon after his return to the Empire State he sold his property there and brought his family to Wisconsin, making a permanent settlement in Grant county in May, 1858. He purchased land in Section 10, Town 5, Range 5 west, which is included in the civil township of Patch Grove, and became well-known as one of the representative farmers of that locality. He passed away Feb. 20, 1868, and his wife followed him to the better world in February, 1870.

The family of this worthy couple originally consisted of eleven children, ten sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to mature years with the exception of one who died in early childhood. The only daughter is Mrs. John

Ryan, of Andover, Grant county. Those still living (1901) are John, whose name introduces this review; Thomas E., a resident of Howard county, Iowa; William; Walter, a resident of Kansas; Katherine; and Wilson F. Andrew was a member of the 43d Wis. V. I. in the war of the Rebellion, and died in the service at Johnsonville, Tenn., in November, 1864. James served in the 7th Wis. V. I., and died March 15, 1867. Moses and Walter were also numbered among the defenders of the Union during that struggle; the former is deceased.

John Lewis was born in New York State in 1823, and first came to Wisconsin in 1848, but two years later returned East, and did not locate permanently here until 1851. In June, 1848, he and his brother Thomas E. entered the land on which our subject now resides, and later he and his brother William bought Thomas' interest, while still later John became sole proprietor, having purchased William's interest in the property. He now has a fine farm, under a high state of cultivation, and well improved with good and substantial buildings which stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise.

Mr. Lewis married Miss Frances Loughran, a native of the same place as her husband, and a most worthy wife, who proved to him a true helpmeet. She departed this life July 25, 1882. Of the nine children born to them, seven are still living, namely: Margaret, James, Nancy, Frances, John, Moses and William. One son, Charles, died at his home in Little Rock, Iowa, in April, 1899, and another child died in infancy.

In his early voting days Mr. Lewis affiliated with the Whig party, but has been a staunch Republican since the organization of that party. He is numbered with the successful and progressive citizens of his township and county, and is a worthy representative of that class of men who lead quiet, industrious, honest and useful lives, and constitute the best portion of a community. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and as an honored pioneer and highly respected citizen he is certainly deserving of honorable mention in the history of his adopted county.

WILBUR FISK GOODRICH, now living retired in the village of Emerald Grove, Bradford township, is one of the oldest set-

tlers of Rock county, and has proved himself a thoroughly honest and reliable man, both as a farmer and a tradesman. He is now passing his last days in the enjoyment of leisure and comfort that have been richly earned.

Ephraim Goodrich, the grandfather of Wilbur F., and the founder of the family on American soil, settled first at Hartford, Conn., and went from there into Vermont with two hundred silver dollars and an axe as his entire capital. He settled in the town of Middlebury, and engaged in farming and lumbering, two occupations easily combined in that timbered country. He was also a house carpenter, and was a man of many resources. After he was located, and had secured a start in the world, he went back to Connecticut for his wife, Prudence, and brought her to his Vermont home, she riding their only horse, and he walking by her side. In 1857 they came to Wisconsin, and made their home with their son, Lemuel Miller Goodrich. Ephraim Goodrich died in 1859, at the age of seventy-eight years, and she in 1862, when seventy-two years old. They were both buried in the cemetery at Emerald Grove. They were the parents of five children, of whom Lemuel M., the father of Wilbur Fisk, was the eldest.

Lemuel M. Goodrich was born in 1808, near Middlebury, Vt., and in due time learned the carpenter's trade. In 1827 he married Miss Fanny Hutchinson, of Middlebury. They left Vermont about 1855, and came directly to Wisconsin, locating on an eighty-acre farm in the town of Bradford, Rock county. Eleven years later he sold this farm and moved to Fort Atkinson, where he made his home for several years, finally returning to the village of Emerald Grove, where he died in 1872. He was a member of the Methodist Church, as was his wife, who survived him eight years. Both were buried in the cemetery at Emerald Grove. They had five children, of whom Wilbur Fisk was the eldest.

Wilbur Fisk Goodrich was born in Middlebury, Vt., Sept. 28, 1830, and lived with his parents until he attained his majority. He received his education in the public schools, and his school training was unusually broad and deep. On reaching manhood he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed in early life. In 1861 he bought a farm of 135 acres in the settlement known as La Prairie township, Rock county, and devoted himself

to its cultivation a number of years. In 1873 he let his farm to a tenant, and moved into the village of Emerald Grove, where for twenty years he followed the business of a carriage builder. Since that time Mr. Goodrich has lived retired from business activities.

On Oct. 8, 1861, Mr. Goodrich married Miss Sarah Van Allen, a daughter of Lucas and Lydia (Luddington) Van Allen, farming people; her mother died when she was seven years old; her father died in the town of Bradford, and his ashes rest in the cemetery at Emerald Grove. Mrs. Goodrich is related through her mother to Gov. Luddington, of Wisconsin. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich. They are members of the local Congregational Church, and are highly esteemed in the community. He has served as road commissioner, and as constable for many years, and is counted one of the representative men of Rock county.

CHARLES J. F. NUTI, one of the prominent early settlers and now a retired farmer of Cassville, Grant county, was born in Italy in 1818, a son of Jacinto and Camelia Nuti, also natives of that country. He was reared in Florence, and when a young man went to France as steward for a gentleman, later going with him to England, and remaining in his employ for twenty years.

In 1850 Mr. Nuti crossed the Atlantic, and proceeded at once to Grant county, Wis. The following year he located in Potosi, where he made his home for two years, while in the service of a man who was agent for a large tract of land. He then moved to Cassville, and rented a farm belonging to a Mr. Price. While residing there Mr. Nuti purchased 160 acres of wild land, one-half of which was covered with timber, and, taking up his residence thereon in 1853, he turned his attention to its improvement, and soon converted it into one of the finest, best improved and most highly cultivated farms of that section of the county. For many years he was successfully engaged in general farming, and stock raising, and still owns his farm, though he now lives a retired life in Cassville.

Before leaving England Mr. Nuti was married, in 1850, to Miss Matilda Louisa Andrews, a native of Bridgeport, that country, who died at Cassville in 1899, after a happy married life of nearly fifty years. By that union four chil-

dren were born, namely: Mrs. Evangeline Matilda Spiller, a resident of Cassville; Mrs. Anna Babbitt Hurst, of Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Orlando Charles, who is married, and lives on the home farm; and Dorretta Calder, who died in Chippewa Falls in 1887.

Since the organization of the Republican party Mr. Nuti has been a staunch supporter of its principles. He is a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

JAMES OSBORN, a retired farmer at Evansville, Rock county, is one of the most venerable characters to be found in that city. His great age commands the respect of the public, and his personal habits and kindly disposition have won him a warm place in the hearts of his community.

Mr. Osborn was born in Prince Edward County, Canada, Oct. 23, 1815, a son of James and Catherine (Trumpo) Osborn, both natives of New York. They were the parents of four sons and seven daughters, and three of their sons are now living: James, of Evansville; John, of Picton, Canada; and Paul Austin, of Prince Edward county, Canada. The father, who was a farmer, emigrated to Canada with his parents when he was twelve years old, grew to manhood in that country, and was a lifelong agriculturist. He died when almost eighty-five years old. His wife died in 1848, when she was fifty-two. They were Methodists. He was drafted in the war of 1812, but being lame did not serve long. His father bore the name of James Osborn, and was born in the Mohawk River Valley, of Welsh stock. After the Revolution he moved into Canada, and settled on Prince Edward Island, where he died at the age of eighty-five. He had five sons and four daughters. John Trumpo, the father of Catherine, mentioned above, was born in New York, of Dutch descent, and followed farming.

James Osborn was reared in Canada, on the farm, "at the butt end of an ox-handle." When he was two years old his father moved into the dense woods, two miles from the nearest neighbor, and when James was older grown he helped to clear the farm. After attaining maturity he worked on shares for many years. In 1864 Mr. Osborn made his way to Wisconsin, and made a settlement in Porter township,



Rock county, where he bought forty acres, which is still in his possession.

Mr. Osborn and Miss Louisa Ballard were married Sept. 25, 1838, and this union has proved a singularly fortunate and happy one. They are the parents of seven children, two sons and five daughters. Catherine died in infancy. Jane is the wife of E. D. Barnard, of Evansville. Martha became the wife of Thomas Hutson, and both she and her husband are now dead. William died in infancy. James is now living in Minneapolis, and travels for the A. S. Baker Co.; he married Miss Clara West, and is the father of three children, Iva, May and Byrle. Elizabeth is the wife of Oscar Mabie, of Janesville. Louisa died when sixteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn are members of the Methodist Church, of which he was steward and class-leader for many years. He is a Republican, but never aspired to office.

**JAMES JEFFERY**, one of the prominent business men of Georgetown, Grant county, who is also the popular and accommodating postmaster at that place, was born in Cornwall, England, Jan. 29, 1842. His parents, Francis and Emma (Wills) Jeffery, were born in England, the former in 1810, and the latter in 1816. In 1848 the Jeffery family came to Wisconsin, and settled at Hazel Green, where Mr. Jeffery engaged in lead mining. In 1849 he migrated to California, where he worked in the gold mines for two years, and, being fairly successful, on his return bought a farm in Lafayette county, near Benton, where his son Thomas now resides. Until within a few years prior to his death Mr. Jeffery followed an agricultural life. He then moved to Jefferson, where he lived retired, dying in 1880, his wife surviving until 1899. Both were consistent members of the M. E. Church, in the work of which Mr. Jeffery took a leading part. Politically he was a staunch Republican all his life, and held a number of local offices in the town of Benton; where he was a popular and leading man, although the town was strongly Democratic. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jeffery reared a family of seven sons and one daughter, our subject being the eldest. William, born in Cornwall, England, in 1844, grew up on the farm, married Emma Morley, of Lafayette county, and has one daughter; he resides in Hazel Green, where he is engaged in

dealing in agricultural implements; he was a soldier in the Civil war. Francis, born in Cornwall in 1845, grew up in Lafayette county, married in Colorado, where he now resides, a successful miner, and has one daughter, Stella. T. J., born in Lafayette county in 1847, married Elizabeth Kittoe, and resides on the old homestead, which he owns; he has three children, Edwin, John and May. George, born in Lafayette county in 1849, married Charlotte Lukey, of Hazel Green, where he died in 1898, leaving three children, Frank, Charlotte and Maud. Emily, born in Lafayette county in 1850, is the wife of John R. James, of Hazel Green, and has two children, Lottie A. and Henry. Edwin, born in 1851, was educated in a business college of Dubuque, and when still a young man entered the employ of the Marquette & Mackinac Railway Co., of Michigan; in a short time he was promoted to the position of auditor of the road, but his health failing, he removed to Colorado, where he died Jan. 6, 1888, regretted by his employers and all who knew him. Joseph P., born in Lafayette county in 1853, went to Michigan, and engaged in hotel-keeping in the Iron Mountains there until one year ago, when he moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The early education of James Jeffery, our subject, was obtained in the district schools in Benton, Wis., where he remained on his father's farm until the age of twenty-one. About this time he was engaged as a clerk in the store of William Thomas, at the "12-Mile House" in Grant county, remaining four years, and finally becoming a partner with Mr. Thomas. Coming to Georgetown, our subject entered into a partnership with Joseph Brandon, in the mercantile business, the latter retiring in 1883. Mr. Jeffery has continued the business up to the present time.

In December, 1869, our subject was married to Miss Alice Oatey, the estimable daughter of William and Jane (Thomas) Oatey, old and prominent residents of Jo Daviess Co., Ill., where they remained until their death. Mrs. Jeffery was born in England Nov. 20, 1847, and was educated in Illinois. She and her brother Samuel, who lives in Franklin county, Iowa, are the only survivors of a family of eight children. John R., the oldest brother of Mrs. Jeffery, was a corporal in Company F, 96th I. V. I., and was killed at

the battle of Chickamauga, on Sept. 20, 1863. To Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery have been born two sons: William T., born in October, 1870, was educated at the Platteville Normal School, and was graduated at a Dubuque business college. He married Miss Addie Stevens, of Cuba City, and now resides in Hampton, Iowa, where he is engaged in a store. G. L., born in Georgetown Oct. 22, 1872, was a student of the home schools until seventeen years of age, when he entered Mr. Rindlaub's printing office in Platteville, learned the printer's trade, and is now a compositor in the government office at Washington, D. C., where he holds a responsible position.

Politically Mr. Jeffery has always been identified with the Republican party, and he has held a number of local offices in the town: he is at the time of this writing a member of the town board, and has been a member of the school board. In 1875 he was elected to represent his district in the Legislature, where he served with satisfaction to his constituents. Mr. Jeffery's services have been recognized by his appointment as postmaster, which position he now holds. Mr. Jeffery stands high among the people of Grant county, where he has been well known for many years, and commands the respect of all the citizens, irrespective of party. Socially he is a charter member of Masonic Lodge No. 185, Georgetown, of which he has been secretary some ten years. His wife is a member of the M. E. Church, of which they are cheerful supporters.

**CLAREMONT S. JACKMAN.** This gentleman, one of Janesville's prominent and most capable financiers, is of English ancestry and Revolutionary stock. The earliest American progenitor of his family emigrated from "Old" to "New" England in early Colonial days, and our subject's great-grandfather served in the patriot army led by Washington, and later in the State militia of Massachusetts. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Jackman, Stillman Jackman, was born in the "Bay State," but removed thence to New Hampshire, where he died at the age of sixty-five years, the father of four children.

Timothy Jackman, the father of Claremont S., was born in the State of New York. He married Marcia M. Smith, whose father, Jesse Smith, was born in Massachusetts, but

came west in 1848, locating in the town of Union, Rock Co., Wis., where he cultivated a farm and conducted a general country store until his death, which did not occur until he had reached the extraordinary age of ninety years. Timothy Jackman was a man of fertile brain, endowed with quick perceptive power, and a business capacity which may be said to have been remarkable for his time. He was not only a successful farmer, but also managed a hotel to the satisfaction of his patrons, and engaged in milling and mercantile business. He took up his home in Janesville in 1842, and prospered greatly in all his various ventures. He was one of the organizers of the Rock County (later the Rock County National) Bank, and was president thereof from its formation until the day of his death. He was a Republican, and a member of Janesville's first city council. He died in 1868, in his sixty-ninth year. His widow survived twenty years, passing away in 1888.

Claremont S. Jackman is one of four children born to his parents. He and his brother Clarence N. (a carriage manufacturer of Janesville) survive. Our subject was born in Janesville, Nov. 20, 1846. He attended school, as did other boys of his age and condition, but the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion quickened the course of the blood which he had received from his Revolutionary grandsire, and in 1862, when a mere lad of sixteen years, he enlisted in the 12th Wisconsin Artillery. He fought at Missionary Ridge, and followed Sherman to the sea, participating in the battle of Altoona, and the siege and capture of Savannah. Subsequently he was assigned to duty at the headquarters of Gen. John A. Logan. After being mustered out he returned home, and for a year engaged in the milling business in Janesville. His thirst for change and adventure, however, was not yet slaked, and he spent the next eighteen months in the mines of Montana. Wearying of this life, he once more retraced his steps to Janesville, where he entered the service of the Rock County National Bank, of which he is now president, in the humble, inferior position of a messenger. This was on July 1, 1867. Quick comprehension, close attention to duty and unwavering integrity brought their reward. Step by step he climbed the ladder of promotion, until, after long and faithful service as cashier, he was elevated to the presidency of that im-

portant and solid institution; this responsible post he has filled for twelve years. His financial interests in the city are large and important. Besides being a heavy stockholder in various manufacturing and commercial corporations (among them the Janesville Water Works Co.) he has extensive and valuable holdings of real property. Mr. Jackman's handsome home was erected about a dozen years ago, at the intersection of Park Place and St. Lawrence street. He is a member of Oriental Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and socially popular. His politics are Republican, and for two years he represented the Third ward in the city council.

On March 10, 1869, Mr. Jackman married Clara Hanchett, her parents being John M. and Julia (Titus) Hanchett. The issue of the marriage has been one son, Frank, who holds the position of assistant cashier in the bank of which his father is president. He married Miss Etta B. Hanchett, and is the father of two children, Frances and Claremont.

EMMETT D. MCGOWAN has been for many years one of Janesville's most successful lawyers. His legal ability and the painstaking and scholarly attention which he devotes to each interest that is confided to his care have gained for him an increasingly large clientage, while his broad, intelligent comprehension of public affairs, and his genial and generous disposition, have made for him many friends.

As the name suggests, the family is of Irish descent on the father's side, its native heath being Newtown Butler, County Fermanagh, in the Emerald Isle. His mother's family is of military stock, her grandfather, a hero of the Revolution, having been one of the guards over Major Andre and present at his execution, while her father, Daniel Bennett, was a volunteer in the war of 1812. Mr. McGowan's grandfather, John McGowan, and father, James S. McGowan, emigrated to America in 1843, and settled in Rochester, N. Y. Several years after James S. removed to Walworth county, Wisconsin, making his home at Allen's Grove. From that point he removed to Beloit, where he was employed in the construction of the paper mills, and about 1858-59 he took up his residence in Janesville, where he is still living. Mrs. James S. McGowan (whose maiden name was Louisa M.

Bennett), the mother of Emmett D., was born in Jefferson county, N. Y. Her brother, John R. Bennett, was a distinguished and honored Wisconsin jurist, having been for many years judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Wisconsin.

Emmett D. McGowan's life has been passed in Janesville, where he was born July 15, 1859. He has one sister, Mary L. (Mrs. Charles F. Niles), of Menomonee, Wis. In his education, as in his professional success, Mr. McGowan is an example of that type of determined man of which America is so justly proud, to which she owes so much, who, lacking the early advantages which fall to some, have hewed out a place for themselves. Not being able to go to college, he supplemented attendance at the public school with a course of reading at home, embracing substantially one of the classical courses of study laid down by the Faculty of the Wisconsin State University. His legal education was also obtained by his own efforts. He read law in the office of Bennett & Sale, and in December, 1883, was admitted to the Bar. In July of the following year he formed a partnership with Edwin F. Carpenter. In 1886 Mr. McGowan was the successful candidate, on the Republican ticket, for the office of clerk of the circuit court of Rock county. This dissolved the partnership, and the aptitude and fidelity exhibited by Mr. McGowan resulted in four elections to the same responsible position, whose duties he continued to ably and honorably discharge until 1895. At the expiration of his official term he resumed the practice of law, in which his natural talent, his ability for hard work, and his professional skill, have brought him increasing reputation and success. He is a Republican in politics. His love of social association has made of his handsome home, at No. 154 Milton avenue, a place which his friends delight to visit. He is a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M.; of Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; and of Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T. He is also past chancellor in the order of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. McGowan has been twice married, on June 30, 1887, to Abbie L., a daughter of Joseph H. and Mary Hill, of Beloit, Wis., by which union there were two children, Louise H. and Joseph B. Mrs. McGowan was an invalid for several years from the illness that



*Emmett D. McGowan*



caused her death. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. On Jan. 11, 1899, Mr. McGowan married Katherine, a daughter of Ellis and Martha A. (Parker) Shoppell. She is a member of the First Congregational Church of Janesville.

REV. WALLACE L. SELLECK, a machinist and inventor, for some years a resident of Platteville, Grant county, possesses more than an ordinary reputation for his ingenious ideas and skillful application of accepted theories to mechanical appliances.

Mr. Selleck was born in Canada Feb. 22, 1837, a son of George J. and Zoä (Bositte) Selleck. His father was born in the United States, and was the son of Charles Selleck, an Englishman by birth, who was engaged as a builder of ships of war during the war of 1812. He received his pay from the English government in land at Kingston, Canada, and the grant is still in dispute between the heirs of Charles Selleck and the English government. Charles Selleck disposed of it to the citizens of Kingston on a ninety-years lease. George J. Selleck was a millwright by trade, and put up a number of sawmills and gristmills in Wisconsin during the latter part of his life, living at Millville. He died in 1894. He had large tracts of land near Prairie du Chien, Wis., and in Nebraska, and was known as one of the successful business men of the day. His wife passed away March 3, 1895. They left a family of six sons and four daughters: Charles, born in Canada in 1831, studied medicine, and settled in Blue Hill, Nebraska, where he died in 1886, leaving one son, William, who lives in that State. Maria was born in Canada in February, 1833, and married Erastus Blodget, of Vermont, a manager for mines on Lake Superior; they settled in Dane county, Wis., where the wife died, leaving four children. Albina, born in Canada in 1835, is the wife of Louis Keith, of Bladen, Neb. Wallace L., our subject, is next in the family. Wellington W., born in Milwaukee in September, 1839, is now a farmer near St. Paul, Minn.; he has a family of three daughters, Zoä, Grace and Othe. Washington was born in Wisconsin in 1841, and served with his brother Wellington in the 4th Wisconsin Cavalry during the Civil war, under Gen. Sigel, taking part in some stirring scenes and experiences: Washington

returned from the war, and pre-empted land in Nebraska, where he lived for nine years, but not being pleased with that country he came back to Wisconsin and bought a farm near Millville, where he still resides; he married Miss Jane Huston, and has a family of five children, of whom are named Charles, Henry, Lydia, and Effie. George, born Sept. 27, 1843, was a soldier during the Civil war, enlisting from Iowa; after the war he married Miss Elizabeth Raymond, and now lives on a farm at Beetown, Grant county. Albert, born in October, 1846, at Milwaukee, was for a number of years an engineer on a steamboat plying on the Mississippi river, and is now manager of a creamery near Elk Grove; he is married, and has five children, George, John, Joseph, Nellie, and one whose name is not given. Sophia, born in Milwaukee in 1851, married Lewis Harvey, who moved to the Nebraska frontier, where he was killed by the Indians, leaving his wife with one son, George, whom she educated in Lincoln, Neb.; when a young man he went to the gold fields of Alaska, and returned with a rich reward for the perils he had undergone, bringing home on his first trip over thirty thousand dollars in gold; in 1896 the young miner and his mother returned to Alaska, where they are at the present writing. Alice E., born in Grant county in 1856, married Henry Martin, of Blue Hill, Neb.; they now reside in Iowa.

Wallace L. Selleck obtained his education in the public schools of Wisconsin, and for one year was a student in the public schools at Platteville. When a young man he served an apprenticeship as a machinist in the shops at Dubuque. His first work after finishing his time was in a steam sawmill. He was a lumber man on the Wisconsin river for ten years. On Jan. 30, 1858, the young lumberman and Miss Sarah A. Miles, daughter of Jesse and Mahala Miles, were married. The young couple went to the lumber mills on the Wisconsin river, and spent some years in that romantic country. In 1869 he sold out his lumber interests and moved to Milwaukee, where he erected a shop for the manufacture of the turbine water-wheel. He sold this after two years at a very decided profit, and moved to Millville, Wis., where he was engaged in a sawmill some twenty years, being largely occupied with the manufacture and sale of wal-

nut lumber during this time. He has given several years to invention, and has perfected among other things a door hinge which is in general use; he also has inventions in the line of compressed air and steam saving power.

Mrs. Selleck died in Millville, Feb. 10, 1881, leaving him six children: (1) Zoa, born at Millville, in 1861, married Lucien McDowie, and they are now living at Peoria, Ill., where he is one of the prosperous blacksmiths of that city. They have four children, R. L., James, Nina B., and Ralph. (2) Clara, born in Grant county in 1863, married Charles Caloms, and they reside on his farm in Grant county. They have three children, of whom we have record of two, Myrtie and Charles. (3) George H., born in Millville in 1866, married Miss Annie Brown, and they have one son, Ray. He was a merchant at Millville for some time. Some years later he opened a store at Dodgeville, and then moved to Galena, where he sold out his business. He settled on his farm near Millville, and is now a successful farmer. (4) Lillian, born in New Lisbon, Wis., in 1870, married Samuel Tracy, of the town of Harrison, where they live on a farm; they have one son, Raymond. (5) Miss Josephine, born in Grant county in 1874, was educated in the public school and is still in the home of her father, where she has had charge since the death of her mother. (6) May, born in Grant county in 1879, is now the wife of Orville Barrett, and has one child. They reside at Arthur, Wis., where they own and manage a farm.

Mr. Selleck is a Republican, and was justice of the peace several years at Millville. He is a member of the Christian Universal Church, a believer in divine healing, and has always been a Bible student. He is a strong believer in the power of God to answer prayer.

**HENRY C. LANE**, a retired hardware merchant, and a very prominent citizen of Platteville, Grant county, is a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, born in September, 1819, a son of David and Nancy (Lester) Lane.

David Lane was born in Connecticut, and descended from an old Pilgrim family; his wife was a native of Leicestershire, England, and a great-granddaughter of Lord Lester. From Connecticut, in which State they were married, Mr. and Mrs. Lane removed to Ohio, where Mr. Lane followed his trade of hatter

for some years. Subsequently he purchased land on the old turnpike running from Pittsburgh, Penn., to Cleveland, Ohio, where he built a hotel, conducting same until his death, many years ago. To this worthy and venerated couple were born the following family of children: Maria, who died in 1808; Julia, who was married to Isaac Reves; Louisa, wife of Dr. Asil Jones, he and she being now deceased; Mary A., deceased wife of Jacob Devendorf; Emily, who married Milton Graham, both now deceased; Lester, who died on the old homestead; Dr. Levit Lane, deceased, who was a practitioner at Monroe; Albert, who died in Milwaukee, Wis., leaving two daughters, Ada and Louella, residents of Platteville, the latter being the widow of Mr. Graham, and making her home with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lane; and Henry C., the gentleman whose name opens this sketch.

Henry C. Lane was educated in the common schools of Trumbull, Ohio, and when a young man learned blacksmithing. In 1840 he came to Platteville, Wis., when it was but a small village, and here worked at his trade three and a half years; then returned to Ohio, and the same year married Miss Lucy A. Hocomb, of Hartford, that State. She was a daughter of Horace and Julia (Gillette) Hocomb, who were born in Connecticut, and after their marriage removed to Broome county, N. Y., where Mrs. Lucy A. Lane was born in January, 1821. In 1833 the Hocomb family removed from the Empire State to Ohio, locating in Trumbull county, and shortly afterward the father died, leaving his widow with three children: Judson, now residing near Madison, Wis.; Hannah, widow of William Beebe, and living in Lancaster, this State; and Mrs. Henry C. Lane. After the death of her husband Mrs. Hocomb made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Lane until her demise, in 1880.

Immediately after marriage Mr. Lane brought his bride to Platteville, and a few years later relinquished blacksmithing and engaged in the hardware trade, in which he continued over thirty years, realizing a competency, and now owning a large number of city lots, which he has improved; he owns, besides, other valuable real estate. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Lane has been blessed with four daughters, viz.: Maria, born in 1844, is the wife of Lester Devendorf, and has two children—Cora, wife of William H. Ellis, a lawyer of Platteville;

and Charles Devendorf, a traveling salesman, of Iowa. Julania, a graduate of the Academy, is the wife of A. C. Van Elston, a banker and merchant of Muscoda, Wis., and a former representative in the State Legislature; they have had two children, one son and one daughter, Henry L. and Florence, of whom the latter died in 1899. Maretta, now Mrs. William Jones, is the mother of five children, Lottie, William, Vandy, Florence and Louella. Jessie is the wife of John Lawton and the mother of two children, Elvira and John, both students in the city college.

Religiously all the Lane family are members of the Congregational Church, to which they freely contribute, and to the building of all the churches in the city Mr. Lane has ever lent willing aid financially. Politically he is a staunch Republican, has served as member of the council, and filled several other offices of minor importance, but has never aspired to public positions simply for the sake of the honor attached thereto, serving from a sense of public duty. Fraternally he is a charter member of the Masonic lodge of Platteville, and socially he and family enjoy the esteem of the entire population of the city.

**BARTIMEUS WHITE.** The days of this venerable pioneer are well-nigh spent. Born in 1811, he is approaching life's ninetieth milestone, and the narratives of the lives of such men as he are replete at once with interest and instruction. Grant county can boast few citizens of so advanced an age or a life more void of offense. For a period of sixty-five years he has been identified with the development of this portion of the State, having first settled in the southwestern part in 1835, when Wisconsin was a Territory, in part of Michigan, its forests not felled, and its soil unbroken. Mr. White comes of sturdy, stalwart New England stock, his ancestry in America being traced back to 1635-36, when some of his progenitors settled in Braintree and Weymouth, Mass. Our subject's parents, Samuel and Mary (Hayhood) White, were residents of Braintree, Mass., in which town he was born and passed his early years. He was one of a family of seven children born to his father's first marriage. After the death of his mother, his father married a second time, the issue of that union being a family of five or six children. Samuel White died at Braintree, in his

eightieth year. Of the seven children born to Samuel and Mary White Bartimeus alone survives, while of the second marriage, only one daughter is yet living, Mrs. Phoebe Cheesman, a widow, born in 1822; she has a son and a daughter living, both of whom have married, and the son has two grandchildren.

Bartimeus White when a boy of ten years was apprenticed to learn the trade of a shoemaker, and worked as a journeyman for several years. His health failing, he had recourse to an ocean voyage, with the most beneficial results; but on his return, fearing that the confinement incident to working at his trade might induce a return of his trouble, he resolved to join the long procession of emigrants who were even then wending their way westward, in search of homes. It was on Oct. 8, 1834, that he departed from Braintree, and just six months later, in the spring of 1835, he reached the lead mines of southwestern Wisconsin, in which he worked for six years. He then began farming, a pursuit which he has followed during the greater part of his subsequent life. His first farm was in Jamestown, Grant county, but in 1862, desirous of affording his children better educational opportunities, he removed with his family to his present home, which is situated directly south of the city of Lancaster. Here he is passing his declining years, in the company of the wife who has been his companion and helpmeet for fifty-five years, happy in his memories of the past, and looking forward to the future with serene hope. It has been his lot to witness great changes and stupendous advances. Twenty-two National administrations have passed into history since his eyes first saw the light of day, and the country has passed, victoriously, through four wars. Slavery has been abolished, and State after State been admitted to the Union. Steam and electricity have become the trained and docile servants of man, and the entire systems of manufacture, industry and commerce have been revolutionized. All these strange sights have his eyes witnessed, and yet, despite his ninety years, he is still vigorous in body and clear in mind. His memory is remarkably good, taking him back to events of his early childhood, and he has some recollection of his paternal grandfather, who lived in the "new large square house," his parents occupying the older dwelling. At the time of his grandfather's funeral he remembers climbing on a



chair to look out of a window when the remains were brought out and placed on a table for the last look. Honored by his fellowmen, loved and revered by his family and friends, Mr. White calmly awaits the summons that shall whisper in the ear of the soul, "Friend, go up higher."

In 1845 Mr. White returned to Massachusetts, to claim the hand of his promised bride, Miss Nancy Leach, of East Bridgewater, that State, who was born Feb. 28, 1822. Of the children which have been born to their union two died in infancy. Those yet living are Abby F., Franklin, Hattie E., Mrs. Mary Marks, Mrs. Ida King, Mrs. Marcia A. Hall, and John. The last named is now living in Kansas not far from Kansas City; he returned eastward as far as Kansas after eight years' experience in southern California, which he found too dry to afford a good living to a man in moderate circumstances, with a young family; he has a wife and three children.

SAMUEL GRAY, a retired farmer, is among the well known and highly esteemed citizens of Platteville, Grant county, having borne an important part in the development and advancement of this State. Descending from sturdy English stock, Mr. Gray has steadily climbed from the lowest rung in the ladder of success to his present comfortable position, by his own unaided efforts.

Samuel Gray was born in Cornwall, England, June 26, 1830, a son of John and Ann (Bosanco) Gray. In 1841, John Gray, with one son, came to America, and settling in Wisconsin, at Benton, Lafayette county, he there engaged in mining for two years. At that time he sent for his wife and the remainder of the family, and later purchased a farm near Benton, where he resided until his death, in 1862, his worthy helpmate surviving until 1874. Both of these good people were consistent members of the M. E. Church, and lived most Christian lives. They left a family of five children: John married and located on a farm in Lafayette county, later moving to Hazel Green where he died in 1892; his wife passed away some two years later, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth A., wife of Edward Rodgers, of Grant county. Henry married Miss Elizabeth L. Williams, and settled in Hazel Green, where he resided until his death, leaving one daughter, Martha, wife of John Jewell,

of Hazel Green. William, after going to California, married in Hazel Green Miss Ann Pierce, went to Boston, and now resides near that city, in a pleasant home, surrounded by an interesting family. Our subject is next in the family. James, educated in Lafayette county, married Mary E. Clemens, and settled at Cuba City, where he still resides; he has no family.

Samuel Gray was but thirteen years old when brought to Wisconsin, and secured a fair amount of education in England and the schools of Lafayette county. After mining in the local mines until 1851 he migrated to California, via New Orleans, over the Isthmus by land, thence by water to his destination. After mining for some time at Placerville, and attaining fair success, Mr. Gray returned to Wisconsin, via New York, and continued lead mining in this State for a few years, but after his marriage he settled on the old homestead, where he greatly improved the property, residing there until 1889. At that date he purchased a fine building site in the Homestead Addition in Platteville, and erected his present pleasant home, where he and his family now are surrounded by all the comforts of life.

On May 31, 1855, Samuel Gray married Miss Mary Symons, daughter of Richard and Sarah Symons, prominent people of England, who came to America, and settled in Benton, Wis., when Mrs. Gray was a child, she having been born in Cornwall, England, in January, 1837; she was educated in the schools of Wisconsin. Mr. Symons died Sept. 19, 1900. Of the family born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray, seven grew to maturity: George H., born April 29, 1856, was educated in Benton and the Platteville Normal, married Lydia Stephens, and settled on a farm in Iowa; he has a family of five children, William A., Myrtle, Samuel, Pearl and Edgar. Mary E., born March 31, 1858, was educated at Lafayette and Galena, Ill., married Cyrus Paterson, of Hazel Green, Wis., and settled on a farm at Hazel Green; she died leaving one son, Cyril. Alfred, born Nov. 24, 1860, married Agnes Burkett, and now resides on his father's farm; he has three children, Aruba, Jennie and Harold. John S., born June 2, 1863, married Eliza Burkett, of Lafayette county, and resides on his father's farm, near Benton; he has three children, Henry, Sylvia and Clarence. Alice J., born Oct. 12, 1866, graduated at Hazel Green high school and later at the State Normal; she mar-

ried O. E. Gibson, one of the leading dentists of Platteville, and has two children, Irvin, born in July, 1893, and Heien, born July 1, 1896. Oliver, born in August, 1870, was educated at Hazel Green, graduating from the high school there, also attended the State Normal, and the State University, at Madison, and is now the superintendent of schools for Platteville; on Dec. 26, 1900, he married Gertrude P. Chase. Edith, born Aug. 25, 1877, died Dec. 9, 1900; although an invalid for many years, and at times a great sufferer, she was seldom heard to complain; she was one of the most beautiful Christian characters, and many a helpful lesson was learned at her side.

In his political opinions Mr. Gray adheres to the principles of the Republican party, was a member of the town board of Benton for some six years, and held a number of other local offices, discharging the duties pertaining to each efficiently and satisfactorily. Mr. and Mrs. Gray, as well as their family, are very prominent in the M. E. Church, of which they are faithful members, and take an active part in all the work pertaining thereto. Few people more richly deserve the prosperity which has come to them than do Mr. and Mrs. Gray, and they have endeared themselves, by their many excellent traits of character, not only to their immediate family, but to a large circle of acquaintances and friends.

**DANIEL N. SMALLEY**, the genial postmaster at Cuba City, Grant county, and a man well known throughout the surrounding district, is well worth mention in the annals of his neighborhood.

Mr. Smalley's birth occurred Feb. 1, 1833, at Union, N. Y., and he is a son of Nehemiah and Sarah (Cataline) Smalley, natives of Vermont and Connecticut, respectively. The parents grew to maturity in New York State, married there, and in 1837 migrated to Illinois. The father died in Chicago in 1837, two weeks after reaching that place. Mrs. Smalley subsequently married Moses Spencer, and they removed to Pleasant Grove, Ill., where they remained until the death of Mr. Spencer. Mrs. Spencer then removed to Chicago, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Kimbell, of that city. Of the children born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nehemiah Smalley, George O., born in New York State, settled near Madison, Wis., and later removed to Illi-

nois, settling at Eureka; he has two daughters living near Eureka, Ill. Sarah A. married Martin N. Kimbell, resides in Chicago, and has seven children, some of whom reside in Chicago. Caroline, born in New York State, married David White, of Illinois, and had three children; upon his death she married Adrian Cook, by whom she had five children. Dudley C., born in New York State, moved to Illinois, and later to Grant county, and purchased a farm on which he resided until 1891, when he moved to Morris county, Kans., where he followed farming; he married Miss Amanda Haines, of Grant county, and now resides in Kansas City; they have six children. Alonzo, born in New York State, is now a retired farmer of Manhattan, Ill.; he has six children living. Martha, born in New York State, married Joseph Strock, of Chicago, and settled on a farm near Waukegan, Ill. Electa married Nelson Willard, resides near Chicago, and has two children. Our subject is the youngest of the family.

Daniel N. Smalley, after coming West, lived some five years with his sister, Mrs. Kimbell, in Chicago. He then returned to his old home, and worked for a Mr. Ricards until twenty-one, when he entered Oberlin College, remaining for two years; he next studied under J. L. Pickard, principal of the Platteville Academy. In 1854 Mr. Smalley taught his first school, and so successful was he that he practically adopted this calling as his life work, and since then has taught forty terms, in Grant, Lafayette and other counties. Among his assignments were seven consecutive years at Dick-eyville. In 1881 he settled at Jamestown, remaining there until 1889, when he located at Cuba City, and became identified with the public schools in that city, becoming one of the best-known educators in the county. In July, 1897, Mr. Smalley was honored by appointment as postmaster, and has since that time filled the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the patrons of the service.

The war record of Mr. Smalley is a very interesting one, he having become a member, in 1862, of the 25th Wis. V. L., as first lieutenant, Capt. Robert Nash commanding. The regiment served in the Western Army some time, then was sent to Vicksburg, participating in that world-famous siege. After the capture of that city the regiment was sent into Arkansas, thence into Kentucky, participating

in various engagements. While in Arkansas Mr. Smalley was appointed captain of his company, and led the command back, burning the Rebel strongholds, and encountering much danger. This regiment took part in the famous march to the sea, and through the entire war Mr. Smalley was a brave soldier and a gallant and capable officer. After his long and arduous service he was honorably mustered out, in 1865, and retired to private life.

In 1860 Mr. Smalley was married to Miss Mary E. Cooper, of Jamestown, Wis., who was a daughter of James T. and Cynthia A. Cooper, coming from one of the old aristocratic families of Kentucky. In 1844 Mrs. Smalley's parents came to Lafayette county, where they remained seven or eight years, then went to Dubuque, Iowa, and stayed until the death of Mr. Cooper, in 1853. Mrs. Cooper died at the home of her daughter in Grant county in 1868. Mrs. Smalley was born in Missouri in 1841, attended the district schools of the neighborhood of her home, and the high school at Dubuque, Iowa. She was one of five children: Mary E., Mrs. Smalley; Margaret, now wife of N. Eastman, one of the wealthy lumbermen of Platteville; George S., who is married, and a resident of Salem, Ore.; James I., who died when young; and N. S., now a resident of Boyden, Iowa.

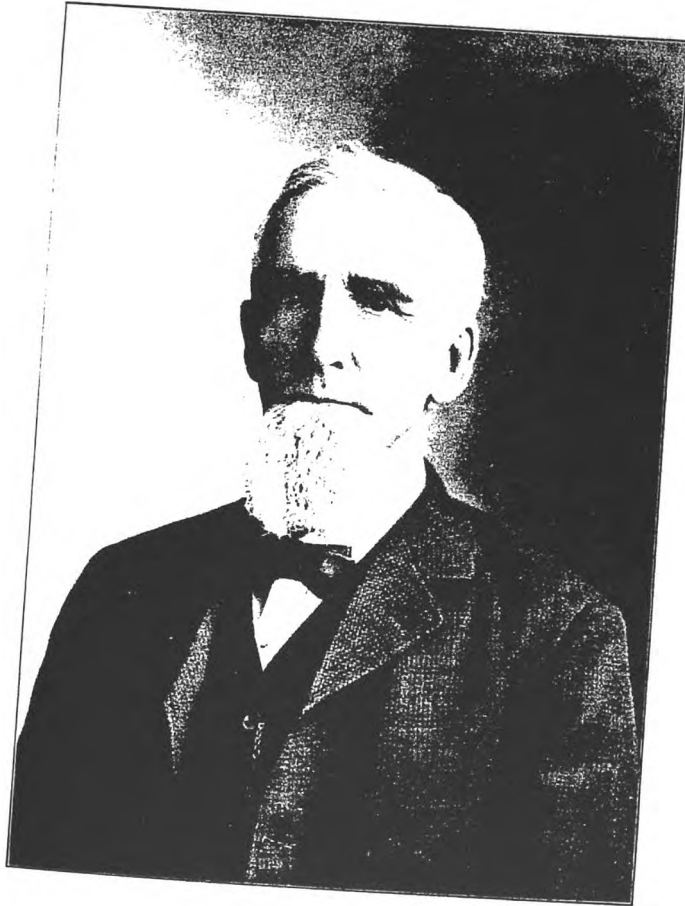
Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smalley: Lorinda A., born in Jamestown in 1861, was educated in the public schools, and in 1880 married John Fush, of Georgetown, where they now reside, on a farm; they have four children, Wallace S., Laura B., Lee S. and Raymond B. Sherman E., born in Illinois in 1866, was educated in the public schools of his State, and for a time was connected with the Houskins Lumber Co., of Galena, Ill., as bookkeeper and manager, but later studied law, passing the examination at Madison in 1895, and now carries on a law practice in Cuba City; in November, 1892, he married Miss Polly Mitchell, of Cuba City, and they have two children, Luverne and Gynett. Edna M., born in Grant county in 1869, was well educated in the district schools, and was one of the successful school teachers of Grant county until her marriage, to George G. Gaskill, of Lafayette county, who is postmaster at Argyle and editor of the *Argi Atlas*, a publication having a large circulation. Maggie B., born at Jamestown in 1875, was a student at

the State Normal, and followed teaching until her marriage, in 1895, to John N. Williams, of Hazel Green; they now reside at Carroll, Iowa, on a farm, and have two children, Myrtle E. and Margery B. Mary E., born in March, 1878, was educated in the home schools, graduating from the Cuba City high school, and assisted her father until her marriage, March 27, 1900, to J. A. Clemens, of Cuba City; they now reside on a farm at Hazel Green.

Politically Mr. Smalley has always been a staunch Republican. He has filled a number of local offices, including those of assessor, town clerk, justice of the peace, etc., for a number of years, and in every instance has given unbounded satisfaction. Taking an active interest in matters pertaining to the veterans. Mr. Smalley is an earnest member of Sherman Post, G. A. R., of Platteville, and fraternally is a member of the A. F. & A. M. in Illinois, having founded a chapter in that organization when still a young man. Mrs. Smalley is a member of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Smalley attends with his wife and family, and always gives liberally toward the support of the church and its works. Being a cultured man, possessed of a vast store of erudition, Mr. Smalley is fitted to shine in a much more exalted sphere in the literary world, and it is to be hoped that, although he is honored in his present office, he will not "hide his light under a bushel," but allow his ability full scope, that it may result to the good of coming generations.

JOHN T. WILKINSON, a resident of Platteville, Grant county, who was one of the bravest soldiers who fought to preserve his native land from ruin in the war of the Rebellion, was born in Indiana July 15, 1835.

Mr. Wilkinson is of Scottish descent. His great-grandfather, Angus Wilkinson, a man of property in England as well as in Scotland, joined the Scots and became a soldier of renown in the defense of his country. He had married a lady named MacGregor, a sister of the famous Highland chief dubbed "Rob Roy," and at the termination of the struggle he and his wife disguised themselves as peasants and came to America. Two of his brothers, William and Joseph, came also, and they settled in Ohio, where Angus Wilkinson passed the remainder of his life. One of his brothers was a soldier in the American army in the war of 1812, and the other went to South America.



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Their estates were all confiscated for a term of years to the Crown of England. A register of the family as far back as the sixteenth century, which our subject's great-grandparents brought to America with them, was destroyed by fire when their home in Ohio was burned, and the family have gone to considerable trouble and expense to re-establish the chain of descent thus broken. John Wilkinson, our subject's grandfather, was born on shipboard, during his parents' voyage to this country; he was their eldest child.

James Wilkinson, father of John T., was born in 1810 in Butler county, Ohio, and removed with the family from Ohio to Ripley county, Ind., where the parents died. They had born to them five children, of whom James was the only son, and all are now deceased. In 1833 James married Rachel P. Murphy, a lady of Irish parentage, and about 1838 went back to Ohio with his wife and young children. In 1842 he returned to Indiana, and located in Indianapolis; five years later he went to Illinois, and in 1850 came to Grant county, Wis., settling in the town of Liberty, where he entered a tract of government land at \$1.25 per acre. About four years later he exchanged his land for the "Lancaster Hotel," in Lancaster, which he very successfully conducted several years, when he sold out and purchased a farm in the town of Ellenboro. There he lost his wife, and for his second spouse he chose Phebe Bitz. To Mr. Wilkinson and his first wife were born nine children, six of whom lived to reach mature years, and five are still living, namely: John T., the eldest; Daniel S., who resides at Gilman, Ill.; Elizabeth J., wife of Andrew Meeker, of Cherokee, Iowa; William H., of Grangeville, Cal.; and Phebe M., wife of Levi G. Reamer, of Grant county, Wis. Mr. Wilkinson was a powerful man physically, and enjoyed robust health up to within a few days of his death, which occurred on his Ellenboro farm July 14, 1885. He was mild, kind and jovial by nature, was hospitable to a marked degree, and was universally respected. In politics he was a Democrat, but as an outcome of the war of the Rebellion he voted for Abraham Lincoln on his second candidacy for the Presidency.

John T. Wilkinson was about fifteen years of age when he came to Wisconsin with his parents, and is the only son still living in Grant county. When nineteen years old he

entered the office of the *Grant County Herald* to learn the printer's trade, but two years later withdrew, on account of ill health. He then went West, and for nine months was assistant surveyor on a military road between the Big Platte river and the Yellowstone. On his return he attended an academy for a year, under a Mr. Page, and then himself began teaching; was also employed in mining for a while; and then commenced farming. In 1861 he married Miss Adelia A. Bradley, a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, but a year later parted with his bride to answer the call to arms, enlisting Aug. 9, 1862, in Company C, 25th Wis. V. I. He was at first assigned to the Minnesota frontier. In February, 1863, he was stationed for a time at Columbus, Ky., whence he was sent to take part in the siege of Vicksburg. The following winter he spent at Helena, Ark., and was on the Meridian raid in February, 1864; was again at Vicksburg; then at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and took part in all the engagements from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Ga. At the siege of Atlanta he was severely wounded by a gunshot through his left shoulder, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. After the war, when he had become strong enough, Mr. Wilkinson re-engaged in farming. From 1884 to 1886 he conducted a mercantile business in Ellenboro.

Mrs. Wilkinson having become invalided, in the hope of improving her health Mr. Wilkinson traveled with her for a considerable length of time in the South and West. The winter of 1894-95 they spent in California, and another winter in Alabama. Mrs. Wilkinson however, on returning North, died Feb. 16, 1899, leaving an only child, Eva E., wife of George E. Downing, of Thornton, Iowa. Mr. Wilkinson is recognized as a gentleman of great intelligence, improved and refined by travel and contact with the world, and expanded by a somewhat cosmopolitan life. He has derived much knowledge also from closely studious habits, is well posted in history and general literature, and is an edifying and entertaining conversationalist. Fraternally he is a member of the F. & A. M., and politically was originally a Republican, but of late has seen fit, owing to the mutations in political policy, to change his views, and he now affiliates with the Democratic party. Retired from active business life, he passes his summers in his

pleasant home in Platteville, in the enjoyment of the society of his numerous warm-hearted friends, while his winters, as a rule, are spent in the mild region of the South.

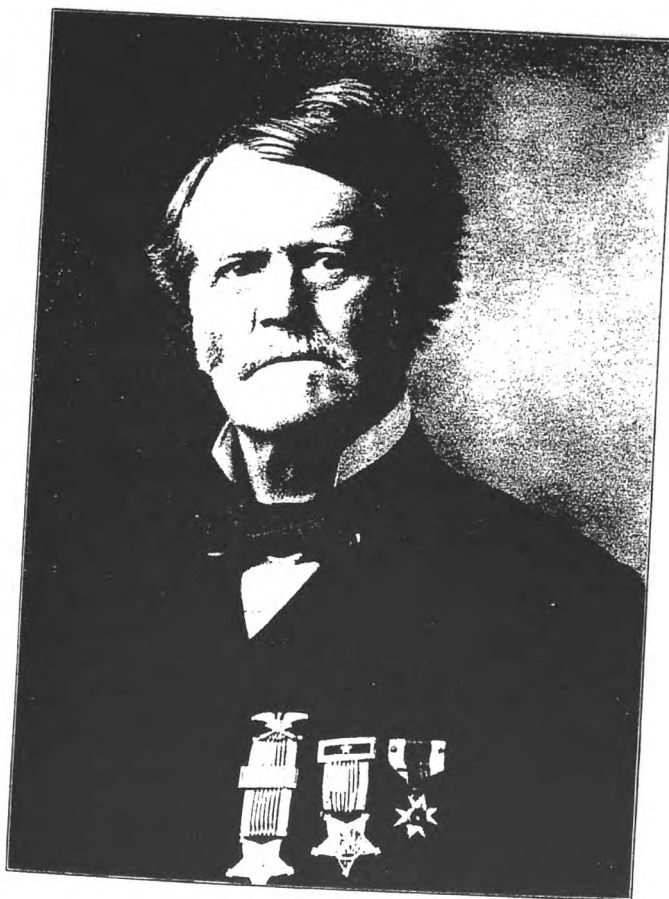
JOSEPH BELLAMY WHITING, M. D., Janesville. The subject of this sketch is descended from a long line of New England ancestors, of English origin in this country, the first having established himself at Hingham, Mass., in 1634. The family residence of his great-grandfather, William Whiting, at the head of Broad street, in Milford, Conn., is still a landmark.

William Whiting was born in Connecticut, a son of a merchant sea captain, who visited Bordeaux, France, where the son (William) was educated. This experience introduced some French blood in the family, for he married a French lady and brought her to his New England home. His son, John Whiting, was a farmer at Barkhamsted, Conn., and was widely known as a successful breeder of fine cattle. He was distinguished for his stern love of justice and outspoken character. He was a thorough gentleman under all circumstances, and when he found himself in the wrong—as must occasionally be the experience of all men—he could not rest until amends had been made, where within his power. On account of the death of his only child, John Whiting, Jr., when the subject of this biography was only two and one-half years old, the care of the latter was undertaken by the grandfather, who was well qualified for training the willing youth. Much of his manly character and worth is, perhaps, due to the kind admonitions and maxims of his courtly grandsire.

John Whiting, Jr., was a man of high intellectual power, and became noted as a school teacher, though he also engaged in farming with his father at Barkhamsted. He used an arithmetic of his own compilation, which he kept in manuscript, while teaching. He was killed by an accident, while engaged with others in harvesting the crop of a sick neighbor. Mr. Whiting was born at Milford, Conn., in 1786, and his death occurred in 1825, at the early age of thirty-nine years. He married Mary Warner, who was born in Hamden, Conn., in 1796, and survived to the age of seventy-one years, dying in 1867. She was a noble Christian woman, of strong intellect,

and her watchful care and beautiful life laid the foundations of the useful life of her son. The latter, in writing of her, says: "it is not too much to say that whatever of good I have attained to has been largely due to her daily prayers and admonitions, which followed me wherever I went, this labor of love and duty ceasing only when her life itself was done."

Joseph B. Whiting was born at Barkhamsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., Dec. 16, 1822, and was named for a noted divine of that time. He is the youngest of five children born to John and Mary Whiting, the eldest being a son, and the others daughters. Dr. Whiting has often expressed regret that he did not receive a college education, a lack which the observer would hardly discover in meeting the scholarly man and able physician, whose conversation is so entertaining and instructive. Under home instruction and the common-school training he was ready for an academic course at the age of thirteen years. At seventeen he began teaching, and continued in that work for five years, because it was a ready means of self-help. After another year of academic study, he decided to make the practice of medicine his life work, and accordingly, in 1845, became a student in the office of Dr. Vincent Holcombe, a distinguished physician and surgeon, at Granville, Hampden Co., Mass. This step was taken largely through his admiration for the character and appearance of Dr. Holcombe, and he gave two years to earnest and thorough reading of the authorities. He attended his first course of lectures at Berkshire Medical College, Pittsfield, Mass., in 1847. His second course was at Vermont Medical College, Woodstock, Vt., at the close of which he took up further study with Drs. H. H. and T. Childs, both of whom were professors in Berkshire College, from which institution our subject graduated in 1848. He began the practice of his profession at Wolcottville, a manufacturing village of Litchfield county, Conn., where in the autumn of 1850 he married Miss Frances A. Hungerford, a daughter of John and Charlotte A. Hungerford, descended from one of the historic families of Connecticut. In 1852 he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., but was obliged to relinquish a growing and lucrative practice there by the failing health of his wife, who died in 1854, after a year of travel in the hope of recovery. Broken in health, Dr. Whiting



*J. B. Whiting.*





went to Berkshire county, Mass., located at Lee, and soon assumed a leading position. The Berkshire District Medical Society, noted for the character and high standing of its members, made him its secretary, which honorable position he filled for a period of six years—until his removal from the State. The atmosphere of Berkshire is tinged with a high literary flavor, and here was a field in which Dr. Whiting was fitted to shine. But for the interference of a hard, practical life he would, no doubt, have excelled as a literary man.

In 1860 Dr. Whiting contracted an alliance which changed the field of his labors and the current of his life. On his wedding the widow of Chief Justice Edward V. Whiton, of Wisconsin, he removed to Janesville, which has ever since been his home, and where he is respected and admired by all who are privileged to know him. He is not one given to making miscellaneous acquaintances, and, being somewhat reserved in manner, he is sometimes supposed to be proud and supercilious, qualities, however, which could not be farther removed from his nature. To know him is to recognize the kind heart which yearns toward all mankind, with a desire for its uplifting and emancipation from every ill that threatens its physical or moral welfare. Without considering popularity—except in so far as every man desires the good-will or approbation of his fellows—he seeks only the right, to which he always adheres on principle. His motto is, "If you find you are wrong, get right just as soon as possible." While not free from foibles which characterize most people, all of which he freely admits, his thoughts occupy a high plane, and he rises above the petty annoyances and interests that fill the minds of many persons. This condition has not been attained without severe self-repression and culture, for he was born with a high temper and an extremely sensitive nature, which was always quick to resent any imposition.

Immediately after the removal to the West the Civil war came upon the land, and after the battle of Fort Donelson Dr. Whiting offered his services gratuitously to Gov. Harvey, who accepted, and sent him to the front to care for wounded soldiers. For six months he was on duty among the sick and wounded at Mound City Hospital. On the formation of the 33d Wis. V. I. Dr. Whiting was commissioned sur-

geon thereof, and spent six weeks in examination of the men while the regiment was being gathered in camp at Racine. The experience gained in previous hospital work was here used to the advantage of the service, and such men as were accepted proved equal to the hardships of active military life. The regiment was ordered to Memphis, Tenn., to take part in the expedition against Vicksburg, via Grenada and Jackson, Miss., and Surgeon Whiting was detailed for special service near army headquarters. When the change of program was made, and the army moved by way of the Mississippi river, a large hospital was established at Milliken's Bend, nearly opposite Vicksburg, in which Dr. Whiting was made chief executive officer, under Surgeon Franklin. At the end of three weeks Dr. Whiting succeeded Dr. Franklin as Surgeon-in-Chief, and the latter returned to his division. The importance of this position may be understood in view of the fact that it was the largest general hospital in the Mississippi valley below Cairo. It contained about three thousand persons, and was a model for good order, discipline and thorough attention to and care for the wants of its inmates. The executive ability there displayed was noticeable in many ways other than maintaining good order and thorough discipline, which are the foundation of success. Its supplies for daily use were obtained from every available point, a work in itself of no mean magnitude. Not only the quantity but the quality was scrupulously regarded, and an abundance was provided for all; yet, when the hospital was closed, in September, 1863, after an existence of seven months, there stood to its credit in the commissary department, as an unexpended balance, the handsome sum of \$10,000, which had been saved to the government by economy in the hospital administration, and which afforded proof, also, of the liberality of the government in providing for its hospital department. When the books were closed, and returns made to Washington, the accounts were found clear and correct.

In November, 1863, Dr. Whiting was made Surgeon-in-Chief of the military district of Natchez Miss., with headquarters at that city. The hospitals were found to be in a demoralized condition, but in a short time order was restored. The district became infected with smallpox, which spread with great rapidity

among the citizens and colored troops, but special hospital accommodations were at once provided, and further progress of the disease was averted. The necessities of the case required our subject's appointment by the military authorities as mayor of the city, which office he ably filled for some months, when his health gave way, and a return home became inevitable, and he was honorably discharged from the service in July, 1864. He was brought home on a cot, attended by a trusty servant, and was a long time an invalid.

In 1865, after a quiet rest at home, Dr. Whiting resumed, so far as his strength would allow, an active professional life, in which he has been engrossed ever since, with few interruptions. He is still affected in some degree by the hardships of his army life. He is honored by his professional brethren as an able and successful practitioner, and in 1875 was unanimously chosen president of the Wisconsin State Medical Society. He enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens, but has never sought any but social honors. In private life he is a Christian gentleman, whose career is without blemish. He is the true friend of the unfortunate inebriate, and has given much time and thought to the temperance question, strongly advocating total abstinence as the only wise and safe rule for the general public. In various ways he has proven that the duties of an able physician, a true philanthropist, and a good citizen, are not at all incompatible. The public schools of Janesville and State institutions have in various ways shared his interest and efforts. For five years he filled the office of secretary of the Wisconsin Institution for the Blind, of which he was a trustee many years. For ten years he was health officer of the city of Janesville. His papers read before the State Medical Society have always received attention, and he has always advocated a high culture in literary attainments for young men who propose to enter the medical profession. He is clear and strong in expression, with no redundant ornamentation, on every occasion, and his utterances are worthy of preservation. His addresses to the Chippewa Indians are models of clear and wholesome admonition.

In 1893 Dr. Whiting was elected medical director of the Department of Wisconsin, and re-elected in 1894. In 1895 he was elected surgeon-general of the Grand Army of the

Republic without a dissenting vote. In presenting his name to the Encampment Gov. Hoard of Wisconsin said: "In presenting this name I desire to say simply, that Dr. Whiting is one of the most prominent members of the Grand Army in our State; that he bears a medical record second to no man in the army; that his services during the war were of the most arduous character, and were discharged with most excellent ability; and, if he is elected, he will prove an honor to this body, and of great usefulness in the discharge of its work."

In personal appearance Dr. Whiting is tall, erect and commanding, and his presence is calculated to place every one on his good behavior. Without any pendency or affectation, he enforces upon all the conviction that they are in the presence of a gentleman. For many years he has been a warden of Christ Episcopal Church, in Janesville, and, as an evidence of the estimation in which he is held in the diocese, it may be mentioned that Bishop Kemper appointed him a member of a committee of three on "Church Literature" for the Diocese of Wisconsin. In political affairs he has always adhered to the Democratic party. Early in 1889 he was appointed, by President Cleveland, as a member of the commission to treat with the Chippewa Indians for the sale of their reservations at White Earth, Red Lake, Leech Lake, Fond du Lac and Vermilion Lake, in Minnesota, to the government. This was an undertaking attended with no small difficulties, on account of the suspicions of the Indians, who had been frequently defrauded by dishonest traders and agents of the government. The great heart of Dr. Whiting went out to those oppressed people, in whom he found human souls, and he soon won their confidence, materially aiding in securing their assent to the government's plans.

Dr. Whiting is now assisted in his practice by his son, Joseph B. Whiting, Jr., who is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago (1887). His other children are Frances Hungerford, now wife of Edward Eugene Spalding; and Mary Louise, wife of John Kelly.

MORGAN J. AKIN, a well-to-do retired farmer of Rock county, Wis., has a home at No. 53 Ruger avenue, Janesville, which he has fitted up with all the appliances that conduce

to the comfort and peace of modern life. He has led a long and honorable career, has worked and saved, played a man's part in the great struggle for success, and now that the shadows are lengthening down the vale he has a right to a few restful years.

Mr. Akin was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., Nov. 10, 1836, a son of Edward and Adeline (Morgan) Akin, both natives of that State. They had three sons and six daughters, and the following children are now living: Lucy Ann, wife of O. L. West, of Johnstown, Wis.; Morgan J.; Levanjah, wife of A. E. Wilcox, of Harmony township, Rock county; William F., of Whitewater, Wis.; and Emily W., widow of John Hicks, of Janesville. Edward Akin, who was a farmer, came to Wisconsin in October, 1843. He spent two years in Janesville, to give his children the privilege of the schools, and then bought 120 acres of government land, which he converted into a productive farm, and made his home there until his death, which occurred in 1877. He was seventy-four years and eleven months old, and his wife survived him one year, also reaching the age of seventy-four. They were both Universalists in their religious faith, and were people of fine character and habits. Ira Akin, his father, was born in New York, of Scotch-Irish descent. His father owned slaves, and he was his father's overseer; the slaves were freed by the State when New York blotted that shame from her statutes. Ira Akin grew to manhood, married in New York, and reared a family of six children. When his wife died he broke up his home and journeyed West to Sandusky, Ohio, where he made a new beginning, married again, and died in middle life. Jacob Morgan, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Connecticut, and moved to Cayuga county, N. Y., where his younger children were born, and where he died, at the age of eighty-seven. He was a farmer, and was eighteen years old when the war of the Revolution closed. In that war his father was a soldier, and his maternal grandfather a colonel of militia.

Morgan J. Akin was not quite seven years old when his parents came to Wisconsin and here he grew to manhood, and has lived to the present time, always following the occupation of a farmer. When he became of age, in company with J. E. Gleason, he bought eighty

acres of land in LaPrairie township, Rock county, each buying forty acres. Some years later he sold his land to Mr. Gleason, but the original forty had grown to 120 acres. Having closed up this deal very successfully, Mr. Akin bought a tract of land comprising 240 acres in Harmony township, which under his careful tillage became a model farm, and continued to be his home until 1896. That year he sold one-half of it, putting the other half into the charge of his son Frank (who has proved himself a very capable farmer), and moved into Janesville to spend his last years quietly and peacefully. He owns a fine residence property, and is very nicely "fixed."

Mr. Akin and Miss Martha White, a daughter of Aaron and Bracey White, were married May 4, 1859. They had three sons and five daughters: Sybil Ann, Reno C., Elsie E., Lettie W., Clifford M., Ida H., Lois M., and George N. Sybil Ann married Walter Wilber, and lives in Harmony township; two children have been born to them, Ethel and Eleanor. Reno C. married Christina Corbin, and lives in Helena, Mont. Elsie E. is first matron in the Illinois Training School for Nurses at Chicago. Lettie W. is unmarried, and lives in Dane county. Clifford married Miss Ida Edden, and lives in Rock township. Ida, Lois and George are still single. Ida is at home, Lois is a stenographer in Chicago. George was a soldier, serving in the Philippines, and now makes his home in southern California. Mrs. Martha Akin, the first wife of our subject, died Feb. 6, 1872, at the age of thirty-six years. Mr. Akin married Miss Eliza Gallup, a daughter of Gideon and Maria (Wagner) Gallup, March 30, 1876, and they have two children, Frank W. and Lucy M. Frank married Elizabeth Driscoll, and is in charge of the home farm; they have one child, Morgan J. Lucy M. is a teacher, and lives at home. Mr. Akin belongs to the A. O. U. W. Politically he is a Republican, cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, and has never missed voting since. He was supervisor of the town of Harmony six years, chairman of the town board two years, town treasurer one year, clerk of the school district fifteen years, and has always been an active and public-spirited man.

The parents of Mrs. Eliza Akin were natives of New York, where they were married. They had a family of four sons and two daughters.

ters, and three of their children are now living: Andrew, of Sharon, Wis.; Henry, of Janesville; and Mrs. Akin. The father was a capable carpenter. He came to Wisconsin in the early 'fifties, and located at Johnstown, where he followed his trade for some time, later moving to Mauston, where the family lived seventeen years. At the expiration of that period they came back to the southern part of the State, and settled at Richmond, Walworth county. There Mrs. Gallup died in the fall of 1875, at the age of seventy-two. Her husband then broke up his home, and went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Akin. He died under her roof in 1894, at the age of eighty-eight. He was a man of much intelligence, a great reader, and a fine historian. His father, Gideon Gallup, was born in Connecticut, and came from Scotch-Irish ancestry. His emigrant ancestor, John Gallup, came to America in 1630, with two of his brothers, in company with their cousin Humphrey, from Plymouth, England, in the ship "Mary and John." They left England March 20, and arrived at Hull, Mass., May 30. Mrs. Akin's maternal grandfather, Henry Wagner, came to this country and settled at Rome, N. Y., where he died while still a young man, leaving two daughters and one son.

**JACOB OSCAR VAN GALDER**, now retired from active business life, and living at No. 105 Sharon street, Janesville, Rock county, was born in Genesee county, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1834, a son of Jacob and Rhoda (Wilson) Van Galder, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. They had eleven children, of whom our subject is the only one now living.

Jacob Van Galder began his business career working by the month in New York, and later became a manufacturer of potash. In 1839 he moved to Montville, Medina Co., Ohio, where he continued the potash business, and did coopering and other things as opportunity came to him. Some twelve years later he moved into Michigan, and lived first at Coldwater and afterward at Hillsdale. About 1850 he came to Wisconsin, and located in La Prairie township, Rock county, where he bought 400 acres of land, converted it into a farm, and died there some eight years later, at the age of sixty. He served for a time in the war of 1812. He was always industrious and thrifty, and became quite wealthy. His father, Jacob

Van Galder, was a descendant of one of four brothers who came to America in the days of the Puritans. He was in the French and Revolutionary wars, and was a great hunter. He was a pioneer in western New York, and lived to be nearly one hundred years of age, spending his last days at Montville, Ohio. The maternal grandfather of the gentleman whose name begins this sketch was a native of New York, and died in middle life. He was a farmer, a prominent man, and was known in his neighborhood as "Judge" Wilson.

Jacob O. Van Galder spent his boyhood and youth in Ohio and Michigan. He helped his father clear several hundred acres of land, learned the cooper's trade from him, and followed that trade a number of years. He came to Rock county with his parents in about 1849 or 1850, and continued working with his father until the latter's death. Our subject's education, begun in Ohio, was continued in Michigan, and was finished in Rock county. He farmed in that county two years after the death of his father, and then went to Iowa, locating at Charles City, where he engaged in teaming and threshing for three years. He came back to Rock county to let his brother Foster go to the war. He farmed in La Prairie township for a time, and then moved to Magnolia, living there four years. Then he came into Janesville, bought his present home property, and has lived here ever since. He has been a hard-working and upright man, and is much respected by all who know him.

Mr. Van Galder and Miss Arlina Cronk, a daughter of Blanner H. and Nancy (Robinson) Cronk, were married Sept. 15, 1868. They have had four children, Edith May, Fannie, Aurilla and Oscar Burr. Edith May is unmarried. Fannie married Thomas Chrisman, and lives on a farm in the town of La Prairie; they have one daughter, Helen Aurilla. Aurilla married William James, and they have one son; they live in Elgin, Illinois. Oscar Burr is unmarried, and lives at home. Mr. Van Galder is a Republican.

Mrs. Van Galder's people came from New York and settled in the town of Magnolia, Rock county, about 1852. Her father died in 1893, when eighty-three years old, and her mother in 1873, at the age of sixty-eight. Their family consisted of twelve children. They were farming people all their lives. Abraham Cronk, the paternal grandfather of

Mrs. Van Galder, was a native of New York, and a soldier in the war of 1812. He died in Rock county, at the age of eighty-four. Samuel Robinson, her maternal grandfather, was a native of Maine, and lived to old age.

LUTHER WILLIAM KENDALL, a retired business man of Beloit, Rock county, now passing his last years in well-earned repose. has a handsome and commodious residence at No. 540 Bluff street, in the college city, where he entertains his friends and takes the comfort that belongs to him after an earnest and active life.

Mr. Kendall was born in the town of Leon, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., March 29, 1835, son of William and Dorathy (Van Auker) Kendall, both natives of the State of New York. The Kendall family is of English origin, and its history in this country begins with the arrival of three brothers of that name from England, about 1710. They located near Boston, married, and after a time separated, and their descendants are to be found scattered throughout New England. John Kendall, a son of one of the three brothers, was born in 1725, in Connecticut. His son, David Kendall, grandfather of our subject, was born Nov. 17, 1754, in Connecticut, and died about 1838, in the town of Leon, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. He served in the war of 1812, and had sons who served the Union during the war of the Rebellion. By occupation he was a farmer, and he was an upright and hard-working man. He married Sally Eustace, and their family consisted of ten sons, the three eldest born before their removal to New York—Samuel, Feb. 10, 1786; James, Aug. 9, 1788; David, Jan. 22, 1791. On June 1, 1793, the family started for what was then the West, and John was born June 30, 1793, in New York. On Nov. 1, 1793, they set out for Milford, Otsego Co., N. Y., where they arrived Nov. 6, and settled, and where were born: Seth, Nov. 22, 1794; William, Oct. 8, 1796; Amos, April 23, 1799; Stephen, Feb. 23, 1801; Lemuel, Feb. 28, 1803; Luther, Sept. 14, 1805. Samuel engaged in farming and preaching in western New York; he died Feb. 24, 1859, in Avoca, Wis. James, a cooper by trade, died May 4, 1845, in Michigan. David, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, died March 26, 1865, at Avoca, Wis. John, a physician in New York and Ohio, died in the latter State June 2, 1873. Seth died

March 11, 1833. Amos, a farmer and wagon-maker, died about 1890, in Minnesota. Stephen, a blacksmith and gunsmith, died May 5, 1858, in Ellicottville, N. Y., unmarried. Lemuel died March 19, 1843, in Pennsylvania. Luther died in Springville, Wis., about 1892.

William Kendall was a farmer and dairyman, removed to Pulaski, Iowa Co., Wis., in 1854, and carried on his farming and dairy operations in this State very successfully. After a number of years he gave up active labor, and went to Michigan to live, and in 1873 came to Beloit to make his home. Here he lived until his death, in 1885, at the age of eighty-nine years. His wife's death occurred five days prior to his, when she was eighty-one years old. They were members of that branch of the Christian Church which is known as the Christian Connection, and were highly spoken of by all who knew them. William Kendall enlisted in the war of 1812, but saw no actual service. While in New York he was postmaster for fifteen years, and held the office of justice of the peace twenty years; was one of five road commissioners, and assisted in laying out some of the most important roads in Cattaraugus county. A daughter, by his first marriage, Mary A., Mrs. Boyle, died Jan. 3, 1894, at Beloit. To Mr. Kendall's marriage with Dorathy Van Auker were born five children, four sons and one daughter, Luther William being the only one of the family now living. The Van Aukers were natives of New York, of Holland ancestry. Grandfather Van Auker was a farmer, and died in middle life. He married a German woman, who could not understand his Dutch, nor could he understand her German; so, perforce, they had to converse with each other in English. They had at least four children.

Luther William Kendall grew to manhood in Cattaraugus county, and the greater part of his boyhood and early manhood was spent on the paternal farm. He attended the district school and the academy, and prepared for an active business life. His father owned three farms at one time, and had three sawmills in operation, and the young man lived mostly at home until he married, and the time came for him to set up another roof tree. When he was nineteen years old Luther William accompanied his parents on their migration into Wisconsin, and this State has been his home ever since, with the exception of about a year

and a half spent in Minnesota, and about the same period in Michigan.

Mr. Kendall and Miss Nancy Preston, a daughter of William and Margaret (Becker) Preston, were married March 22, 1855, and they have had four children, William H., Alelia, Albert and Flora. William H. (now deceased) married Miss Mabel Walker, and had two children, Edith F. and George; the latter died when small. Alelia died in Michigan, when two or three years old, and Albert died in Beloit, when about seven years of age. Flora is the widow of Wesley Love, and lives in Beloit; she has one living child, Mildred. Mr. Kendall belongs to Morning Star Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M., and to Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F. He is a Republican, and takes pride in the fact that he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and has voted a straight ticket ever since.

After his marriage Mr. Kendall came to Beloit and acted as State agent for a fire insurance company. He was instrumental in organizing the Home Insurance Co. of St. Paul, and spent a year and a half in Minnesota engaged in working up a business for that concern. After a year and a half he sold out his interest in the company, and moved to Calhoun county, Mich., opening a general store at Ceresco. He did not feel entirely satisfied in that business, and, having a good offer, sold out after eighteen months and returned to Beloit, and has lived here ever since. For some years Mr. Kendall and Thomas Purves were associated in the cigar business, employing between twenty-five and thirty hands. About 1878 the partnership was dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Kendall and his son William continuing the business together until the death of the son moved our subject to give it up entirely. Mr. Kendall was then insurance adjuster for nearly three years, but, feeling the touch of advancing age, concluded to give up active business and take his ease for such farther period of life as should be his. Mr. Kendall has filled many important local offices, and has been generally recognized as one of the leading citizens of the place. He has been a member of the city council nine years, for five years has been on the county board, and for the past five years has been county supervisor from the Fourth ward of Beloit. His home on Bluff street is thoroughly modern, and a handsome residence. He owns a number

of dwelling houses in the city which he rents, and two summer cottages on First Lake, near Stoughton, in Dane county, where he and his friends are accustomed to spend delightful days in midsummer.

ADAM THORBURN, a retired farmer and scientist of Janesville, Rock county, is one of the wealthy and prominent residents of that city, who, having spent their earlier years in hard work, are now enjoying their declining days, removed from the wear and tear of active business life.

Adam Thorburn was born in Bovina, Delaware Co., N. Y., Dec. 11, 1837, a son of George and Margaret (Glendenning) Thorburn, natives of Scotland. The paternal grandfather of our subject, also named Adam, was a native of Scotland, born in 1765, and came to America in 1818 with his wife, Jennette Patterson, of Scotland, and four sons and four daughters, settling in Delaware county, N. Y., where he died, aged about seventy-two. While a resident of Scotland Mr. Thorburn was a mail carrier, carrying both mail and government bank notes, but after coming to this country he became a farmer. The maternal grandfather, James Glendenning, also a native of Scotland, came to America in 1827, locating in Delaware county, N. Y. Later, in 1850, he migrated to Wisconsin, settling in Center, Rock county, where he followed farming for a year, when he died, aged about seventy. James Glendenning married Jennett Hysleph, and six daughters and one son were born to this union. Mr. Glendenning's father married a sister of Patrick Henry.

George Thorburn, the father of our subject, who was a farmer by occupation, came to America in 1818, settling in Delaware county, N. Y., and in 1854 migrating to Janesville, Rock county, where he bought a farm of 280 acres. Here he resided until his death, which occurred in 1882, when he was aged seventy-seven, his wife having passed away in the spring of 1851, aged thirty-seven. Both of these worthy people were Presbyterians in religious faith. While in New York State George Thorburn was a member of the State militia. Thirteen children were born of their marriage, four sons and nine daughters, two of the latter now living: Jeanette, widow of James Brown, of Janesville; and Belle, wife of

Alexander Atchinson, of Spring Brook, Oregon.

Adam Thorburn lived in Delaware county, N. Y., until he was ten years old, when his father removed to Red Hook, Dutchess county, N. Y., where they remained until 1854, when the family removed to Wisconsin. All of his education was obtained in the district schools, he working during the summer upon his father's farm, and remaining thereon until he was twenty-three, though he also worked for others. At that time he and his brother James purchased the homestead; later Adam bought out his brother, and cultivated the farm himself until 1897, when he removed to his present pleasant home at No. 207 Pearl street, Janesville, and rented the farm. This property now contains 240 acres, although at one time it consisted of 280, but Mr. Thorburn sold forty acres of timber, reducing it to its present proportions. In addition he possesses considerable property in Janesville, including his residence.

On September 21, 1881, Adam Thorburn married Mrs. Hannah Ellis, widow of Arthur Ellis, and daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Ragg) Grundy, and there were two children born to them, Mary E. and Hannah K. On March 24, 1897, Mrs. Thorburn died, aged fifty years, and her untimely demise was deeply lamented.

Politically Mr. Thorburn is a Republican, and is very highly esteemed by all who know him. Having always taken an interest in science, of late years Mr. Thorburn has devoted himself to taxidermy, and has a number of very fine specimens of his skill at his home.

**JOHN E. GLEASON.** The pioneers of Wisconsin were a sturdy race of men, descendants of early settlers in the Eastern States. Some came West in their youth, their only capital consisting of active brain, strong muscle and a cheery willingness to attain independence through the avenue of hard labor. The subject of this review is a fine specimen of the self-made and prosperous farmer of Rock county, in which he has resided since 1856. He was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1836, son of William and Polly (Smith) Gleason.

Jacob Gleason, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts, of English ancestry, migrated to Chautauqua

county, N. Y., and there died at about the age of eighty years. He was a trader by occupation. He married Mehitabel Hudson, and had a family of seven daughters and one son.

Daniel Smith, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was also a native of Massachusetts, but of Dutch descent. He was likewise a trader, and lived to the age of ninety-seven years. He had two sons, John and Daniel, and three daughters, all of whom lived in Massachusetts.

William Gleason, our subject's father, was born March 11, 1799, in Massachusetts, and was a stone-mason by trade. He migrated to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and there died at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, who was born July 20, 1799, died at the age of sixty-eight years. She was a Methodist in religious faith, while her husband was a Universalist. To their union were born eleven children, six sons and five daughters, of whom six are now living, namely: Betsey, widow of Philo Green, of Erie, Penn.; Matilda, wife of O. C. Moon, of Sharon, Wis.; Charles S., of near Jackson, Mich.; John E., our subject; George H., of Cassadaga, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; and Daniel L., of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

John E. Gleason, our subject, was reared in Chautauqua county, where he attended the common schools. At the age of twenty years he came West to seek his fortune in the new country, and reached Janesville, Rock Co., Wis., March 24, 1856. He began his career as a farm laborer in Harmony township, and worked by the month for three years. Then, in 1859, he bought forty acres of land in the town of La Prairie. With this beginning he has acquired a splendid property of 200 acres, located in Sections 15 and 16, La Prairie township, his home being in Section 16. Mr. Gleason has brought all this property to a high state of cultivation. He has erected a fine residence, good barns, and other buildings, and ranks as one of the most successful and progressive farmers of the township.

On Feb. 29, 1860, Mr. Gleason married Miss Achsah A. Goodson, daughter of William and Esther (Cook) Goodson, English farming people who migrated with their large family to America, locating first in Madison county, N. Y., and in 1856 coming to Wisconsin, where they arrived March 24. For a year he lived in Jefferson county, then moved



to Rock county, where he died in 1875, aged eighty-eight years, surviving his wife a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. Gleason were born five children: (1) Livona C., a teacher, lives with her father. (2) Urban E., who married Elizabeth Benedict, is a farmer, and lives in Section 15, La Prairie township. They have two sons, Ray and Jay. (3) Ruby L., a teacher, is now teaching at Shopiere. (4) Nellie, who married Edward H. Paul, of Janesville, has five children, Ora, Stanley, Clayton, Norman and Kennith. (5) William E. lives at home with his father. Mrs. Achsah A. Gleason died June 30, 1898, aged fifty-six years.

Politically Mr. Gleason is a Republican. He is chairman of the town board of supervisors, in which office he is now serving his sixth year; for many years he has served as school director and also as school treasurer and clerk; and has been eight years president of the Rock County Agricultural Society. Fraternally Mr. Gleason is a member of Janesville Lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M. He is not only one of the old settlers of La Prairie township, but one of its most prominent and influential citizens, intimately associated with its official history, and zealous in the promotion and preservation of all good measures for the public welfare.

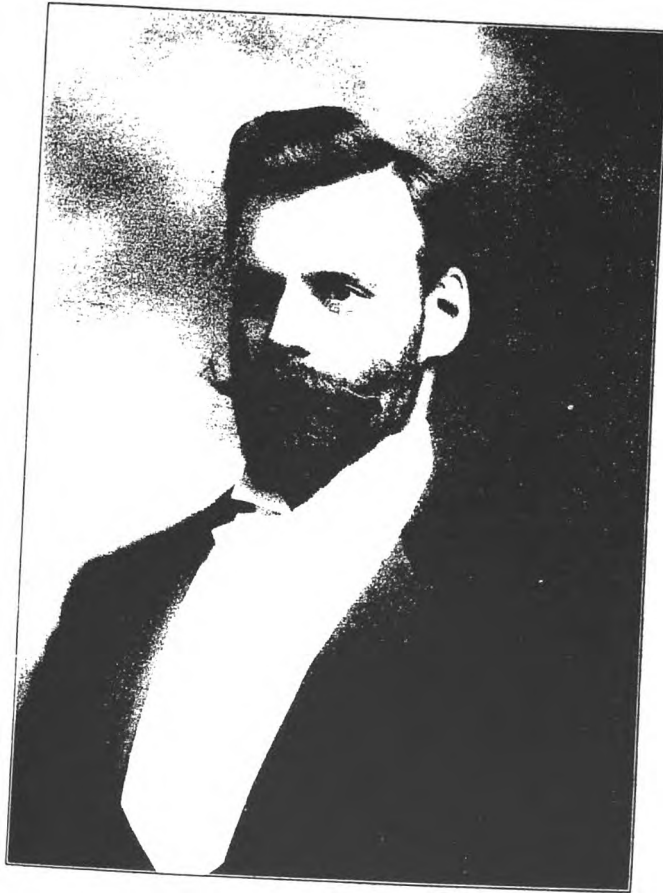
JOSEPH B. WHITING, M. D., JR., is one of the younger physicians and surgeons of the city of Janesville, Rock county, whose youth is far more than atoned for by his profound medical acquirements, and his conceded scientific spirit. He is devoted to the "healing art," and the cure of the sick is the noblest mission that can absorb the enthusiasm of a high soul. Dr. Whiting has come to the practice of his great profession prepared by a thorough training in those centers where medical study has become a passion, and those who come under his ministrations feel that they are getting the best that the medical skill of the present day affords.

Dr. Whiting, Jr., was born in Janesville Oct. 23, 1865, and is a son of Dr. Joseph B. Whiting, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. He grew to manhood under his father's roof, and inherited a love of medicine from his father, who has been a tower of strength in a host of homes in this community. Young Joseph attended the public

schools and Milton College, Wisconsin, and from an early age expected to become a physician. He studied for his profession at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Medical Department of the State University, Chicago, and was graduated from that institution in 1887. His abilities were such that he was selected by Dr. Nicholas Senn as an interne in his private hospital, and spent one year under the eye of that eminent surgeon. At the expiration of that time he returned to Janesville, and entered upon the practice of his profession in the place of his nativity. Many friends watched his career with interest, and were glad to welcome him home. Dr. Whiting, Jr., makes his home with his parents. He is independent in political relations. He has been a member of the National Guard, and for seventeen years has served the State as an efficient member of this valuable organization, being at the present time major and surgeon of the 1st Regiment. When the Spanish-American war broke out he accompanied the 1st to Cuba, and spent fourteen months in the United States service, half a year in Cuba. Much of his time was spent in Jacksonville, Fla., and when peace returned he came back to Janesville and resumed the practice of his profession. For twelve years he has held the position of local surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co., and is reputed one of the most efficient members of the surgical staff of that great corporation.

TRUMAN T. LEE, a retired farmer of Evansville, Rock county, has had a long and useful life. He has kept close to the soil, and by its tillage has made a living for his active years, and has accumulated a handsome competence for his old age. He is much respected for his upright character and his generous disposition.

Mr. Lee was born in Oswego county, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1827, and is a son of Thomas and Lucinda (Wagh) Lee, both native to the soil of New York. They had six sons and one daughter, and five of their children are now living: Truman T., of Evansville; John P., of White Fox, Ohio; George F., of Magnolia, Wis.; Squire Norman, of Lorain county, Ohio; and Andrew P., of the same county. The father was a canal contractor in his early life, and in later years became a farmer. In



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1833 he moved to Lorain county, Ohio, where he bought a farm of ninety acres, increasing same by subsequent purchases until he owned a farm of 140 acres. There he reared his family, and there he died in 1877, at the age of seventy-eight years. His widow survived many years, and died Feb. 5, 1894, at the age of eighty-two; she was born in 1811. Both were members of the Regular Baptist Church. He was a man of prominence, and was called upon to fill various town offices in his active years. Thomas Lee, his father, was a native of Herkimer county, N. Y., of English descent, and lived to be old. He reared a large family. The maternal grandfather of Truman T. Lee, a native of New York, died in middle life. He had a family of two sons and one daughter.

Truman T. Lee was reared in Ohio, five miles west of Oberlin, spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof until grown, and attended the district school. When he assumed the burden of his own support he worked out for wages, and carefully saved his earnings until he was able to buy a fifty-five-acre farm in Lorain county. This place he almost cleared of the native growth of timber, and then rented it, that he might make a protracted visit to Illinois and Wisconsin. He returned to his farm, and was engaged in its tillage for six years. In 1864 he came to Rock county, Wis., and here purchased a farm of 127½ acres in Porter township. Later he bought land to make this an even quarter-section, and here he lived until 1878, when he rented his farm and moved into Evansville, that he might spend the rest of his days in the enjoyment of the comforts which in a hard and industrious life he had richly earned. He has sold his farm, and owns a fine home in the city. For some two years he was engaged in the grocery business. He opened a bakery, but on account of failing health was compelled to dispose of it, and live a retired life. He owns a number of town lots, and takes a commendable interest in public affairs.

On Aug. 25, 1850, Truman T. Lee and Miss Julia A. Low, daughter of Henry Smith and Rachel (Baldwin) Low, were united in marriage. They became the parents of one son and two daughters, Smith T., Corris Lilly and Mary Lucinda. Smith died when he was two years old. Corris Lilly married Shasta E. Barnard, and is the mother of two children, Fred (deceased) and Orland K. Mary Lucinda married Guy Barnard, a cousin of her

brother-in-law, and they have three living children, Lee Wayne, Mabel and Lloyd; one is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lee hold to the Baptist faith. He is a Republican, has served as supervisor, and was school director while living in the country. He has lived in Rock county over thirty-six years, and has a host of friends.

Mrs. Lee's father was born in Massachusetts, and her mother in New Jersey. They were farming people, and were the parents of seven children, of whom only two are now living, Lyman W., of Albion, Ill., where he has practiced medicine over forty years; and Mrs. Julia A. Lee. The father died in 1852, at the age of seventy-two, the mother died in 1848, at the age of sixty-seven. They were both Baptists. Mrs. Lee's paternal grandfather, Samuel Low, died at Plattsburg, N. Y., during the war of 1812. Her maternal grandfather was Levi Baldwin.

T. L. EDWARDS, M. D., one of the rising young physicians of Cuba City, Grant county, who has built up a promising practice, and is destined to be numbered among the leading representatives of the medical profession in Wisconsin, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in March, 1865, a son of T. J. and Margaret (Thomas) Edwards, natives of South Wales.

These worthy people came when young to America, where they were married, and settled in Ohio. The father worked as a mate on an Ohio river steamer for a number of years, and then purchased a farm in Van Wert county, that State, where he lived until his death, in 1872. The good mother survived until 1892; both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, leading Christian lives. From the time he cast his first vote Mr. Edwards adhered to the principles of the Republican party. To himself and wife were born: John, well educated in several schools and colleges in Ohio, is now principal of the Venedocia (Ohio) schools; he married Miss Mary A. Jones, of Ohio, but has no family. David H., now a resident of Venedocia, where he is the leading political factor, serving as county commissioner, notary public, etc., is in the real-estate business; he married Mary D. Jones, and has five children. Sarah, now wife of D. J. Evans, resides in Venedocia, where Mr. Evans conducts a harness establishment, and is postmaster; they have two children. Margaret

died when fifteen. R. F. first studied theology, and later entered the ministry, being ordained in 1897, and sent to Canton, China, by the Presbyterian Church, from his native State, Ohio; he married Miss Eunice Edwards, of Cincinnati, a college graduate, who accompanied her husband to China; they have no family.

Our subject received his preliminary education in the schools of Ada, Ohio, and the Indiana Normal School, in 1890 entering Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1894. In June, of the same year, he came West, locating at Cuba City, where he has built up a large practice, and been very successful with his cases.

In January, 1900, Dr. Edwards married Miss Anna R. Hogan, of Cuba City, a daughter of Denis and Annie Hogan, old pioneers of this locality, where Mrs. Edwards was born and reared. Politically Dr. Edwards has inherited his views, being as ardent a Republican as his father before him. Dr. Edwards is an active member of the Masonic fraternity at Georgetown, where he is very popular. From earliest childhood he has been brought up in the Presbyterian faith, and shows in his upright life the effects of early teachings.

THOMAS LAPPIN, deceased. This name will be readily recognized by any one familiar with the history of the city of Janesville, Rock county, as that of a gentleman long known as one of the ablest business men and most upright citizens of that place. Thomas Lappin was born in County Meath, Ireland, May 12, 1812, son of William and Ann (Walsh) Lappin; his father was an only son, and his mother an only daughter. They had a family of three sons and one daughter. Our subject's father was a farmer, and emigrated to the United States many years ago, settling first in New York, and afterward in Michigan, near Detroit. He lived some years in that city, and died in Chicago, when on his way to visit his son, Thomas, then living in Wisconsin, when over eighty years of age.

Thomas Lappin was but a small boy when his parents brought him to this country. At Detroit he grew to manhood and learned the printer's trade, which he followed some years in the metropolis of Michigan. He came West to Janesville, Wis., some time in the early thirties, and engaged in general merchandis-

ing, being the first merchant of Janesville. He was in business for many years in that city. Retiring for a time from the store, he spent a few years on the farm; his health returning he came back to the city, and built what has been known for some years as the Apollo block. Having sold his farm, he put up the Lappin block, on the southwest corner of Main and Milwaukee streets, which building is now owned by the Hayes Brothers, and is regarded as one of the finest office buildings of the city. For some years our subject derived a very handsome rental from these buildings.

When Mr. Lappin came to Janesville he boarded at the old "Stevens Hotel," now known as the "Myers House," where he made the acquaintance of the lady who afterward became his wife, Miss Mary Jane Jackman, daughter of Timothy and Esther (Cooper) Jackman. They were married Nov. 2, 1847. Mrs. Lappin's parents were among the very early settlers of Janesville, and her father was one of the most prominent men of the city. Four daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lappin, Emma Amelia, Ella Josephine, Mary Esther and Harriet Maria. Emma Amelia married Edwin F. Carpenter, who is an attorney in Janesville; they have two sons, Edward Lappin and Henry. Ella Josephine married Henry Doty, a manufacturer in Janesville, and became the mother of one child, that lived one year, she dying at its birth, in 1873; Mr. Doty afterward married his sister-in-law, Mary Esther, and to them were born two children, Lawrence Lappin and Harriet Mildred. He died in 1894. Harriet Maria married E. M. Hyzer, a lawyer in Milwaukee.

Thomas Lappin died March 29, 1891, aged seventy-nine years, leaving behind him the record of a noble and useful life. In religious faith he was a Roman Catholic; his widow is an Episcopalian. He would not take public office, though he was a Republican, and took a strong interest in the welfare of his city and State. His manners were quiet and perhaps reserved, but he was cordial towards his friends, and popular with all. At his death a friend wrote as follows concerning him:

"Among those foremost in contributing to the prosperity of Janesville was the venerable gentleman whose death all Janesville mourns to-day. He was born of Irish parents in County Meath, Ireland, May 12, 1812. Mr.

Lappin early emigrated to this country, and while yet a lad we find him in the office of a newspaper in Detroit. After gaining a fair knowledge of the 'art preservative,' his inclinations drew him westward, and about the month of Dec., 1838, he landed in Janesville, which at that period of time was an almost unbroken wilderness. In June, 1839, he and Mr. Lindsley Ward, who died in Milwaukee a number of years ago, opened a store in a frame building fourteen feet square and a story and a half high, on the present site of Bennett's block, on Main street. The stock was invoiced at three hundred and fifty dollars, and comprised such articles as are to be found in the country store of the present day. The partnership was dissolved after a few months' duration, and in 1840 Mr. Lappin rented of Volney Atwood a small frame building and opened a regular store. He was the pioneer merchant of the town. It was said in print years ago that 'another formidable enterprise for these early times was the erection of a frame building by him on the corner where his large blocks now stand—a monument of his industry and enterprise. By personal labor and industry he so far completed a portion of his building as to call it a store, and then we find him returning from Chicago with a stock of dry goods, groceries and hardware, all paid for and costing him one hundred and twenty-five dollars.'

"Mr. Lappin bought some sugar and molasses in Galena, Ill., at an expense of fifty dollars for transportation, and then walked to Chicago to buy his dry goods. When he had made his purchases, and the goods were invoiced, it was found that he had exceeded his money by fifteen dollars, and the house refused to trust him for that amount.

"These were the days when John P. Dixon, Henry F. Janes, Judge William Holmes, Charles Stevens, Luke Stoughton, Dr. Guy Stoughton, John Langdon Kimball and Gen. Sheldon were the principal citizens of this burgh. The frame building occupied by Ward & Lappin, the frame dwelling owned by John P. Plummer, and Janes' log tavern were the only buildings on the west side of Main street. On the east side there were the stage house, a little frame house occupied by Janes, a frame on the site of Fredendall's block, and another frame on the courthouse square. The residence of Judge Holmes was the only frame building on the west side of the river. In

1841 D. A. Richardson opened a store a few feet north of Mr. Lappin's establishment, and early in 1842 Mr. Lappin built a two-story frame store on the present site of Lappin's block, and took in as partner Mr. W. H. H. Bailey, and remained in business several years. In July of that year Janesville contained two stores, ten dwellings, two taverns, and between seventy and eighty inhabitants. Later on Mr. Lappin erected a large and slightly block, which is one of the most substantial and stately business blocks in the city, and forms one of the four corners which are the pride of our citizens and the admiration of the stranger within our gates.

"Mr. Lappin was a man honest as the day is long. He always had a pleasant word and a kindly greeting for everybody. He would scorn to do an unkind act, and was often spoken of by young and old, rich and poor, as one of God's noblemen."

Mrs. Thomas Lappin still lives in the beautiful home at No. 252 Park Place, which she graces and beautifies by a sunny disposition, a cordial welcome to a mighty host of friends, and an exemplary and cheery life that knows not how to grow old; for although now in her seventy-second year she seems many years younger, and her faculties are unimpaired.

ERNEST C. HELM, M. D., of the firm of A. C. & E. C. Helm, physicians and surgeons, of Beloit, Rock county, has won a high standing in his chosen profession, and is regarded as one of the leading representatives of his calling in the southern part of the State.

Dr. Helm was born in Beloit May 1, 1855, and is a son of Woodhull and Mary A. (Clark) Helm, whose family history is quite fully narrated in the sketch of Dr. Arthur C. Helm elsewhere in this volume. Woodhull Helm moved to Illinois with his parents when a boy, and settled with them at Pine Creek, where he lived a number of years. When a young man he learned the trade of plough-making, and followed that business for several years at Byron, Ill. He had intended to enter college at Beloit, when his father's death changed all his plans and drove him into business. In 1849 Mr. Helm and Miss Mary A. Clark, daughter of Elijah and Sybil (Green) Clark, were married in Beloit. Rev. Alfred Eddy being the officiating minister. He was an old friend of the family, and the wedding was the

first to be celebrated in the First Presbyterian church of Beloit. Mrs. Helm had come West some two or three years before with her brother, Dr. Elijah N. Clark, intending to make her home in this city. A few days after her arrival, however, she was visited by Mrs. Dr. Bradley, of Byron, formerly her favorite teacher in the East, who asked her assistance in a select school at Byron, both as a teacher and an inmate of her home. This offer she gladly accepted on account of the strong friendship that had existed between them. There she became acquainted with Mr. Helm, and in due time the acquaintance ripened into love, and they were married. A little later Mr. and Mrs. Helm moved to Beloit, where he continued plough-making. About 1852 he went to California and operated a sawmill for two years at Nevada City. By that time he had enough of the "golden West," and returned to Beloit. In 1855 Mr. Helm moved himself and family to Indiantown, Iowa, where he was engaged in running a sawmill, and combined with it a gristmill. It was a cold, wet year, and Mr. Helm contracted diseases by which his health was seriously undermined. To recover it he journeyed to California a second time, and while there wrote valuable articles for mining and other journals. He was sick while doing this work, but he had a sunny spirit, and his presence cheered all with whom he came in contact. From California Mr. Helm was sent to New York by a mining company to look after their interests. When he had accomplished their work he went to Cabarrus county, N. C., to engage in gold mining, taking his family with him. He was there two years, when illness drove him north to Rockford, Ill., where he died in the home of Dr. Lucius Clark ten days after his arrival, at the age of forty-five. He was a man of character and conviction. He served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Carson City, Nevada, and was county superintendent of schools in Tama county, Iowa.

Dr. Ernest C. Helm graduated from the Beaver Dam (Wis.) high school in 1874, took a special course in chemistry in the college at Beloit, and graduated from the Chicago Medical College in 1879. After he had received his diploma he won the position of house physician and surgeon of Mercy Hospital in competitive examination against a number of the brainiest young men of the city, who aspired

to this position for its rare opportunities. He practiced a year at Byron, Ill., and seven years in Chicago, and while in that city was one of the attending staff of the medical department of the South Side Dispensary. With his hard work and fine scholarship at the college, his year at Mercy Hospital and his seven years' service in connection with the Dispensary, Dr. Helm has had rare opportunities to acquire a thoroughly practical knowledge of his profession. In 1888 he came to Beloit to enter into a medical partnership with his brother, Dr. Arthur C., and the associations thus formed have proved in every way profitable and satisfactory.

Dr. Ernest C. Helm and Miss Elizabeth Hunnicutt, a daughter of John and Martha (Bundy) Hunnicutt, were married at Carthage, Ind., March 23, 1887, and they have three children, Olive, Berwyn and Ernestine. The Doctor and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Beloit and he is one of the elders of that body. He belongs to the Wisconsin State Medical Society and the Central Wisconsin Medical Society, and is deeply interested in everything that relates to the progress of the art to which he has given his life. He is a member of the Beloit school board, and politically is a Republican. Dr. Helm has a pleasant home at No. 740 Broad street, and both he and his brother are great lovers of out-of-door sports, and handy with the rifle, shot gun, fishing tackle, sailboats, etc., enjoying their kindred recreations. They have summer cottages at Lake Kegonska and the family are all good swimmers, even to the little girls.

ARTHUR C. HELM, M. D., of the medical firm of A. C. & E. C. Helm, physicians and surgeons, is one of the best known and most highly regarded practitioners of the healing art in the city of Beloit, Rock county. He is in the prime of life, commands a large and remunerative practice, and has a host of friends throughout the city and county.

Dr. Helm was born in Indiantown, Iowa, Oct. 23, 1857, and is a son of Woodhull and Mary A. (Clark) Helm, natives of New York and Amherst, Mass., respectively. They were the parents of five children, all sons—Dr. Ernest C., Dr. Arthur C., Dr. Walter B. and two who died in infancy. The father was a miller. He was gifted with a profound enthusiasm for scientific studies, and became an expert upon

all subjects relating to mining. He was a correspondent for mining publications in the West and Southeast, and traveled extensively in California, Nevada and North Carolina. While he was in the last-named State he was seized with a very severe illness. He came North, but he could not arrest the progress of the disease, and he died in Rockford, Ill., in 1870, at the age of forty-five years, two weeks after leaving North Carolina. His widow still survives, and makes her home with her son, Dr. E. C. Helm, in Beloit. She and her husband were Presbyterians. They were the first couple married in the First Presbyterian Church of Beloit. Mr. Helm was county superintendent of schools in Tama county, Iowa. He was always a Republican.

Woodhull Helm, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York. He was a man of unusually artistic temperament, fond of music, and had a reputation as a composer. He was twice married, was the father of a large family, and died when about sixty-seven years old. Elijah Clark, the father of Mary A., noted above, was a native of Massachusetts, and of English descent. He was a farmer, and in the early days moved to the western part of New York, where he died of fever when over fifty years old. He had seven sons and one daughter who grew to maturity.

Dr. Arthur C. Helm spent the first seven years of his life in his birthplace, and was then taken by his parents to Marshalltown, Iowa, where he lived two years. Two years he spent in Cabarrus county, N. C., and five years at Beaver Dam, Wis., where he entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. as telegraph operator, and spent six years of his life with that company. His longest service as an operator was made in Beloit, and there he formed associations and interests that largely determined his location there as a physician in after years. He attended the public schools of Beaver Dam and the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., and was graduated from the medical department of that institution with high honors in 1884, taking first prize for scholarship throughout the entire course. The same year he began practicing in Beloit, in partnership with Dr. H. B. Johnson. In 1887 the firm was dissolved, and Dr. Helm practiced alone until 1889, in which year he formed a partnership with his brother, Ernest C., who is a capable physician, and they

have continued together until the present time.

The wedding ceremonies of Dr. Arthur C. Helm and Miss Mary McMurdo, daughter of James and Ann (Reed) McMurdo, were celebrated Aug. 10, 1886, and four children have come to bless this union—Harold, Alice, Clara and Mary. The Doctor and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church, and he is associated with the Knights of Pythias. He is a student and an enthusiast in his profession. He belongs to the American Medical Association and to the Central Wisconsin Medical Association. Politically he is a Republican, and at present represents the First ward in the city council. He lives at No. 734 Broad street, and his home is the center of many social and friendly interests.

JOSEPH WILLIAM BATES, of Beloit, Rock county, is a prominent member of the legal profession, and has a reputation throughout the State of Wisconsin for conspicuous ability as a general practitioner of the law. He is thoroughly versed in the fundamental principles of his profession, and his judgment of the right and equity is unusually strong.

Mr. Bates was born in Janesville, Wis., July 14, 1852, a son of Allen C. and Sarah H. (Banks) Bates, natives of New York and Maine respectively. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are now living: Joseph William; Edwin Ellsworth, of Edgerton, Wis.; Ina L., of Des Moines, Iowa; George H., of Chicago; and Louise Helen, wife of Rev. E. L. Eaton, of Des Moines. The father, an attorney at law, came to Wisconsin in 1843, settled at Janesville, and engaged in the practice of law in that city until his death, in 1891, at the age of sixty-nine; he was born at Sacket's Harbor, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1822. His wife died Nov. 9, 1894, aged sixty-two years. Both were Methodists. Allen Cole Bates was about twenty-two years old when he came to Janesville, and from the first was a recognized leader in the community. Four years after his arrival he married Miss Sarah H. Banks, who proved a faithful and devoted wife. Mr. Bates was alderman of the Second ward for the first twenty-one years of the city's existence. He filled the office of justice of the peace many terms, and served on the county board before the incorporation of the city. He was a member of the State Legislature in



1862, 1863 and 1867. In 1859 he was admitted to the Rock County Bar, and proved himself a man of sound judgment in his long and brilliant career. He had a kindly greeting for his friends, and lent a helping hand to the poor. His funeral sermon was preached by his son-in-law, Rev. Dr. E. L. Eaton; the pall-bearers were Judge John R. Bennett, J. J. R. Pease, A. A. Jackson, E. F. Carpenter, Pliny Norcross, and L. F. Patten. Mr. Bates was a leading lawyer, and owned at one time the finest residence in the city. He built thirteen business blocks in Janesville, in whose progress he was extensively interested. His father, Orin Bates, a farmer, was a native of New York, and son of Caleb Bates, and died in his native State. He had a family of nine children. The history of the family runs back many generations in America, to the arrival of an ancestor from Holland, who settled in Dutchess county, N. Y. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Joseph Banks, was a native of Maine, and of English descent, being in the eighth generation from William Banks, who was a physician in Lincolnshire, England, and at one time a sheriff of the county. He had a son to whom he gave the name of Joseph, and this name was repeated in each of the eight following generations. Joseph Banks came to Wisconsin in 1847, and lived in Janesville, where he practiced medicine several years, also engaging in the same vocation in Winnebago county. He was the father of six children. His death occurred at Omro, Wis., when he was quite old. He was a Democrat.

Joseph William Bates spent his boyhood and youth in Janesville, and attended Lawrence University, at Appleton, Wis., three years, and the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., two years. He was admitted to the Bar Feb. 5, 1875, and practiced law at Janesville until 1890. On Jan. 6, 1890, he removed to Beloit, where he opened a law office and has followed the practice of his profession to the present time. He is a Republican, and exercises a wide influence in local affairs. Mr. Bates was elected judge advocate of the Janesville Guards at the organization of the company, and was commissioned judge advocate of the 1st Regiment at the time of its formation. He drafted the bill, and secured its passage, that changed the name of the Wisconsin State militia to the Wisconsin National Guard. This was done in the Legislature of

1878, when he was a clerk in the State Senate. Mr. Bates has held many important clerkships in the Senate and General Assembly of the State. He was assistant chief clerk of the Senate in 1883.

L. HOLDEN PARKER, now retired from business life, and living at No. 747 Parker avenue, Beloit, Rock county, has for years been one of the most influential and valuable citizens of that important Wisconsin town. He has always been active and aggressive in every enterprise that sought the public welfare, and some of the most important improvements of the past twenty-five years, that marked the passage of Beloit from a village condition to an urban life, have very largely been accomplished through his unceasing determination that the city should go on and fulfill its natural destiny.

Mr. Parker was born in Belvidere, Ill., Nov. 30, 1848, and is a son of Charles H. and Eleanor (Stone) Parker, natives of Massachusetts. He is their only child now living. Charles H. Parker was a manufacturer of cutlery in Concord, N. H., in his early manhood. He moved to Belvidere, Ill., in the spring of 1848, and took up a farmer's life for a time, taking charge of Dr. Stone's farm, near the city. In the spring of 1849 he footed it to Beloit, and secured work with Barker, Love & Co., in their reaper factory, receiving the munificent wages of a dollar a day. Every Saturday night he was accustomed to walk back to Belvidere, and return on the following Monday morning. In 1850 he moved his family to Beloit, where he resided until his death, in 1890. Charles H. Parker is remembered as one of the most important factors in the business development of Beloit that it has ever known. In 1852 he started in business with Gustavus Stone, in the manufacture of hoes, and they were together until 1878, under the firm name of Parker & Stone until 1874. That year they incorporated under the name of the Parker & Stone Reaper Co. They manufactured mowers, reapers, harvesters and binders until the fall of 1878, when they went out of business, and in 1879 the business passed into the hands of Mr. Parker's son, L. Holden Parker, and Fred A. Dennett, who formed the firm of Parker & Dennett. They moved the plant to Milwaukee in the summer of 1881, and were the first to manufacture harvesters and binders in that city, employing a large force

of workingmen—at times almost two hundred. The following year Mr. Parker disposed of his interest and returned to Beloit. That was the beginning in Milwaukee of the Milwaukee Harvester Co., an institution that is now known all over the United States.

In 1882 Charles H. Parker and his son L. Holden founded the Second National Bank of Beloit, and the father was its president until he died, at the age of seventy-five, March 14, 1890. Mrs. Eleanor Parker, his wife, died March 24, 1900, aged eighty-one years. Mr. Parker was deeply interested in the growth of Beloit, and did much to aid in the establishment of hopeful business enterprises in the city, by both moral and financial assistance, making liberal contributions to various industrial and educational institutions. He was a Universalist in his belief, and his widow held to the same broad faith. His father was a sea captain, and died a very young man, when his son Charles was a small boy. Mrs. Charles H. Parker's father, Jonathan Stone, is mentioned elsewhere.

L. Holden Parker was but little more than a year old when his parents came to Beloit, and his life since that time has been passed in the city, with brief exceptions. He passed through the public schools, graduated from the academy, and in due time entered Beloit College, with the intention of taking the full course. Ill health, however, interfered, and he was compelled to abandon his course at college after making a fine beginning. He was a clerk in the office of the Merchants' Express Co. for a few months, and then went into a shoe store as clerk, with the object of buying the business after he had mastered its details. He gave that up, and for four years was bookkeeper in the office of Parker & Stone. By that time his health had resumed its normal tone, and he felt he could prepare himself for a professional life. He went to Ann Arbor, Mich., and, entering the Law Department of the University of Michigan, was graduated as a capable student of the law, and in 1875 was admitted to the Bar. Mr. Parker opened an office for the practice of law in Beloit, and followed his profession for four years. In 1879, as noted above, he was associated with Mr. Dennett in the removal of the reaper factory to Milwaukee, and its safe establishment on a larger scale, and in 1882 he assisted his father in the organization of the Second Na-

tional Bank. L. Holden Parker was its first assistant cashier, at its opening. He became cashier, and succeeded his father as president of the institution, serving as such for a number of years, and in January, 1900, disposing of his entire interests to Mr. Strong; he is not now actively interested in any business.

On Oct. 15, 1885, L. Holden Parker was united in marriage with Miss Elinor Dudley, a daughter of William L. and Mary (Doak) Dudley, and they have had two daughters, Elinor and Carolyn. They are members of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Parker is a Republican, is at present a member of the Lower House of the State Legislature, and is serving his fifth term as a member of the Beloit school board, with which he has been connected for a period of fifteen years. He has served on the library board since its organization, and was its president for one year. His father, Charles H. Parker, was mayor of Beloit, and it was through his casting vote that the present water works system was secured. Both father and son have always been identified with every forward movement.

MARY LLOYD EWING, M. D., of Evansville, Rock county, is a distinguished member of the homeopathic school of medicine, and has built up a large and lucrative practice in the city and vicinity. She was born at Zilwaukee, Mich., near Saginaw, a daughter of Charles H. and Lucy (Green) Ewing, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. They had four daughters and two sons, and three of their children are now living: Dr. Mary L.; Ella, wife of Herman Langemak, of Evansville; and Robert, of Gladstone, Mich., a conductor on the Northern Pacific road. The father was a merchant in Zilwaukee for a number of years. His father came to Genesee county, Mich., when Charles H. was a child, and the latter spent the greater part of his youth at Flint, Mich., where he grew to manhood, obtaining his education in Detroit and Flint, and he was a school teacher before his marriage. His wedding was celebrated at Flushing, Mich., and he subsequently went to Zilwaukee and established himself in a general mercantile business. He was postmaster at that place three or four terms, receiving his commission from President Lincoln. He spent his last years on his father's farm near Flint, and died there in 1870, when

only thirty-seven years old. In religious connection he was an Episcopalian, and his wife a Congregationalist.

Ezekiel Ewing, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Vermont. He was one of the first settlers in Michigan, surveyed and laid out all the roads and towns in Genesee county and some in neighboring counties. He also engaged in farming. He was the father of two sons, and died when young. Robert Green, the father of Mrs. Lucy Ewing, was a native of New York, of English descent, and lived to be sixty. He was a lumberman by occupation, and in his home in Michigan became quite noted. He married Rachel Taggart, and they had four daughters. Mrs. Green was of Puritan stock, and was born in Massachusetts, of which state her father, a Congregational minister, was also a native; he was at one time a member of Congress. The Taggart family has a long and honorable history in Massachusetts.

Dr. Ewing lived in Flint until she was about eight years of age, when her father died. Soon afterward the family moved to Appleton, Wis., where our subject grew to womanhood, attending the public schools and later Ripon College. At the age of eighteen she secured entrance into the Cook County (Chicago) Hospital, and had two years' training as a nurse. She was also in a private hospital at Memphis, Tenn., for six months, and the next six months had charge of the male department of the insane asylum at Dunning, Ill., after her retirement from that position engaging in private nursing for a time. By this time she had gained such an insight into the practice of medicine that she thought it wise to go farther, and learn the science and art itself. She matriculated at Hahnemann College, Chicago, was graduated in 1892, and at once began to practice in that city, where she was engaged two years. She then came to Evansville, liked the place, and opening an office for the practice of her profession, has remained there to the present time, and has a wide circle of friends and patrons. She has a general practice, and stands high in her profession; belongs to the Wisconsin State Medical Association and attends the meetings of the Northern Illinois Medical Society and the Chicago Medical Society, before both of which bodies she has read papers, and has been highly complimented for her grasp of the subject and

her power of expression. Dr. Ewing has a finely appointed office on Madison street, where she and her mother reside. She belongs to the Congregational Church, is active in Christian Endeavor work, and has charge of the banner Junior Endeavor Society of the State.

ELLIOTT D. BARNARD, Evansville, Rock county, has been in the leaf tobacco business many years in Evansville, and his name is widely known as that of a thoroughly honorable and trustworthy business man. Owing to his age and health he is now retired from an active commercial life, and is living in the enjoyment of the ample fortune that he accumulated through industrious habits and wise management in bygone years.

Mr. Barnard was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., seven miles from the city of Dunkirk, Aug. 27, 1827, a son of Thaddeus and Hannah (Goldsborough) Barnard, both natives of the Empire State. Four sons and four daughters were born to them, three of whom are now living: Jane, widow of Judge William Woodbury, and now living at Gowanda, N. Y.; Thaddeus, of Smith's Mills, N. Y.; and Elliott D., of Evansville. The father, who was a farmer, moved from Whites-town to Chautauqua county, in the same State, where he died Feb. 6, 1829, at the age of forty-four. His widow survived many years, and died in that county May 2, 1862, at the age of seventy-three. She was a devout member of the Baptist Church. Both our subject's grandfathers were natives of New York, and reared large families.

Elliott D. Barnard grew to manhood under the parental roof in Chautauqua county, was reared on the farm, and attended district school. In 1847 Mr. Barnard came West and made a location in Rock county, Wis., four miles east of Evansville, where he bought a small farm of forty acres. This was afterward sold, and after his return from California, in 1853, Mr. Barnard invested in 160 acres in the town of Porter. He was a capable and pushing young man, and was not afraid of hard work. He found employment among the various farmers around him, putting in every moment he could spare at good wages, and presently became forehanded, buying 160 acres in the town of Center. He made his home in Porter, and there continued to reside until he moved into Evansville, in the



*E. D. Barnard*



year 1880. He is an extensive land owner at the present time, and holds the title to 320 acres of choice Rock county farm land.

Mr. Barnard, following the fashion of the adventurous and fortune-seeking men of the time, made the journey to California in 1850. He crossed the Plains, and spent three years in the land of gold, engaged in both farming and mining. In the spring of 1853 he returned to Rock county, and here he has since remained.

In the month of March, 1850, Mr. Barnard was married to Miss Susan Webb, the accomplished daughter of Joshua and Ann Webb, and five children were born to that union, Emma, Shasta E., Flora, Maude, and Charley D. Emma married Daniel Rogers, and they live on the old homestead in the town of Porter; they have four children, Claude, Zoe, Montfort and Florence. Shasta E. was married to Miss Lilla C. Lee, and has one child, Orland K.; he is a wholesale dealer in leaf tobacco in Evansville, and has achieved a large success in that line. Flora is Mrs. John Sperry, of the town of Porter, and the mother of two children, Olive and Fay. Maude married Frank Palmer, and is now living in Janesville; they have one child, Orian. Charley married Catharine Boylan, and lives in Evansville. Mrs. Susan Barnard died in 1863, and on April 19, 1873, Miss Jane Osborn became the wife of our subject. She is the daughter of James and Louisa (Ballard) Osborn, and is a lady of much character and intelligence. They have two children, Blanche and Bertha, both of whom are living at home. Mrs. Barnard is a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Barnard is a Democrat, was supervisor in the town of Porter some three terms, and was also assessor for one term.

Mr. Barnard and Thomas Hudson put up a large warehouse for the handling of leaf tobacco in Evansville in the fall of 1879. Two years later Mr. Hudson disposed of his interest in the enterprise to Shasta E. Barnard, and the firm then became Barnard & Son. They built a large brick warehouse, and entered upon an extensive business. In 1893 E. D. Barnard retired from active business, and the tobacco firm became Barnard & Wilder. They ship tobacco into almost every region of the world, and are growing wealthy.

Mr. Barnard is now living retired and enjoys the esteem of his many friends in Rock

county, which has been his home since 1847. His wife's parents were natives of Canada, but have been residents of Rock county since 1864, and are still living in Evansville. They have had seven children, three of whom are now living, Mrs. Barnard; James W.; and Eliza, wife of Oscar Mabie.

LUDWIG KUMLIEN, M. S., Professor of Physics and Biology at Milton College, Milton, Rock county, inherited his taste for science. He was born in Jefferson county, Wis., March 15, 1854, one of the five children of Thure Theodore Ludwig and Marguerita (Wallberg) Kumlien, natives of Sweden, near Upsala. Of this family, three sons and two daughters, only two now survive, Prof. Kumlien and his brother Theodore, the latter occupying the old homestead in Jefferson county. The father, Thure Theodore Ludwig Kumlien, was a naturalist and teacher in Sweden, his native land, and in 1842 emigrated to America, settling on a farm in Jefferson county, Wis., near Sumner, where he reared his family. He was for a number of years conservator in the public museum in Milwaukee, making his home all the time in Jefferson county, where he died in 1888, aged sixty-nine years. His wife died in 1874. Both were Lutherans in religious faith.

Ludwig Kumlien, the grandfather of our subject, was army quartermaster in Sweden, and died there at an advanced age. He was the owner of several large estates, and was widely known. His family comprised sixteen children. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Mr. Wallberg, was a trainer of government cavalry horses in Sweden, in that capacity controlling a number of men. His family consisted of eleven children. He lived to exceed the age of eighty years.

The boyhood of our subject was spent on the farm in Jefferson county. Entering Albion Academy as a student, he graduated at the age of nineteen, in 1873. He was then for three years a special student in the scientific course at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, completing his studies in 1877. Immediately after he left school Mr. Kumlien joined the polar expedition under Capt. Howgate, as naturalist, and in the Northern seas rendered valuable service to the cause of science. His career since then has been one of active devotion to scientific pursuits. He was

assistant to the United States Fish Commission and Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., making for the former investigations on artificial propagation of food fishes, and for the latter extensive scientific collections in various Western and Northwestern localities of North America, and also in the Northern seas, 1877-78. He has been a member of the American Ornithological Union since 1875. He was instructor at Albion Academy from 1889 to 1891, and in the latter year became professor of physics, natural history and physiology at Milton College, with the Faculty of which institute he has since been prominently identified. He has made various contributions to science. He was a contributor to "North American Birds," by Baird, Brewer and Ridgway, in 1874, and to "Water Birds," by the same, in 1877-78; has been a contributor to ornithological and zoological publications since 1876; is the author of "Contributions to the Natural History of Arctic America," Bulletin No. 15, United States National Museum, 1879; was special agent, Tenth Census, United States, on Fisheries of the Great Lakes, and of Narragansett and Buzzard's Bays, 1879-81. He contributed "Life History of North Atlantic Seals," to Prof. A. J. Allen's "Monograph of North American Pinnipedia," in 1880; and was associate author "North American Food Fishes," National Museum, 1881-83. He contributed many scientific papers in reports of the United States Fish Commission and Smithsonian Institution Bulletins of National Museum, 1876-83; also in the publications entitled "The Auk," "The Nidologist," "The Osprey," and "Forest and Stream," since 1876. He is the author of Special Census Reports on Fisheries of the Great Lakes, 1883, and was Determining Collector for the Milwaukee Public Museum in 1886. He was a contributor to "Birds of Michigan" in 1893, and has prepared scientific collections for State Normal schools of Wisconsin and other institutions since 1895.

Prof. Kumlien married a Miss Carr, and they have three children, Ludwig Baird Carr, Lawrence Lorraine and Alice Lenore.

**WILLIAM PORTER**, Professor of Latin in Beloit College, Beloit, Rock county, is one of the older instructors of that excellent institution, and has a warm place in the hearts of the old student world. His years of experi-

ence have tempered his spirit and made him deeply sympathetic with the awkward endeavor of callow youth on the way of knowledge. He appeals to the nobler love of learning, and has had a mighty influence in arousing a zeal for learning in the classes before him, and under his magic touch the forgotten past reappears, and Cæsar and Cicero and Livy and Horace breathe again.

Prof. Porter was born in Lee, Berkshire county, Mass., Jan. 10, 1820, and is a son of William and Mary Ann (Quincy) Porter, both natives of Massachusetts. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters, and three of their children are now living: Prof. William; Samuel Quincy, of Unionville, Conn.; and Mary W., wife of Franklin Chamberlin, of Hartford, Conn. The father was a lawyer, and practiced his profession in Lee until his death, in 1853, at the age of sixty-one years. His wife died in 1835, and is remembered as a lovely Christian woman. William Porter was a member of the Congregational Church. He served in the State Legislature, and was also district attorney for the four western counties of the State a number of years. His father, who also bore the name of William Porter, was a native of Massachusetts, coming of English stock, and passed all his life in Hadley, Mass., dying at the advanced age of eighty-four. He was a physician and also a farmer. He reared a large family. The history of the Porter family in the town of Hadley runs back to 1656. Samuel Quincy, the father of Mary Ann, mentioned above, was also a native of Massachusetts, and of English lineage. This family settled the town of Quincy, in that State, and gave it the name. It was first called Braintree, but received its present appellation in compliment to the character and standing of the various members of the Quincy family.

Prof. William Porter was reared in the village of Lee, where he grew to manhood. He obtained his primary education in the public school, supplemented same by a course at the academy in the village of Hadley, and made his final preparations for college at the Lenox Academy. He matriculated at Williams College, was graduated from that noble school in 1839, and read law in his father's office for the following year. He entered the theological seminary at Andover for the purpose of preparing himself for the Christian ministry,

and was engaged in study for three years, but lost his health and had to abandon all ideas of a ministerial life. Going to Florida to regain his health, he spent seven years in that State before he dared to return to the North and undertake again a studious life. He was employed for two years in Marietta College, a well-known Ohio school, and in 1852 came to Beloit to take a place in the college, where he has taught from that time to the present, and has now almost completed a half century of continuous service in the noble work of education.

Prof. Porter and Miss Ellen G. Chapin were married July 13, 1854, and four children have blessed this union, William, Frank Chamberlin, Mary Quincy, and one child who died in infancy. (1) William is a physician in Hartford, Conn.; he married Mrs. Fannie P. Hall, and they have one child, Margaret Chapin. Mrs. Porter had two children by her former husband, Robert and Bessie. (2) Frank C. is a professor in the Divinity School of Yale University. He married Delia Wood Lyman, and is the father of two sons, Lyman Edwards and William Quincy. (3) Mary Q. lives at home, and is a teacher of German in the Beloit high school. Prof. Porter and his wife are members of the Congregational Church. He is a Republican.

CHALMERS INGERSOLL, the able and popular editor and publisher of the *Daily and Weekly Free Press*, of Beloit, Rock county, was born in Westfield, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1838, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Walker) Ingersoll, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters, all yet living, viz.: Lucy, wife of C. K. Judson, Washington, D. C.; Julia A., wife of G. W. Tandy, of Freeport, Ill.; Orton, of Rock Island, Ill.; Chalmers; Clementine C., wife of W. W. Bigelow, of Chicago; and Joseph W., of Bowie, Md. The father was a teacher in early life in the academy at Westfield, and left the school room to enter the employment of D. Appleton & Co., remaining with them some years. He died in New York in 1847, at the age of forty-four. His wife remarried, becoming Mrs. Dean. Mr. Dean died, and she was again married, to J. W. Dean, who is now deceased; he reached the age of eighty-six. Mrs. Dean died in September, 1897, at the age

of eighty-three. From early life she had been associated with the Presbyterian Church.

The paternal grandfather of Chalmers Ingersoll was a native of New York, and of English descent. He was a ship captain, and was drowned at sea while still in middle life. He was the father of two sons and one daughter. Chalmers Ingersoll's maternal grandfather was a native of New York, also of English descent, and was killed in an accident when twenty-eight years of age. He married Dorcas Finn, who came of Dutch ancestry, and had four children.

Chalmers Ingersoll lived at Westfield until nine years of age, when he went to live near Brockport, N. Y. The young lad spent four years in that community and then went to Greenfield, Mass., to live with an uncle, Charles J. J., a newspaper publisher. Chalmers attended school, and when quite young went into his uncle's printing office to learn the trade of a printer, working in vacations and out of school hours. After he had become a capable printer he worked a year at the case in Springfield, Mass., and in 1856 went to Freeport, Ill., to work for his brother-in-law, C. K. Judson, a prominent newspaper man of that early day. Mr. Ingersoll spent two years with him and became widely known in the printing fraternity as a very capable workman—a reputation that brought him an invitation to enter the office of the *Chicago Tribune*. He was in Chicago at the breaking out of the Civil war, and early yielded to the patriotic fever that was in the blood of the North, enlisting in Company G, 8th Ill. V. C., and serving three years with the Union colors. When his term of enlistment had expired he re-enlisted as a veteran. He was discharged before the close of the war on account of serious and chronic illness. Mr. Ingersoll was in every respect a capable and gallant soldier, and participated in some of the bloodiest scenes in the history of the Army of the Potomac. He was at Gaines Mills, and all through the Potomac campaigns, in the battles of Fredericksburg, Antietam, and Gettysburg, and in hundreds of engagements that then were called skirmishes, but which in any smaller war would have been termed battles.

After his return from the field of battle Mr. Ingersoll came to Beloit, and started the *Free Press* in February, 1866. He made a good paper, won a considerable support, and in 1872 sold his printing plant to Col. Frank, and be-



came interested in manufacturing. He was the first to put out the paper plates used by grocers, and for a number of years had almost a monopoly in paper goods. Mr. Ingersoll became a leading character in State politics, and his work was recognized by his appointment as sergeant-at-arms in the State Senate during 1879 and 1880. In 1882 he formed a partnership with H. F. Hobart, and resumed the publication of the *Free Press*. Mr. Hobart retired from business the latter part of that year, and Mr. Ingersoll has been alone since that time, and has published a strong Republican journal. He was postmaster of Beloit when Mr. Cleveland became President of the United States, and had held that office about twenty months, and as soon as the new administration could reach him he was promptly thrown out. Upon the accession of President Harrison Mr. Ingersoll was again put in charge of the postoffice, and when Mr. Cleveland was President a second time he as quickly retired. President McKinley appointed him a third time to that position, and in it he is still serving the Beloit public very capably.

On September 12, 1865, was celebrated the marriage of Chalmers Ingersoll and Charlotte B. Rinewalt, a daughter of Adam and Mary (Lehn) Rinewalt. They live at No. 627 Church street, where he built a home in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Ingersoll are the parents of three children, George B., Charlotte, and Charles J. J. The last named died of cerebrospinal meningitis when sixteen months old. George B. was married to Miss Theresa Jenkins, and they have two children—Sara and an infant; he is assistant postmaster, and is a practicing lawyer. Mr. Ingersoll is a member of Morning Star Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M.; Beloit Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M.; Beloit Commandery, No. 6; and Wisconsin Consistory, and in these various branches of Masonry has displayed a deep and intelligent interest. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN E. ANTHONY, D. D. S., of Evansville, Rock county, is a very successful dentist, and has a large patronage. He is a man of irreproachable personal habits, a genial and social gentleman, and is fully abreast of the times in everything that relates to his profession.

Dr. Anthony was born in Watertown, N.

Y., April 19, 1845, and was reared in his native State, near Watertown. He attended the public schools, and was well educated along general lines of culture. He selected dentistry for his life work, took a course in a dental school in Philadelphia, and finished in the city of New York. Opening a dental office at Carthage, in his native State, he there followed his profession for about a year, but was compelled to seek other employment on account of ill health, and be outside of the office for three years. He was at Niles, Mich., for about one year, and in 1868 spent a few months at Evansville. Six years later he came back to this prairie city, and engaged in his profession, and here he has made his home to the present time.

Dr. Anthony and Miss Katie R. Whaley, daughter of John Whaley, were married Jan. 12, 1879. They occupy a pleasant home on Main street, and are highly thought of in the community. Dr. Anthony is prominent in fraternal circles, and belongs to various orders. He stands high in Masonic associations, and holds membership in Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., at Evansville; and Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of Evansville Lodge, K. P.; T. L. Sutphen Post, No. 41, G. A. R.; and the Modern Woodmen, and is popular and welcome in these various associations. Dr. Anthony is a Republican. He enlisted at Watertown, N. Y., early in 1862, as a member of Battery D, 1st New York Light Artillery, and was discharged Dec. 4, same year, on account of serious disability. He took part in the battle of Malvern Hill, and in a number of skirmishes.

REV. WALLACE M. SHORT, the scholarly and devoted pastor of the Congregational Church at Evansville, Rock county, is a man distinguished not less for his ability as a pulpit orator than for his profound interest in everything that relates to the moral and spiritual welfare of the community. He is at once loyal to the denomination with which he is associated, and faithful to the larger church of which it is but a part.

Rev. Wallace M. Short was born at College Springs, Iowa, June 28, 1866, and is a son of James B. and Eugenia (Noe) Short, natives of Illinois and Ohio, respectively. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters,

four now living: Rev. Wallace M.; Rev. William H.; Jessie M., a graduate of Beloit College; and Frank E., in business in Beloit; Alice, who died in childhood, was the eldest child. The father was a farmer, and made a location in Iowa in 1856, at College Springs. There he reared his family, in the quiet and strengthening surroundings of a rural life, and there he lived until 1894, in which year he gave up the farm and went to Beloit, Wis., to spend his last days. He is a deacon of the Congregational Church, and with his wife has long been a devout member of that religious body. Mr. Short was a soldier in the Civil war, and served as a member of the 8th Iowa Cavalry. He was in the battle of Franklin, Tenn., and altogether participated in about thirty engagements, great and small. During his active life James B. Short was a man of considerable prominence in local affairs, and held various township offices, meeting all responsibilities placed upon him to the satisfaction of all concerned. His father, John Short, was a native of Tennessee, of Scotch-Irish descent, and followed an agricultural life. He was born in the closing part of the eighteenth century, and moved to Granville, Putnam Co., Ill., while still a young man. He served in the Black Hawk war, was a man of character and energy, and lived to be fifty-five years of age. He reared a family of eight children. Ebenezer Noe, the father of Eugenia, referred to above, was born in Connecticut, and was of French descent. He was a farmer, and after he lived in Iowa carried the mails at an early day, on horseback. He was an early settler in that State, and is still living at College Springs, at the venerable age of eighty-nine years. He is the father of seven children, four of whom are now living. His father served in the war of 1812.

Rev. Wallace M. Short attained his manhood on the farm at College Springs, began his education in the local schools, continued it at Amity (Iowa) College, and was graduated from Beloit (Wis.) College in 1893, taking the full classical course. He made his theological preparation for the ministry at Yale, and received his diploma from that institution in 1896. The same year he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Evansville, and at once entered upon its duties. He has won a standing in this community, not only as a capable and earnest preacher and

pastor, but as an enlightened and progressive citizen of the town. Mr. Short made his own way through college. He learned the cheesemaker's trade when quite a young man, and followed it at College Springs, and also at Maryville, Missouri.

The year 1896 is a memorable one in the history of Mr. Short. It was the year of his graduation from Yale, it was the year of his call to Evansville, and it was the year of his marriage. On July 8, that year, he wedded Miss Mary E. Morse, daughter of James and Jennie (Smith) Morse, the former born in Ohio, the latter in England. Her grandfather Morse, who is now residing in Racine, at the advanced age of ninety-three, was a relative of Samuel F. B. Morse.

DAVID B. WORTHINGTON, editor and proprietor of the *Beloit Daily and Weekly News*, has devoted his whole life to newspaper work. He was born in Centralia, Wis., Oct. 10, 1863, son of Ralph Cushman Worthington, a direct descendant of the Cushman who chartered the "Mayflower." Our subject's mother, Susan Compton, was a native of New York. The parents were pioneers of Wood county, Wisconsin.

Mr. Worthington graduated from the high school in his native town at the age of fifteen, entered a printing office, and has ever since been in one in some capacity. As a young man he did reportorial work on the *Milwaukee Journal*, *Duluth Tribune*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Chicago Times-Herald*. On these able journals he secured a first-class journalistic training, which fitted him for the conduct of his paper at Beloit, in which he secured a half interest Jan. 1, 1897. Early in 1900 he became sole owner, and to-day publishes one of the ablest dailies in the State, besides conducting a large job-printing establishment, equipped with modern presses designed especially for catalogue and two-color work. Energy is the keynote of Mr. Worthington's success in business. He came to Beloit with only experience and push for his capital, took hold of a practically defunct paper, and in four years built up a property worth many thousands of dollars.

ROBERT M. HUNTINGTON (deceased) was for many years a stock farmer in the town of Platteville, Grant county, and is

remembered as a thoroughly honest and upright man, who amassed a considerable fortune by unflagging industry and careful management. He was known as a straightforward and reliable man, and a kind neighbor, of genial and social character.

Mr. Huntington was born in July, 1839, son of Richard and Mary (Myers) Huntington, both natives of England. Richard Huntington came to this State as early as 1834, and settled two miles south of Platteville, on the Darlington road. He owned seven or eight hundred acres of the finest farm land in the county, put up a large brick house and fine barns in 1860, and was continually engaged in the improvement of the magnificent rural estate. Both himself and wife died on this farm, she in 1846, and he in 1871. For his second wife he married Miss Lucy Coleburn, of Vermont, who died in 1895. There were six children by the second union: Ellen is Mrs. Henry Dorscher, of Platteville. Charles died when a young man. Frank married Miss Estabrook, and lives in Lafayette county. Laura married Philip Roundtree, and is now dead. Samuel lives at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Caroline is the wife of John Spink, of St. Paul. The children of Richard and Mary (Myers) Huntington were as follows: William Morsby married Miss Sarah Robinson, and settled on a part of the old homestead, where he lived until his death, in 1860, leaving a wife and one child, Edward; the young man is now a hardware merchant in the State of Iowa. Richard died unmarried. Lydia A. married George C. Huntington, and lives at Luverne, Minn., where her husband is engaged in the real-estate and banking business; they have three children, Pearl, Laura (Mrs. Ladew), and Guy (of Colorado). Robert M. is mentioned below.

Robert M. Huntington was educated in the Platteville high school, and followed farming, settling on the old homestead after his marriage. He put up buildings that are both useful and attractive, having one of the pleasant homes in the county. Mr. Huntington married Miss Mary M. Stephens, who was born in 1844, daughter of William C. and Ann (Mitchell) Stephens. Her parents were born, reared and married in England, coming thence to America in 1842, the year of their marriage, and settling in Grant county, Wis.; they died in Platteville. Of their family of six children,

Ali is a resident of Platteville; George, of Fairfield, Iowa; Amo, of Platteville; Mary M. became the wife of our subject; Thomas and Harlan are deceased. Mr. Huntington died in 1872, leaving his wife with five children: Selina, born in 1863, received her education in the Platteville high school; she is now the wife of Bryant Trenary, a farmer in the town of Platteville, and they have one son, Clyde, who is now a young man; their daughter, Laura, died at the age of eight years. Annie, the wife of Frank Trenary, is mentioned elsewhere in connection with her husband. Albert, born in August, 1867, married Miss Mary Kleibenstein, and has one daughter, Gertrude, born in 1895; they now reside on his father's old homestead. William, born in 1869, is unmarried, and at home. Nellie, the youngest child, died when she had reached the age of fourteen; she was a very bright and promising young girl, and her loss was deeply felt.

On Aug. 3, 1876, Mrs. Huntington married for her second husband Wesley Smith, and to this union three sons were born: Arthur, of Moline, Ill.; Lester, of the United States navy; and Frank, of Platteville. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where she and her family worship.

Mr. Huntington was a Democrat. He was a man of marked domestic habits, finding a world of pleasure in the company of his wife and children. In 1892 Mrs. Smith purchased a home in Platteville, where she lived until 1900, in that year returning to her country home. The various representatives of this family are all very prosperous, and own fine estates in Grant and Lafayette counties.

REV. PETER PAPE, priest of St. Andrew's Catholic Church, of Potosi, Grant county, is a native of Wisconsin, having been born in Springfield Corners, Dane county, Feb. 14, 1866, son of Frank and Susan (Schaffhausen) Pape. Frank Pape came to Dane county while a young man, married, and settled on a farm of unbroken land near Springfield Corners, where he resided until his death, in 1884. His wife is still living, residing in Dane county.

Rev. Peter Pape received his early education in the common schools of his neighborhood, and then entered St. Francis Seminary, at Milwaukee, and was ordained to the priest-

hood June 22, 1890, by Bishop Richter, of Grand Rapids. He was first stationed at Kenosha, Wis., as assistant, remaining there two years. His next charge was the Church of St. Hubertus and St. Augustine, at Richfield, Washington county, where he remained three years and eight months, coming thence to Potosi on April 27, 1895.

Rev. Peter Pape is a member of the Catholic Knights and St. Andrew's Benevolent Society. Although still a young man, our subject has shown a high order of ability as a priest, and has attached himself to his people in a remarkable degree.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, of Potosi, Grant county, was organized in 1846, Rev. Andrew Tush celebrating mass that year on the first Sunday in Advent. The congregation consisted of some twenty families, and the first church edifice was a small frame one, 20x30 feet, to which additions were made until it covered an area of 50x30 feet. Connected with the church from the beginning was a parochial school, which was in charge of a lay teacher, and later of sisters from various orders.

Father Tush was succeeded by the following priests: Rev. Schraudenbach, 1851 to 1855; Rev. Michael Beiter, 1855 to 1856; Rev. Joseph Polking, 1856 to 1857; Rev. T. M. Obermueller, 1858 to 1859; Rev. F. Zuber, 1859 to 1863; Rev. L. Lenox, 1863 to 1864; Rev. H. J. Muckerheide, 1864 to 1865; Rev. J. M. Albers, 1866 to 1868; Rev. M. De'Becke, 1868 to 1871; James Kleiber, 1871 to 1872; Rev. J. A. Mueller, 1872 to 1874; Rev. N. A. Thill, 1874 to 1877; Rev. A. Bruhin, 1877 to 1880; Rev. Joseph Dreis, 1880 to 1886; Rev. P. M. Grobschmidt, 1881 to 1890; Rev. August B. Salick, 1890 to 1895; and Rev. Peter Pape, the present incumbent.

The present church structure is built of brick, handsomely furnished, covers an area of 100x50 feet, and has a tower 12x14 feet beyond the main edifice. It was erected by Father N. A. Thill, in 1875, at a cost of \$12,000. The old church served as a school for a time, but is now replaced by a handsome building, constructed in 1896, of brick, two stories in height, covering an area 80x32 feet. The ground floor consists of three large rooms, while the second is thrown into a hall. This building was erected at a cost of \$4,200. In the church itself, the appointments are very

costly, the high altar, put in by Father Salick, costing \$1,200. The congregation numbers 165 families, and about 480 souls.

The school, which is one of the best in the diocese, is in charge of sisters of the Order of St. Francis, of Wisconsin. The attendance is from 150 to 155 pupils, and the course of study a very fine one. The church has an order of Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, J. P. Stelphfling, president; J. J. Tobin, secretary; August Franke, treasurer; and Jacob Duve, assistant secretary.

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, Potosi, Grant county, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1886, having been organized sixty-five years ago, in what was then the village of Van Buren, although at present not one of the original members is living, the last survivor, Celestine Kaltersbuch, having passed away since the half century milestone of the church was passed.

From 1836 to 1840 the tiny church was dependent upon missionaries, and among those who ministered to the faithful congregation during those early days were Rev. Mathias Doras, now bishop of Dubuque, Iowa, and Father Mazzuchelli, of Galena, where the records were kept until the church was fully organized at Potosi. The first church building was of logs, and stood on the site of the present village of Potosi. Later it served as a residence for a Mr. Ragan. On June 2, 1841, the records were brought to Potosi. Father Causse was the first priest in charge, staying from 1840 to 1854, during which time he baptized 475 people, and his congregation increased to 500 people. Following this good priest were Fathers Princeton and Martin Hubbs, and then Rev. J. N. Brogard, who remained until 1857. The next incumbent was Rev. M. W. Gibson, 1857 to 1861, who was followed by Father G. H. Brennan and Rev. W. H. Verhoef, the latter remaining until 1865. Rev. J. M. Albers remained from 1865 to 1867 and part of 1868. Later Rev. Nuits and Rev. Vivaldi officiated, and they were succeeded by Rev. Thomas P. Hodnett. Father James Kleiber followed, from 1871 to 1873; from 1873 to 1876 Rev. J. A. Mueller was in charge, and was succeeded by Rev. James Tiernan, 1873 to 1876; Rev. J. C. DeVine officiated from 1876 to 1880, at which time he died, and was buried June 1, 1880, at Potosi. For a short time during 1880 Rev. William Bernhard officiated, assist-

ed by Rev. Joseph A. Dreis, and they were succeeded by Rev. Grobschmidt, Rev. A. B. Salick, and Rev. Peter Pape, the present priest in charge.

The present church building was erected by Father Causse, in 1847, at a cost of \$8,000. It is a substantial structure of brick, covering an area of 36x56, and is two stories in height, with a steeple sixty feet high. The interior of the church is beautifully finished, while the high altar is a marvel of beauty. The building adjacent to the church was built prior to 1845, and was used as a female seminary by sisters from Dubuque until 1852. During Father Albers' incumbency arrangements were made to have St. Thomas made a mission of St. Andrew's, which condition exists to-day.

WILLIAM HENRY BORDEN. M. D., has for over forty-six years been a medical practitioner at Milton, Rock county, and is still actively engaged in his profession. His long residence at Milton has been one of wide usefulness and eminent success, broken only by his service in the army during the Civil war.

Dr. Borden was born in Sharon, Schoharie Co., N. Y., Sept. 24, 1824, son of James and Rebecca Combs (Craig) Borden, and grandson of Peletiah and Ellen (Gordonier) Borden, the grandfather a native of New York, of English extraction, the grandmother of Holland parentage. They reared a large family, eight sons and five daughters. Peletiah Borden was by occupation a farmer and blacksmith, and lived to the age of over seventy-five years. He served a short time in the Revolution.

James Borden, father of our subject, was born in Sharon, N. Y., and was reared a farmer. He married Rebecca Combs Craig, a native of Monmouth, N. J., daughter of a cabinet maker, and one of a family of seven children—three sons and four daughters. She was of Scotch-Irish extraction. James Borden acquired the tanner's, currier's and shoemaker's trades, which he followed for a number of years, devoting his attention chiefly to tanning. He died at Otto, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1850, at the comparatively early age of forty-eight years. His wife survived until October, 1893, passing away at the ripe old age of ninety-three years and seven months. Both in their younger years were members of a Presbyterian Church which was later merged into the Con-

gregational Church. To James and Rebecca C. Borden were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom the following survive: Dr. William H., our subject; Marietta, wife of Hurd Strickland, of Otto, N. Y.; Lyman S., of Milton, Wis.; Jay, of Springville, N. Y., and James Craig, of Otto, New York.

The boyhood of Dr. Borden was spent in Otto, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. where he was employed in his father's tannery when not attending school. He was a pupil in the common schools, attended the select schools at Gowanda, N. Y., and later for nearly two years was a student of the academy at Fredonia, N. Y. When his education was thus completed he taught school for three terms. Then, deciding to adopt medicine as his life work, he began study in the office of Dr. Levi Goldsborough, of Otto, later entering the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo, at Buffalo, N. Y., of which he was one of the first students, and graduating from that institution April 19, 1849.

Dr. Borden visited Jamestown, N. Y., with a view to beginning his practice in that town, but a few weeks later was offered a partnership with Dr. Wilcox, at Randolph, N. Y., which he accepted. This partnership lasted a year, and at its conclusion Dr. Borden practiced for two years at Scio, N. Y. The illness of his old preceptor, Dr. Goldsborough, of Otto, presented an opportunity for a partnership in that town, which was accepted. But a year later, in 1854, the young physician, now confident of his future, resolved to begin anew in the West. Locating at Milton, Wis., in that year, he has there continued in practice ever since, except during the closing year of the Civil war, when he served as surgeon of the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, until the regiment was mustered out. He at once resumed his lucrative practice at Milton, which he has ever since continued. Dr. Borden is a member of the Wisconsin State Medical Society, and of the Board of Examining Surgeons of the Pension Bureau at Janesville, and has been for many years prominently identified with the medical papers of southern Wisconsin.

Dr. Borden was married, Jan. 23, 1851, to Miss Lavina Depew Van Campen, daughter of Capt. Benjamin and Mary (Saunders) Van Campen. To Dr. and Mrs. Borden have been born three children: Mary Alice is at home



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with her parents. Emily A. married George Van Campen, of Olean, N. Y., and has one child, Benjamin. James B., a graduate of Milton College, classical course, and a post-graduate of the State University at Madison, is now superintendent of public schools and principal of the high school at Marshfield, Wis.; he married Miss Mary Alice Tompkins, and has one son, William Henry. In the present home at Milton the family has lived for the past thirty-one years. Since the Doctor's purchase of the property he has remodeled it throughout, making his one of the attractive and inviting residences of the city.

Dr. Borden and family are attendants of the Congregational Church. For a number of years he was a prominent Odd Fellow, but is no longer active in the order. In politics he is an independent. Dr. Borden is a much respected authority in Milton, not only professionally, but in all matters that pertain to the general welfare. His long residence in the thriving little city has made him a living factor in its growth from its infancy, and the elements for well-being, to which for nearly a half century he has contributed so generously, will remain and widen their influence long after his active life work has drawn to a close.

**GEORGE H. GOLDMANN**, postmaster at Annaton, Clifton township, Grant county, is one of the leading men of the community in which he has made his home for so many years, and in which he has been instrumental in promoting the material welfare of the people. Our subject was born in Linden, Iowa Co., Wis., Nov. 14, 1853, son of Freimund and Helena (Gundrum) Goldmann.

Freimund Goldmann was born in Prussia, Germany, and came to Iowa county, Wis., while a single man. He married, in Linden, in 1851, and bought a soldier's land warrant, locating 480 acres of land, at eighty-five cents per acre. This land he improved, and made his home there until his death, which occurred in January, 1892: his wife still survives, residing on the home farm. To them ten children were born: Ellen, now Mrs. Clauer, of Beeton; George H.; Agnes, now Mrs. Fitzsimons, of Montfort, Wis.; Mary, Mrs. J. Conroy, now deceased; Lydia, Mrs. Hilery, of Nebraska; Charlie, on the home farm; Louis, at home; Lena; Minnie; Emil, who died in infancy.

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Our subject was reared and educated in Linden township, coming to Annaton Feb. 8, 1875, and learning the trade of wheelwright in the shop of William Kraemer, in a building erected by Mr. Kraemer in 1871. The business consisted of the manufacture of wagons, buggies and other vehicles, all of the work being done by hand, and this establishment Mr. Goldmann still carries on, in connection with farming and conducting the postoffice. For a few years Mr. Goldmann successfully operated a mercantile establishment, but disposed of that enterprise, owing to pressure of other duties.

On Sept. 23, 1878, Mr. Goldmann was married at Annaton to Miss Emma Kraemer, born in Philadelphia, Penn., a daughter of William Kraemer, a native of Germany, who came to Philadelphia, and thence in 1856 to Liberty township, Grant county, where he purchased forty acres of land, on which he erected a shop and embarked in a wagon-making business. Later he removed his plant to Annaton, built a shop, and also conducted a general store. Here he died in 1889, and his widow still survives, residing at Lancaster. To himself and wife were born eight children: Emma, Mrs. Goldmann; Kate, Mrs. Wetter, of Lancaster; Philopena, Mrs. Henry Sander, of Platteville; Lizzie, Mrs. Roethe, who died in Clifton township April 19, 1900; Mary, Mrs. George Damm, of Lancaster, who with her husband met with a frightful accident from an explosion of gasoline on Sept. 1, 1899, from which she died the following day, and he thirty-six hours from the time of the accident; Minnie, Mrs. Louis Stippich, of Wichita, Kans.; Louise, Mrs. Herman Bast, of Lancaster; and Caroline, Mrs. Kramer, of Lancaster.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Goldmann is an interesting one: William L., Ernest F., Amelia J., Herbert H., George A., and Frieda H., all at home.

Mr. Goldmann is a staunch Republican, active in the affairs of his party, and has served most acceptably as postmaster for eleven years, having been appointed May 25, 1889, succeeding S. F. Moody, of Wingville. The office is quite an important one, having been established about 1865; and a considerable amount of business is transacted through it. In addition to his other offices and duties Mr. Goldmann was justice of the peace, having held that office eight years, and has been a notary public a number of years since. Few men in Grant



county are more widely known, and certainly none is more highly esteemed, than Mr. Goldmann.

KIMBLE KILLAM, superintendent of the Rock County Insane Asylum and Almshouse, Janesville township, is a public official whose record shows that he has faithfully discharged the trusts heretofore reposed in him, and that he is a man to whom may safely be trusted the care of the unfortunates of his locality.

Kimble Killam was born in Milton, Rock county, Jan. 18, 1849, a son of Rush and Ada J. (Kimble) Killam, natives of Pike county, Penn. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Moses Killam, was a native of Pennsylvania, of Mohawk-Dutch descent. By occupation he was a farmer and surveyor, and he died at an advanced age. He had sixteen children. The grandfather on the mother's side, Burnham Kimble, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and of Mohawk-Dutch descent. The family resided in that state for several generations prior to the time of Burnham Kimble. By occupation he was a farmer, and he died when an old man; he had eleven children.

Rush Killam, the father of Kimble Killam, was a farmer, and migrated to Wisconsin in 1839, entering a farm from the government, in the northern part of Milton, in sections 1 and 2. This property he improved, and resided on it until his death, which occurred in 1871, when he was fifty-seven. His widow still survives, residing on a farm in Lima, owned by Kimble Killam. In religious belief Mrs. Rush Killam is a Methodist, while her husband was a Universalist. During his life Rush Killam was township supervisor and assessor. Five children were born to this worthy couple, one son and four daughters, four now living: Lucy A.; Kimble; Harriet, deceased, who was the wife of S. F. Minard; Cornelia I., wife of J. J. Neal, of Chicago; and Augusta, wife of August Dabbert, of Chicago.

Kimble Killam, our subject, was reared to manhood in Milton township, attended the public schools, and later went two terms to Milton College, after which he returned to his occupation of farming. After his father's death, when he was twenty-two, Kimble Killam rented the home farm for seven years, then purchased it, and after improving the property sold it in 1895, and bought the farm of 160 acres in

Lima township which he still owns. Here he resided until he was elected, by the board of trustees, as superintendent of the Rock County Insane Asylum and Almshouse, which position he assumed on Feb. 1, 1900. Prior to this date Mr. Killam held various public offices, having been supervisor of Milton township a number of years; chairman of the town board several terms; assessor in Milton township for five years; and a member of the board of trustees of the Asylum for four years before he was appointed superintendent.

The buildings, which are very comfortable and spacious, were erected, in 1893, in Janesville township, about three miles north of the city of Janesville, near the Rock river, and are surrounded by the poor farm of 382 acres. The former location was in Johnstown township, but the present one is considered better adapted to the requirements of the institutions. The new buildings were occupied on May 1, 1894, and the average number of insane confined is about 150; those in the almshouse number about fifty-five.

On Dec. 18, 1873, Kimble Killam married Miss Mary A. Marquart, daughter of Philip and Nancy (Livingston) Marquart, and seven children, two sons and five daughters, have been born of this union: Grace C., Myrtie E., Inez M., Nellie M., Rush P., Mark and Eva. Mrs. Killam is a consistent member of and worker in the Baptist Church. Politically Mr. Killam is a Republican, and an earnest supporter of the principles of that party. The family is an old one in this part of Wisconsin, and very highly respected, and Mr. and Mrs. Killam enjoy the esteem of a large circle of acquaintances and friends.

HERBERT S. GILKEY, junior member of the well-known lumber firm of Pendleton & Gilkey, extensive wholesalers, with their general offices at Janesville, Rock county, is one of the younger business men of that city, whose youth is in years alone. He was reared in a lumber country, and the odor of the mills has been familiar to him from his earliest boyhood. He has been connected with the mills, travelled on the road, and there is little about the lumber business that is not well-known to him.

Mr. Gilkey was born at Oconto, Wis., July 4, 1868, and is a son of Harding W. and Mary (Overton) Gilkey. His father was born in

Maine, while his mother is a native of Wisconsin. They had three sons and three daughters: Everett H., of Mountain, Wis.; Herbert S., whose name appears above; Susan, of Hayes, Wis.; Arthur, of the same place; Lucy, wife of William Cody, of Janesville; and Mabel, wife of F. Dickinson, of Green Bay. Harding W. Gilkey was but a small boy when he accompanied his parents to Oconto, Wis.; they were among the earliest settlers of that city. There he grew to manhood, and there he made his home until the spring of 1899, when he moved to Janesville. He is a man of much more than ordinary culture, and followed the life of a teacher for more than twenty years, serving as principal and superintendent of the Oconto schools, and as county superintendent. In middle life he engaged in business, keeping a general store, and buying and selling lumber lands in northern Wisconsin. Upon his removal to Janesville he gave up active business relations, and is now living a quiet and retired life. He and his wife are Methodists, and he is a Republican politically. His father, Samuel Gilkey, was a native of Maine, and came to Oconto about 1849 to engage in the hotel business. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, and was elected sheriff of Oconto county several terms. He died in 1872, when about sixty-one years old. His family consisted of three sons and one daughter. William Overton, the maternal grandfather of the gentleman whose life forms the theme of this biographical sketch, was born in Massachusetts, and was one of the early settlers of Kenosha, Wis. He had two daughters and one son.

Herbert S. Gilkey grew to manhood in Oconto, and was given fine educational opportunities, graduated from the Oconto schools, and later attended the Oshkosh Normal. He began teaching in a country school when he was fourteen years of age, and taught three years. At eighteen years of age he became a traveling representative of an Oconto mill, and for six years sold lumber. In 1891 he formed a partnership with Frank R. Pendleton, and engaged in business in Janesville, under the firm name of Pendleton & Gilkey, wholesale dealers in cedar products. Mr. Pendleton is located at Everett, thirty-three miles from Seattle, Wash., where they have extensive interests. They have several lumber yards in Wisconsin, and one in Michigan.

Mr. Gilkey and Miss Lenora Runkel, a

daughter of Louis and Christina (Weber) Runkel, were married Oct. 15, 1890, and they have three children: Weber, Margaret and Helen. Mrs. Gilkey is a lady of many attractive qualities, and is a worthy associate of her husband, both in society and at home. They have an elegant and commodious home at No. 168 Garfield avenue. Mr. Gilkey belongs to Oriental Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and in his political relations is a Republican. He is at present serving his second term as alderman in the city council, from the Third ward, and is president of that body.

ALBERT G. KNUTSON is a prosperous and well-known farmer in the town of Clinton, Rock county, and is a man of generous impulse and kindly spirit. He is a native of the town, and has taken part in its history for almost fifty years, in which time tremendous changes have taken place, and southern Wisconsin, in his youth on the frontier line, is now in the very heart of the old Northwest. And the man whose name introduces this article has helped in the making of this new world. He has worked out, carried himself as a man of honor and character, paid his debts, dealt squarely with all men, and is now, in middle life, at a very comfortable pitch of prosperity, not won by sharp dealing, but dug out of the earth—the more honor to him and his kind.

Albert G. Knutson was born at his present residence, near the village of Bergen, on the Wisconsin and Illinois State line, January 2, 1853. Here he grew up, attended the district school, and when he became a man assisted his father with the farm work. Then he took charge of the farm, which he operated on shares for several years, until in 1883 he bought out the other heirs, and is now the sole owner of 158 acres of as choice farming land as may be found in the United States. This is known as the "Wetteren Farm," perpetuating the name of the home of his father in Norway in the memory of his children and descendants in the New World.

Mr. Knutson and Miss Christina Hanson were married March 28, 1883. She is a daughter of Oliver Hanson and Tone Even-son, her father a farmer, and one of the first settlers in the town of Capron, Ill. He was a man of high standing among his neighbors, and kindly thought of by all. Mr. and Mrs. Knutson are the parents of eight children,

Clara Adelia, Hilda Jurane, Tonetta Marie, George Henry, Myrtle Regina, Roy Ernest, Walter Truman and Earl William.

Gulick Knutson, the father of Albert G., was born Nov. 10, 1810, in the kingdom of Norway, where he received his education, and became in his manhood a lumberman and live stock dealer. On March 15, 1842, he married Christina Ingebretson, daughter of Ingebrct Erickson, a farmer in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Knutson came to this country in 1846, bringing with them their two daughters, and, buying land, settled near Bergen, in the town of Clinton, Rock county. This farm he subsequently sold, and bought the farm now divided between his two sons, Knute G. and Albert G. Here he lived until his death, which occurred June 24, 1894; his remains are interred in the family cemetery on the farm owned by Albert G. Mrs. Knutson was born May 14, 1814, and makes her home with her sons. She is the mother of six children, Cornelia, Christie, Mary, Knute G., Albert G. and Ruby. Mary died at the age of thirty-one, and Ruby at the age of thirty-eight. Gulick Knutson was always a member and a liberal supporter of the Lutheran Church, and once donated two acres of land near the center of his farm for its use as a cemetery. He was a Republican, and a public-spirited man throughout his career.

Albert G. Knutson is walking well in the footsteps of his father, loyally stands by the church of his parents, and is repeating his father's noble and generous character.

**WILLIAM GUNN.** England has contributed much valuable material to the upbuilding of our Commonwealth, men of brawn and muscle, men of brains and character, in whom old Anglo-Saxon liberty and daring have developed a noble humanity. Mr. Gunn, whose rural home is found in Section 10, Rock township, Rock county, has embodied in his own career the best ideals of his ancestry, and given to them a significance peculiarly American.

Mr. Gunn was born in Lincolnshire, England, March 28, 1834, a son of John and Rebecca (Tawlkes) Gunn, both natives of England, who had four sons and four daughters, five now living: William; Alice, wife of a Mr. Bowen, of London, England; Anna, wife of Edwin Bowen, of Stowe, Lincolnshire, England; Jesse E., of Sydney, Australia; and Henry, a traveler. John Gunn was a man of

ready resources, and followed various occupations in life, prospering in whatever he undertook. He was a veterinary surgeon, carpenter, brewer, and hotel-keeper. He died in Lincolnshire, England, about 1882, at the age of seventy-five. His wife died in 1877, when sixty-four years old. He was a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was advanced in its councils. His father, William Gunn, who was a farmer, also lived to an advanced age. He had four sons and one daughter. Henry Tawlkes, father of Rebecca Tawlkes, was a native of England, and died in his native land, where he was a farmer and a stock raiser. He had a numerous family.

William Gunn, the subject of this article, lived in England until he was sixteen years old, and was educated at a school known as Cooley's Charity, a fine practical establishment, founded by a Mr. Cooley. There were three grades, and the languages, engineering, etc., were taught. Mr. Cooley supported the school from his own funds, and also furnished the books for the students, who were limited to those of the middle class and poor families. Each member of each poor family was given a full suit of clothing every Christmas, and each poor family received a ton of coal, all provided by Mr. Cooley. At church each Sunday a loaf of bread was given to the head of each poor family. Our subject was reared on a farm, and in 1850, with a company of his neighbors, crossed the ocean and located in Warren county, Penn., engaging in the lumber business. He lived there until 1865, in which year he came West and settled in Rock township, Rock Co., Wis., buying the farm which has since been his home. It then consisted of 156 acres, but it has been considerably enlarged and well improved, and now comprises 190 acres, with a commodious stone house, a large barn, and other needed farm buildings. It is about two and a half miles from Janesville, and is regarded as one of the most complete agricultural establishments in the county.

On June 25, 1857, Mr. Gunn married Hannah McGee, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Thompson) McGee, and they had two children: John A. and Thomas M. B. John A. married Margaret Finley, and is a farmer in Rock township; they have seven children, Hannah, Willie, Mary, James, Kittie, Adelbert and Biddle. Thomas M. B. married Alice E. Ratheram, and lives on the home place. Mrs.

Hannah Gunn died very suddenly from heart disease, April 27, 1900, in Decherd, Franklin Co., Tenn., whither she had gone hoping to restore her failing health. She was a woman of beautiful character. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, the father being a farmer and lumberman. He was justice of the peace for many years, becoming widely known as "Squire Joe McGee," and had a great record for pronouncing marriage ceremonies. His father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was in the battle of Lundy's Lane. When he died he was almost one hundred years of age.

Mr. Gunn is a Republican, was supervisor of the town sixteen years, chairman of the town board twelve years, chairman of the county board two years, a trustee of the Rock County Insane Asylum six years and has been treasurer of the school district twenty-two years.

Mr. Gunn was a soldier in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, and served with honor and fidelity, enlisting Aug. 18, 1862, in Company F, 145th P. V. I., and remaining in the service two years and eleven months. He was badly wounded in the left hip at the battle of Fredericksburg, and there he also lost part of the fourth finger of his left hand. That was the only battle of any importance in which he participated. After that engagement he was clerk in the York Hospital, at York, Penn., where he remained until discharged, July 18, 1865, on account of wounds received in battle. While in this hospital he was transferred to Company 108, 2d Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps, First Lieut. William L. Mitchell, commanding. Mr. Gunn was adjutant of W. H. Sargent Post, No. 20, G. A. R., but resigned in the spring of 1900, by reason of his removal from the city of Janesville.

**JAMES CALDWELL**, a retired farmer and well-known citizen of Janesville, Rock county, is an ex-soldier, having served bravely in defense of the Union during the war of the Rebellion, when the courage of men was tried to its utmost, and they proved, for all time, the metal of which they were made.

James Caldwell was born in Janesville township, Rock county, Oct. 4, 1848, a son of James and Eliza (Alford) Caldwell, natives of Scotland and England, respectively. The paternal grandfather of our subject died in Scotland in middle life, after rearing a large family.

The grandfather on the maternal side was Thomas Alford, a native of England, who died in that country; he had a family of fourteen children.

The father of our subject, James Caldwell, was a sailor during his early manhood, came to America about 1842, and settled in Janesville, where he took up land from the government, and later bought additional property, until at one time he owned 366 acres, but afterward sold eighty acres, and improved the remainder. This land was located in sections 3 and 9, and he resided upon it for many years, rearing his family. When sixty-three years old Mr. Caldwell went on a trip to England, and died there, being buried in London. His widow, who accompanied him on the trip, still survives, residing in Janesville. In religious belief Mr. Caldwell was a Presbyterian, while Mrs. Caldwell is an Episcopalian. Six children were born to this worthy couple, five sons and one daughter, four of whom are now living: Thomas, of West Concord, Minn.; James, our subject; Alexander, of Center township, Rock county; and William, of the town of Porter, Rock Co., Wisconsin.

During his boyhood our subject worked upon his father's farm, attending the district schools as opportunity offered. Although but a boy, even in the closing days of the war, he felt it his duty to go to the front and risk his life in the cause he loved so dearly, so in 1864 he enlisted in Company A, 43d Wis. V. I., serving one year, participating in the battle at Johnsonville, Tenn., and other minor engagements, and at all times displaying courage and fortitude. After the close of the war Mr. Caldwell returned home, and began life for himself, working a rented farm in Minnesota. However, it was not long before this enterprising young man had sufficient money saved to purchase a farm of 160 acres for himself, in Dodge county, Minn., and here he remained several years, cultivating his property. Later Mr. Caldwell sold his farm, and purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead in Rock county, which now contains 320 acres. Here he resided until 1896, when, retiring from active work, he removed to Janesville, renting the farm, and is now living in a beautiful home at No. 15 Forest Park boulevard. In addition Mr. Caldwell also owns 640 acres in South Dakota, 320 acres being near Waupton; 160 near Aberdeen; and 160 near Ipswich.

On Nov. 4, 1877, James Caldwell married Miss Eleanor M. Chase, born Dec. 28, 1858, daughter of Samuel and Elvira M. (Maxson) Chase, and three children were born of this union: Harriet M., Beatrice C. and Laurien J. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Caldwell was Lord Michael Pitt, of England. Her paternal grandfather, Calvin Chase, a native of England, died in New York State, where he served as captain in the state militia. He had three children, Samuel, the father of Mrs. Caldwell, being one. It is a peculiar coincidence that Calvin Chase had three children, and that two of his sisters had the same number, as did also his son Samuel, and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Caldwell, as well as his son, Frank L. Chase. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Caldwell, Laurien Maxson, was a native of New York State (although the family is of French descent), and belonged to the New York State militia; he now resides at St. Peter, Minn., in his eighty-fourth year. Five children were born to himself and wife. Samuel Chase, the father of Mrs. Caldwell, was a native of New York State, as was his wife, and came to Wisconsin at an early date, locating in Walworth county, where he resided for several years, pursuing his occupation of farming. Later he removed to Winthrop, Minn., where he died in 1896, aged sixty-four years, his widow still surviving, and residing in Minneapolis with her son. Of the three children born to this couple, Mrs. Caldwell and Frank L. (of Minneapolis) are the only survivors.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell attend the Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Caldwell is a member. Mr. Caldwell belongs to W. H. Sargent Post, G. A. R., and politically is a Republican. Among a large circle of friends, as well as in their immediate family, Mr. Caldwell and his pleasant wife enjoy a well deserved popularity for their many excellent qualities, and are deservedly considered as representatives of the substantial people of Janesville.

JOHN NAGLE, of Bloomington township, Grant county, was one of the defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, having enlisted in August, 1864, in Company H, 43d Wis. V. I. He was on duty during his whole term of service, and, though at times ill from hard marching and severe duty, he managed to keep out of the hospital, pre-

fering to remain with his company. The 43d rendezvoused at Milwaukee, went from there to Nashville, Tenn., and thence to Johnsonville, where the government stores were located, and where the regiment remained, doing guard duty, for a considerable time. This was an important point, and, owing to the large amount of supplies stored there, its possession was very much desired by the Confederates, and the troops were under Rebel fire a large part of the time. Later the regiment went to Nashville, and remained at that place until January 1, 1865, when it was divided into details and engaged in railroad guarding. During the last part of the war Mr. Nagle was detailed at Elk River Fort, and remained there until hostilities ceased.

Mr. Nagle represents an early and well-known family of Grant county. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1842, a son of Thomas and Eliza Nagle, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Scotland. When he was a small child the family moved to Grant county, Wis. In fact, the parents had come to the county previous to his birth, but decided to return to Cincinnati, and not until 1842 did they locate here permanently; they were early settlers of Patch Grove township. Our subject was one of five children, two sons and three daughters.

The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. John Nagle was formerly Miss Jane Foster, a daughter of Thompson Foster. Mr. and Mrs. Nagle have had seven children, three sons and four daughters. Mr. Nagle is one of the most prominent citizens and successful agriculturists of Bloomington township, where he has a pleasant home and fine farm.

JOHN LITTLE, the accommodating pathmaster of Janesville, Rock county, and a farmer, residing in Section 28, of that township, was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, in 1830, a son of John and Isabel (Blythe) Little, natives of Scotland. The paternal grandfather of our subject died in Scotland and the maternal grandfather, Thomas Blythe, also died there, when about eighty-two years of age; he had two children.

John Little, Sr., was a farmer, and operated a lime-kiln. Coming to America in 1853, he located in Janesville township, where he bought 200 acres, to which he added more land, improving it all. Here he died, aged seventy-

six, in about 1865. His first wife died about 1841, a staunch Presbyterian, as was also Mr. Little. The second wife of Mr. Little, Isabel Irving, died in June, 1867, without issue. To the first union were born eight sons and one daughter, five of whom are now living: Thomas, John, James and Walter, of Janesville township; and Andrew, of Blue Earth, Minnesota.

John Little, our subject, was educated in the schools of his native land, coming to this country with his father in 1853, since which time he has resided continuously in Janesville township, remaining with his father until his death. John Little now owns 160 acres of the old homestead, finely improved. Employing the best methods of cultivation, he has been enabled to bring his land up to a high grade of cultivation, and his broad acres show the result of his efforts.

On November 30, 1861, John Little was married to Miss Jane Scott, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Scott, and ten children have been born to this union, four sons and six daughters: John, who married Ella Gentle, lives in La Prairie, and has two children, Fay and Norman; Isabella, who married James Duthie, lives in Bradford township, Rock county; Walter, unmarried, is at home; Bessie married Lester Van Galder, who is now deceased; Thomas died aged eighteen months; Annie is teaching school in district No. 5; Mary married Frank Korn, and lives in Janesville township; Jane married Eugene Smith, resides near Tiffany, La Prairie township, and has one son, Harold; Maggie is living at home; Willie died, aged three months.

Mrs. Little is a consistent member of and earnest worker in the Presbyterian church. Politically Mr. Little is independent in his views, voting with the party whose platform contains the principles most nearly in accordance with his own ideas. For many years Mr. Little has been pathmaster in Janesville, has also served as school director, and is justly regarded as one of the representatives of the best class of farmers in Rock county.

GEORGE M. APPLEBY, of Beloit, Rock county, holds the responsible position of city marshal, and has for a number of years discharged the duties of that position in an intelligent and fearless manner. He is highly thought of as a police officer, and his honor and integrity as a man are unquestioned.

Mr. Appleby was born in Avon, Rock Co., Wis., Aug. 30, 1855, and is a son of John Thomas and Sarah (Landdragin) Appleby, both natives of England. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are now living: John Thomas, Jr.; Elizabeth, wife of Albert Graves; George M.; Caroline, wife of Henry Graves; and William H. The father was formerly a silk weaver. He came to this country, and settled in Wisconsin at an early day, locating in Janesville, where he was a butcher for some years. For the last fifteen years he has led a retired life, living in Beloit, in the home of his son George M. His wife died in 1865. She was a Seventh-day Adventist. The paternal grandfather of George M. Appleby lived in Boone county, Iowa, where he and his wife died at an advanced age. He was a general merchant, and served as a justice of the peace. The father of Sarah Landdragin was a merchant in London, where he died.

George M. Appleby lived in Avon, Wis., until he reached the age of nineteen years, attended the public schools, and was reared on a farm. When he attained his majority he moved to Beloit, where he secured the appointment of assistant city marshal, and so energetic and capable did he prove that six months later he was made the city marshal, and has been retained in this position by every succeeding city administration. Mr. Appleby and Miss Anna Noble, of Marengo, Ill., were married Jan. 1, 1885. Mrs. Appleby is a daughter of John and Jane (Corvan) Noble, and is the mother of one daughter, Flossie. She is a member of the Episcopal Church. Our subject is a member of the order of Modern Woodmen, and is a Republican politically. He is deputy sheriff of Rock county, having held this position for five years, and is poor master for the southern tier of towns in Rock county, including Beloit and the village of Clinton.

HAROLD KNILL, of the town of Beloit, Rock county, was born in Gloucestershire, England, Jan. 24, 1849, and was only six months old when his parents came to the United States. They lived in Genesee county, N. Y., for three years, and then removed to Wisconsin, settling in the town of Beloit. Harold was only eight years old when his father died, and he went to live with a half sister, at Racine, Wis., being an inmate of her home for seven

years. At the age of fifteen the young man came back to the town of Beloit, and here has made his home to the present time. He has been chiefly engaged in farming, owning a highly cultivated farm of sixty-seven acres, and has given much attention to dairying, which has proved very profitable to him. He has put up fine buildings, designing them himself, and is a modern and up-to-date farmer in every respect, disposing of his product at the highest prices of the season. Mr. Knill began business for himself when eight years old, selling papers in Racine, Wis., and has accumulated his property through his own exertions, and with the help of his estimable wife. They have had little to help them but their own courage and self-reliance, and are already well-to-do people, while in the prime of life.

Mr. Knill and Miss Mary E. McNeal were married in Beloit Oct. 13, 1875. Mrs. Knill was born in the town of Beloit, and is a daughter of John and Clara McNeal. Mr. and Mrs. Knill have one daughter, Maude L.

Henry Knill, father of Harold Knill, was born in London, England, and married Mary Ann Sterry, who was born in Norfolk. He died in the town of Beloit when fifty-two years old, and she at the age of eighty-five. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Harold was fifth in the order of birth. Henry Knill was an English gentleman, and came to this country with a fortune. He built the Grand Trunk railroad in Canada, and the Racine & Mississippi, now a part of the Milwaukee system, the road running from Racine to Galena; in building it he lost money, though his wife and family would have been very comfortable but for a dishonest administrator, and they were left with only a small home.

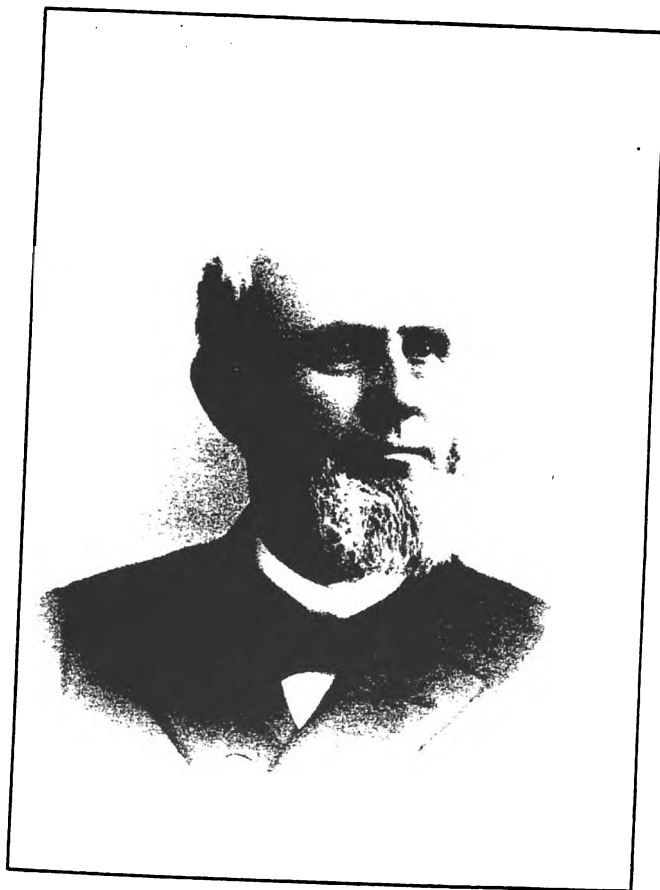
ELIJAH N. CLARK, M. D., of Beloit, Rock county, is both a physician and a dentist, and though now at an advanced age still continues to practice dentistry at intervals. He has had a varied and eventful life, and has maintained a character and standing above reproach throughout his many years.

Dr. Clark was born at Amherst, Mass., Feb. 10, 1817, a son of Elijah and Sybill (Green) Clark, both natives of that State. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the two older daughters died in infancy, and the seventh son, Barnard, died in his eighteenth year. The others all attained ma-

turity. The Doctor and his sister, Mary Ann, now widow of Woodhull Helm, are the only surviving members of this family. The father, who was a farmer, moved to Marion, Wayne Co., N. Y., where he settled on a farm, and died at the age of fifty-four. His widow survived a number of years, and in 1845 came to Beloit with her son Rufus, making that city her home as long as she lived. She and her husband were Congregationalists, and he was a deacon in the church. Simeon Clark, the father of Elijah, was born at Amherst, and there spent his entire life, reaching the age of eighty years. He was of English descent, and followed the trade of a millwright. Joel Green, the father of Sybill, referred to above, lived at Amherst, and was a farmer. He was of English descent.

Dr. Elijah N. Clark lived in his native town until he was twelve years old, and began his studies in the common school. At the age of sixteen he was a teacher at Marion, Wayne Co., N. Y., and was engaged in that vocation four years. When he was twenty he began the study of medicine with Dr. Asahel Clark, his eldest brother, as his preceptor. He was graduated from Geneva College in 1841, and was a practicing physician at Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., for five years. In 1847 he made his first appearance in the city of Beloit, remaining there until 1852, when he was carried away by the flood of gold seekers and made his way to California, where he spent about three years. At the expiration of that period he returned to Beloit, and that city has since been his home. He practiced medicine and dentistry until 1887, when he confined himself exclusively to the work of the dentist. He also practiced medicine and dentistry in California. He was a charter member of the Wisconsin State Dental Society.

Dr. Clark and Miss Sarah A. Sutton, daughter of Robert B. Sutton, of Lyons, N. Y., were married in 1842. They became the parents of five children, Delaphine, Emma, Hattie, Matie, and Robert B. Delaphine married Nelson Chamberlain, and became the mother of two children, Grace and Hattie, both of whom are engaged in teaching; Mrs. Chamberlain is now deceased. Emma married George F. Ackley, and is the mother of three children, Elaine, Bert, and Willard. Hattie married Oliver P. Smith, and they have two children, Sadie and Roy. Matie is the widow



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of Fred Messer; they had one child, Marion. Robert lives in Chippewa Falls, Wis.; he married Harriet J. Williams.

Mrs. Sarah A. Clark died in 1876, in Beloit. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Clark married for his second wife Mrs. Carrie E. Conant, of Beloit. They went to Evanston, Ill., where they had a wedding supper at the home of George E. Redfield; Mrs. Clark was seized with a spasm of coughing, which could not be checked, and she died before midnight, June 19, 1882. In 1887 Dr. Clark married Miss Emily Caroline Rowe. They belong to the First Presbyterian Church, in which he has filled the position of elder for fifty years. He was one of the charter members, and is the only one of the first official board of the church now living. The Doctor is a Mason, member of the Odd Fellows and Sons of Temperance, and has been associated with these various orders for many years. On account of his age he does not now meet with them except in spirit. He is a Republican, and in early life was a Whig. Dr. Clark owns a fine arm adjoining Beloit on the southeast, but situated in Illinois. It contains 175 acres of land, and is very valuable.

CARL A. HANSEN, M. D., the oldest practicing physician in point of service in Lafayette county, is a native of Kongsberg, Norway, where he was born May 31, 1844. He received his literary training in the unexcelled schools of his native land, and for several years prior to his coming to America made an especial study of pharmacy, with the intention of entering the medical profession, and later attended medical lectures at the University of Christiania.

In 1865 he started for the New World, and began his professional career at Brodhead, Green Co., Wis., but remained in that place only a year, when he went to Wiot, Lafayette county, at the time an important mining town. After coming to this country Dr. Hansen felt that it would be well for him to pursue a course of medical studies as taught in America, and accordingly entered Bennett Medical College, Chicago, for a course of lectures. In 1876 he became a resident of Argyle, where he has since followed the practice of his profession, meeting with richly deserved success. His clear insight into human nature, his fine at-

tainments, and his wide sympathy have made him a welcome visitor in the sick room and a clever and successful physician. He has a wide practice, and has found friends and a home in his adopted country. Dr. Hansen is a member of the Wisconsin Eclectic Medical Society and of the National Eclectic Medical Society, and fraternally is an esteemed member of the Masonic Order.

In 1865 Dr. Hansen was united in marriage, at Brodhead, to Miss Sarah Jane Clegg, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, Aug. 13, 1844, and came to Wisconsin with her parents in 1854. Dr. and Mrs. Hansen have two sons, both of whom are successful practicing physicians: Charles O., born Dec. 2, 1867, was graduated from Bennett Medical College, Chicago, and now resides in Neenah, Wis., engaged in the practice of his profession; Oscar L., a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, is now practicing in Argyle.

WILLIAM E. STEVENS, a well-known contractor and builder of Beloit, Rock county, learned very early in life that all success which is really desirable comes only as the result of conformity to the great laws of industry and rectitude, and the history of his life is the story of a sound and honorable career. He is still in middle life, and his character and standing in his own community make him in every sense one of the representative men of southern Wisconsin.

Mr. Stevens was born at Monroe, Wis., Sept. 16, 1853, a son of Jedediah D. and Esther (Humphrey) Stevens, natives of New York; the former, born in Hamilton, that state, March 25, 1798, died March 23, 1877. The mother died in July, 1884. They were married in 1845, and were the parents of five children, three of whom are now living: Edwin H., of Ashland, Neb.; William E.; and Joy W., living near Springfield, S. Dak. Jedediah D. Stevens was first married in 1827, at Batavia, N. Y., to Miss Julia Eggleston, daughter of Ebenezer and Anna Eggleston, and five children were born to that union, two of whom are now living: Everts C., of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Saloma, widow of Horace Bisbee, of East Milan, Mich. Mrs. Julia Stevens died in 1842. The father, a clergyman of the Congregational Church, came west to Wisconsin in 1827, and spent fourteen years preaching to the Indians. He was a singularly pure

and devoted missionary. He was a son of Jonathan Stevens, who was from Southwick, Mass., and was one of the earliest settlers in western New York. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church, and a man of much force of character. He married Lucy Barry, a native of Meriden, Conn. Jonathan Humphrey, father of Mrs. Esther Stevens, was of English descent, lived at East Bloomfield, N. Y., and was a farmer by occupation. He died at his own home in old age. He was the father of ten children.

William E. Stevens spent the greater part of his early life in Walworth and Rock counties, Wis., with the exception of three years during which he lived in Illinois, and has made his home in Beloit since the fall of 1869. He obtained his education in the schools of Waterford, and supplemented their instruction with study at Allen Grove Academy, and later Beloit Academy. When he reached the age of nineteen years he set himself to the carpenter's trade, and this was his occupation until 1883. Since that year he has done contract work, and has been engaged in some of the most important construction in the city and vicinity. He does his work thoroughly, and his buildings stand as they are represented. Our subject has just formed a partnership with J. Frank Deul, and is engaged in the planing-mill business at Rockford, Ill.; they are doing business under the firm name of Stevens & Deul Manufacturing Co. Percy Howard Stevens, son of our subject, is located in Rockford, and has charge of the office.

Mr. Stevens and Miss Sarah Brown were united in marriage Nov. 29, 1877. Mrs. Stevens was a resident of Beloit at that time. She is a daughter of Charles and Martha (Gregory) Brown, and comes from a long-lived family on her mother's side. Her maternal grandmother lived to be nearly one hundred years old, and her grandfather reached the age of over ninety years. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have four children, Percy Howard, William Earl, Leland Eddy and Wayne Harold. The family reside at No. 535 Park Place, occupying a house which Mr. Stevens built in 1891. He and his wife are Christian Scientists in religious belief. He is a Republican.

It is an interesting bit of family lore that the father of William E. Stevens spent the winter of 1832 with Black Hawk, at Rock Island, Ill. He was employed during the win-

ter of 1862-63 at New Orleans, looking after the sick Wisconsin soldiers, and assisting them home. He was one of the trustees of Beloit College in the early days.

**DAVID WILKINSON.** The real wealth of a community is not in its banks and business blocks, but in the integrity and worth of its people, for the influence of a good life goes farther than a bag of dollars in forming the future status of manner and morality. When our subject, David Wilkinson, was born away across the water, in England, Feb. 6, 1832, no one would have predicted of the little Lancashire lad the successful and honorable life that has been his, fertile in good deeds, and an example to the young of the reward awaiting him who lives justly and industriously, temperately and honestly.

The parents of our subject were John and Ann (Brenan) Wilkinson, both born in England, the former Jan. 28, 1803, the latter in 1805. John Wilkinson was the son of David and Ellen (Yates) Wilkinson, who were born in 1765, and married in 1795; both died in England. The father of our subject, John Wilkinson (2), was married in England Feb. 7, 1830. He was the manager of some zinc works in Wales for some time before coming to America, and also filled the position of bookkeeper for the Liverpool Ship Building Co. In March, 1844, he left his native country for the United States, taking passage on a sailing-vessel, and after a long and tedious voyage the welcome port of New Orleans was reached. Following the Mississippi until he came to Galena, Ill., he settled at Scales Mound, in Jo Daviess county, but in the fall of that year he moved to Big Patch, Wis., where they lived during the remainder of their lives, his death occurring Nov. 15, 1879, and his wife's July 14, 1866. Both John Wilkinson and his wife were valued and consistent members of the Primitive Methodist Church, and were known as worthy Christian people. A staunch Republican after settling in his new country, he never wavered in his faith to that party during the rest of his life. In 1850 he made a trip to California, crossing the Plains, but did not make a protracted stay there.

Eleven children were born to John and Ann Wilkinson: David, our subject, is the eldest of the family. William, who was born in England in 1833, married Miss Mary Al-

tizer, of Smelser, settled on his farm near the old homestead, and died in 1861, leaving two children, John and Oliver, now residents of California. John, born in England in July, 1835, married Hannah Roe, and died after coming to America; he left two children, Frances and John. Ellen, born in England, died when a child. Thomas, born in England in May, 1839, married Anna Slack, of Grant county, and now resides in Linn county, Iowa, where he has been a prosperous farmer for thirty years; he has a family of ten children. Albert, Edward, Nellie, Thomas, Anna, Emma, James, Hall, Milford and Yetta. Elizabeth, born in Wales in August, 1841, married William Landshutz, of Smelser, who died in 1888, leaving his wife and two children, W. H. (who with his mother resides in Big Patch) and Laura (the latter now deceased). James, born in England Aug. 7, 1843, married, first, a Miss Rawson, who died leaving him one son, William, now of Dubuque, Iowa; his second marriage was with Elizabeth Simpson; he resides in Lemars, Iowa. Anna is deceased. Mary A., born in Grant county, married L. A. Jackson, resided in Smelser, and died Aug. 5, 1874. George, born in 1850, married Sophia Kopp, of Platteville, and now resides on the old Wilkinson homestead, in Smelser, with six children, Mary, Sophia, Carl, Elizabeth, Catharine and Gretta. Robert, born at the old home in Smelser, in November, 1852, married Mary Whittaker, formerly of Delaware, and resides in Pipestone county, Minn.; he has four children, James, Palmer, Bell and Harold.

David Wilkinson, our subject, acquired his early education in England, his opportunities in Smelser being confined to a term of three months. However, he had the advantage of having an intelligent and educated father, and under his supervision he continued his studies. In 1855 he married Miss Isabella Harker, a daughter of George and Isabella Harker, this family being among the English-American families who have become prominent in Smelser township. Mrs. Wilkinson was born in 1834, and was called from life in April, 1880, leaving three children: Elizabeth, born Dec. 30, 1856, was a student at Platteville, married Joseph Thomas, of Grant county, and resides on a farm in Smelser; they have five children, Edward, Walton, Isabel, Gretta and Jessie. James, born in January, 1859, died in August, 1870. Ellen, born in February, 1861, mar-

ried George Reige, of Smelser, and died Aug. 31, 1889, leaving one daughter, Florence.

In December, 1886, Mr. Wilkinson married Miss Susanna Robinson, of Platteville township, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah Robinson, of an old pioneer family. She was born in 1848, and died in Big Patch Oct. 8, 1899, leaving many lamenting friends. During her life she had been noted for good works, and was one of the leading members of the Primitive Methodist Church, in which her father had long been a local minister.

After his first marriage Mr. Wilkinson settled on a farm for some two years, and then purchased the Kay gristmill, at Big Patch, which he has managed for over thirty-five years. In 1858 he engaged in the mercantile business, in connection with his milling, and until 1900, when he sold, he did a prosperous business. Mr. Wilkinson has always been an ardent Republican, but was appointed by President Buchanan as postmaster at Big Patch, and in all the changes of administration since that time has been continued in office, his character being so high that no citizen could ever be found as an opponent. For forty-one years he has efficiently held this government appointment, this being, in itself, a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held, irrespective of party.

So prominent a man as Mr. Wilkinson could not escape election to the county and township offices, and he has performed the duties of them all, at various times. He has been town treasurer of Smelser for the past three years, and for the three preceding years was town assessor. Reared in the Primitive Methodist Church, he has always adhered to its teachings, and has been a liberal and cheerful contributor to its support. In all things Mr. Wilkinson has been a worthy citizen, always ready to aid in benevolence where he found a deserving object, has served well and faithfully in his public life, and the regularity of his habits has made him a pleasant factor in the home circle. Grant county has in David Wilkinson a representative citizen.

WILLIAM CRAVEN is a highly esteemed resident of Platteville, Grant county, where he is now living retired from active business. He has been a noted hunter of large game in his day, and has killed more wolves, bear and deer than any other man in Grant

county. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 14, 1843.

Samuel Craven, his father, was born in Washington county, Penn., in 1800, and his mother, Sarah (Metcalf), was born in the same county in August, 1808. They were married in 1832, and then moved to Wayne county, Ohio, where they settled on a farm, upon which he erected a log house. In this primitive home they lived happily for many years, later building a fine modern house, where Mr. Craven died in 1888, and his wife in 1882. Before his marriage with Sarah Metcalf he had married Margaret Boher, who bore him two children: James, deceased; and Hiram, of Paulding county, Ohio. Nine children were born of the second union: (1) Stewart, born in Ohio, in May, 1823, was reared to manhood on the home farm, and then joined Van Amberg's Show, with which he remained for many years, working his way upward until he became the trainer for the noted elephant "Romeo." He married a lady from Philadelphia, and for some years made that city his home, later going to Dallas, Texas, where he owned a large ranch, upon which his death occurred some ten years ago. His wife and child, Charles, survive him, and make their home in Texas. (2) Susan, born in January, 1835, became the wife of S. C. Long, of Wayne county, Ohio, and at her death left four children, Stewart, Lewis, Mary and William. (3) Mary, born Jan. 8, 1837, married Dr. Barnheart, who became a surgeon in the Civil war, and died, leaving one child, Capitola, who is married and lives in Indiana. Mary is also deceased. (4) John and (5) Sarah died in childhood. (6) William is our subject. (7) George, born in May, 1845, grew to manhood, and enlisted in an Indiana regiment during the Civil war, after which he came west to Wisconsin, and worked for some years in the Laflin & Rand Powder Mills. He married Ella Douglas, of Platteville, and moved to Nebraska, thence going to Oklahoma, where he now resides. He has a family of seven children, Della, Charles, Cora, Wilbur, Jennie, Stewart and Julian. (8) Lucinda is the widow of Solomon Staher, of Wayne county, and has two children, Sarah and Frank, the latter of Oklahoma. (9) Samuel C., born in 1851, was educated in the higher schools of Ohio, married Emma Winkler, and then located on the old homestead, remaining there until 1898,

when he removed to Oklahoma, to engage in the livery and feed business. He has two children living, Melissa and William; another, Charles, is deceased.

William Craven was educated in the excellent public schools of Ohio. In 1862, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted in Company F, 102d O. V. I., and was assigned to the Western Army. His first duty was in Kentucky, where his regiment took part in the fighting against Gen. Bragg, engaging him at Perryville. Later they took part in several battles in Tennessee, where they wintered in 1862. They remained in Tennessee one year, and Mr. Craven, being taken ill at Clarksville, was obliged to pass some time in the hospital there, and later was detailed from the Invalid Corps as manager of the government farm established there. In the fall of 1864 he joined his regiment at Decatur, Ala., at which point the Union forces engaged Hood's army, and followed him in his march to Nashville. The 102d Ohio served continually until the close of the war. After the war was over Mr. Craven returned, in July, 1865, to his home, and passed the fall with Forepaugh's show. In 1866 he located on his father-in-law's homestead, where he remained until 1900, in that year purchasing a home in Platteville, and has since lived retired. In 1894, while engaged in a hunting expedition in northern Wisconsin, he captured a pair of fawns, which he brought home, and they became the progenitors of the fine herd of deer on his farm.

Politically Mr. Craven is a staunch Republican, and has held the office of justice of the peace. Socially he belongs to Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., of Platteville, and to the I. O. O. F. at Washburn. In religious faith the family are Presbyterians.

On March 22, 1866, Mr. Craven was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Burns, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Thompson) Burns, of Lima, Wis. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burns were born in Ohio, the former in October, 1817, the latter in December, 1821. Mrs. Jane (Thompson) Burns was the daughter of Archibald and Martha (Fitzsimmons) Thompson, who moved to Ohio from Pennsylvania among the early settlers of that State. Thomas Burns located in Grant county, Wis., in 1842, and settled in the town of Lima, and there in 1849 his wife died, leaving him with two children, Mary E., wife of our subject; and Thomas J., now a

merchant of Casey, Iowa. The children were taken back to Ohio, and were cared for until grown by their Grandfather Burns, a gallant old soldier of the war of 1812. Thomas J. Burns, brother of Mrs. Craven, enlisted in the 120th O. V. I. during the Civil war; later he married Miss Sidney Aukerman, and moved to his present home in Casey, Iowa; he has three children, Carrie, Thomas and Etta. Mrs. Craven was highly educated in the schools of Ohio, and for several years was one of the successful teachers of that State.

To Mr. and Mrs. Craven have been born nine children, four of whom died in childhood. The others are: S. C., born in Lima in 1867, married Myrtle Hake, of Platteville, and now resides on the old Burns homestead, which he owns; they have three children, Flossie, Mellie and Neal. Mabel, born in April, 1871, was educated at the Platteville Normal, became one of the successful teachers of Lima, and is now the wife of Ralph King, of Ellenboro, by whom she has two children, Ivan and Margie. Bell, born in February, 1876, educated in the Platteville Normal, became a well-known teacher in Grant county, and is now the wife of Ernest Harrison; they reside in Aitkin, Minn., where he is a merchant; they have one son, William Harrison. Burns, born in April, 1880, still makes his home with his parents, and is at present a student in the Platteville Business College. Bessie, born in April, 1883, is a student at the Platteville Normal.

S. B. SPENCER, who for the past twelve years has efficiently served as justice of the peace at Platteville, Grant county, was born in Springville township, Susquehanna Co., Penn., March 1, 1834, a son of Daniel R. and Myranda (Baldwin) Spencer, the former a native of Concord, N. H., and the latter of Vermont. They were of Scottish descent, and early settlers of Springville township, Susquehanna Co., Penn., where the father, a farmer by occupation, died in 1836. The mother long survived him, dying in Wyoming county, same State, in 1888. Our subject is the only member of the family now living.

S. B. Spencer was reared and educated in his native county, whence he came to Grant county, Wis., in 1851. Locating in the town of Beetown, he was engaged in mining there for two years, and then moved to Lancaster, where he learned the mason's trade. After

a residence of five or six years at the latter place he went to Boscobel, and accepted a position in a store. While there the Civil war broke out, and he enlisted, in 1862, in Company G, 33d Wis. V. I., for one year, being elected ordnance sergeant. He was on detached duty most of the time, and was honorably discharged at Vicksburg in 1863. Returning to Grant county, he purchased a farm in Harrison township which he operated for three years, and in 1871 came to Platteville, where he has since made his home.

In Grant county Mr. Spencer was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Beroyl McKenzie, by whom he had two children, Edward M. and H. M. He was again married, in 1886, his second union being with Miss Hannah Straw, by whom he also has two children, Hazel E. and Estella M. Mrs. Spencer is a native of Grant county, and a daughter of Richard and Mary (Place) Straw. Her father, who was a well-known smelter, died in Platteville May 10, 1892, at the age of seventy-five years, two months and twenty-five days; he was one of the first settlers of the county. Her mother continues to reside in Platteville.

Socially Mr. Spencer is a member of Melody Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., and W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., in which he has served as chaplain. Both he and his wife are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are highly respected by all who know them. In his political affiliations Mr. Spencer is a Republican. He was census enumerator in Platteville in 1890. In 1887 he was elected justice of the peace, and has since filled that position, with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He is thoroughly impartial in meting out justice, his opinions being unbiased by either fear or favor, and his fidelity to the trust reposed in him is above question.

CHARLES C. CLARKE has for the past twenty years been a prominent stock dealer at Milton Junction, Rock county. He is a man of active temperament, who has had a wide experience in life, gained by extended travel and by following various vocations. Reared a farmer, and inheriting from his father, who was a practicing physician, a keen and comprehensive mind, he has found in the stock business a congenial and most profitable field for his talents.

Mr. Clarke was born in Madison county, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1833, son of Dr. Henry and Lorinda (Coon) Clarke, natives of New York. The father was the son of a Rhode Island farmer, who lived to an advanced age, and reared a large family. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Daniel Coon, was a native of New York State, and there followed farming through his long life; he left a large family. Henry Clarke, the father, practiced medicine in Madison county, N. Y. In 1836 he came West, and for two years lived at Chicago, Ill., then a struggling but ambitious village, in 1838 removing to Walworth, Wis., where he continued the practice of his profession until his death, in 1853, at the age of sixty-one years. His wife survived until 1896, passing away at the age of eighty-two years. Both were prominent members of the Seventh-day Baptist Church. Dr. Clarke was an influential citizen, as well as a successful physician. He was a member of the State Legislature in New York, and was elected to discharge the same legislative duties in Wisconsin. He was the father of eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, of whom six survive: Charles C., our subject; Benjamin F., of Los Angeles, Cal.; Oliver P., of Walworth county, Wis.; Frederick J., of Walworth; John M., of Milton Junction; and Hannah M., wife of Lafayette Cook, of Cecil, Wisconsin.

Charles C. Clarke was four years old when brought by his father to Walworth county, where he was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the district schools. Seeking a more active life than that presented by the farm, Mr. Clarke in his younger years went to Chicago, where for three years he kept a grocery store. Then for a time he served on the police force of that city. In 1860 he went to Pike's Peak, Col., and for a year engaged in mining. Returning to Chicago in 1861, he became a contractor and builder for a number of years, after which he spent seven years engaged in flour-milling at Rockton, Ill. In 1880 Mr. Clarke came to Milton Junction. For one year he conducted a lumber business in connection with stock dealing, then gave his entire attention to the latter business, which grew steadily under his wise management, and which he has continued ever since. For the past fourteen years his brother, John M. Clarke, has been associated with him in the stock business. They have attained marked success, and

our subject ranks as one of the best and most favorably known business men of Rock county. He is a stockholder in the State Bank at Milton Junction.

Mr. Clarke married, Jan. 1, 1856, Miss Mary B. Sherburne, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Atwood) Sherburne, natives of Vermont, who in 1844, with their five children, migrated to Wisconsin and located in Walworth county, where they engaged in farming. Of this family, Phoebe is now the widow of Lucian Covey, of Chicago; Edwin is deceased; Mary B. is the wife of our subject; George A. is a resident of Covert, Mich.; and Emily R. is the wife of Edgar O. Burdick, of Milton Junction. Joseph Sherburne died in Walworth county in 1876, aged seventy-four years, and his wife died in 1891, aged eighty-two years. Both were members of the Seventh-day Baptist Church. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Clarke, John Sherburne, was a Vermont farmer, and lived to about the age of seventy-two years. Her maternal grandfather, Elijah Atwood, was also a Vermont farmer. He was killed in middle life by the kick of a horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke are prominent members of the Seventh-day Baptist Church. Politically he is a Prohibitionist. He is a member of the school board of Milton Junction.

SIGMUND STEUERT, of the town of Fennimore, is one of the pioneers of Grant county. He was born in the Black Forest, Germany, Nov. 14, 1820, son of Jacob Steuert, who died when our subject was four years old. His mother survived many years, and died in her native land. Mr. Steuert was one of five children, and the only one of the family who came to this country. His father was a painter, and made a specialty of painting clock faces, and this became the trade of the son. Clockmaking was one of the principal industries of the people of that region.

In 1842 Sigmund Steuert came to this country, in company with a neighbor who had already been in America. They were forty-two days in making the passage from Bremen to New York, on the sailing-vessel "Westfall." Our subject spent the winter in Pennsylvania, and the following year went to Stark county, Ohio, where he traveled, with a horse and buggy, selling clocks, and made a few hundred dollars. He followed this business for

about three and a half years, and then came to Grant county, making the journey to Columbus from Canton by canal, from there to Xenia by stage, and from there to Cincinnati by railroad. From that city he went down the Ohio to St. Louis, and thence to Galena by steamer, where he took the stage to Potosi, Wis., reaching that point March 18, 1846. A relative by the name of Celestine Kaltenbach had been a resident of the village from 1836. That spring he came to Fennimore, and bought land with the money he had earned in Ohio. Mr. Steuert had but five francs when he entered Pennsylvania. While in that State he desired to visit an uncle in Philadelphia, and, not wishing to spend his money on the fare, walked in, and paid his way by repairing clocks for the farmers on the road. It was a characteristic performance. He had nerve and strength.

When Mr. Steuert bought land in the town of Fennimore he had as a partner Marcus Beyerli, who sold out to him after some two years and went to California, making the voyage around Cape Horn, and, as he was never heard of, it is supposed he perished by the way.

Mr. Steuert and Miss Cynthia Stephens, a native of Kentucky, were married July 30, 1848. She died in August, 1857, leaving four children: Samuel, of Fennimore; Cornelia, the wife of William Moran, of Nebraska; Jacob, a resident of Kansas; and Sarah, who died at the age of eight years. A child named Sigmond died in infancy. Mr. Steuert was married May 9, 1858, to his present estimable wife, Margaret Ann (Clyde), who was born in Mercer county, Penn., March 20, 1820. Her parents, Solomon and Sabina Clyde, came to Mineral Point, Wis., in 1850. They had eleven children, several of whom died young in Pennsylvania. Six of their children reached Wisconsin, and made homes for themselves in this State, where they cared for their parents. The mother died at Montfort in December, 1858, and the father died in August, 1865. Three of their daughters are now (1901) living, Mrs. Steuert being the eldest. Mrs. Eliza Reynolds is in South Dakota. Mrs. Nancy Davy, of Boscobel, Wis., is the youngest. Mrs. Jane McLimans, Mrs. Sarah Smith, and a brother of Mrs. Steuert lived in Boscobel. The latter was captain of a company in the war of the Rebellion; he died in Minnesota.

Two children have been born to Mr. and

Mrs. Steuert, as follows: Samuel, who is now at Fennimore, was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, serving in the 48th Wis. V. I. Sabina is the wife of Eugene McDonald, and lives on the old home farm of her parents, then in Fennimore, now included in the town of Mt. Ida. When Mr. Steuert arrived in the town of Fennimore there were but slight settlements between that town and Lancaster. He became possessed of a fine farm there, and there all his children were born. In 1884 he removed to the village of Fennimore, where he yet lives, respected and highly esteemed by all who know him. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Church. She has been a member of the church since she was fourteen and her husband for more than forty years. Mr. Steuert was in early life a Democrat, but when slavery became the leading issue he joined the Republican party. When the old issues were settled forever, feeling that the destruction of the saloon is the most vital question before the people, he became a member of the Prohibition party, and has worked with it for a number of years. Mr. Steuert was the first German settler in what are now the towns of Fennimore, Mt. Ida, Hickory Grove, Marion, and other northern townships. He was justice of the peace for twelve years, and at his first and last elections to this office not a single vote was cast against him.

JOHN DINSDALE, of the town of Fennimore, Grant county, is one of the earliest settlers of that section. He has lived there since 1849, and he has been a permanent settler in the town of Fennimore since June, 1850.

Mr. Dinsdale was born in the town of Askrigg, Yorkshire, England, Nov. 12, 1825, son of James and Elizabeth (Thompson) Dinsdale. The Dinsdale family has been resident in Askrigg for many generations. James Dinsdale, the grandfather of John, died at the age of eighty-four. Edward Thompson, the father of Elizabeth, married Dorothy Newton. Our subject's father had ten children, only two now living: John; and Mrs. Dorothy Alderson, of Denver, Colo. The father died in England in 1843, at the age of fifty-five years. His eldest son, Matthew, was the first to come to America, arriving here in 1846, and he followed mining for a time at Mineral Point, Wis. He became a minister of the Methodist



Episcopal Church. In 1849 he went to California, and spent two years in the land of gold. Returning then to England, he married Miss Mary Ann Mann, and when he came back to the United States he brought with him his mother, his brother Edward, and sister Lizzie. He put up a store at Linden, Iowa Co., Wis., and was engaged in its management for several years, later in life renting it and removing to Madison, that his children might have the benefit of the State University. He lived at Madison ten years, and preached at various places in the vicinity. After his daughter's graduation and marriage to Magnus Swanson, of Chicago, he returned to Linden, where he died in 1897. A sister of John Dinsdale married a Mr. Munden, of Geneva Lake, and another sister, Jane, married a Mr. Chapman, in England, and came to this country in 1848. The mother lived with her children after coming to this country, and died at the age of sixty-nine years.

John Dinsdale was reared as a farmer and dairyman. He was married, May 24, 1847, to Miss Tirzah Chapman, who was born at Worton, Yorkshire, but a few miles from the birthplace of her husband, in 1826. The young couple came to this country in 1849, as noted above, bringing with them their two children, Elizabeth and James. They left home Feb. 13, sailing from Liverpool on the ship "Saxony," and landed at New Orleans on the last day of the following April, making their way up the river to Galena, Ill., and from there to the town of Linden, Iowa county; in May of the following year our subject entered eighty acres of land in the town of Fennimore, Grant county. He erected a log house, which was his home for eighteen years, and at the expiration of that time built his present residence. By judicious investments he has increased his original eighty acres to a magnificent rural estate of 400 acres, and has long been numbered among the prominent and successful farmers and stock raisers of his town.

Mr. Dinsdale was bereft of the wife of his youth in 1869. She was the mother of twelve children. Miss Grace Eddy became his second wife. She died in 1891, the mother of three children, two of whom are living. Ten children of the first marriage are still living, namely: Elizabeth, James, Zipporah, B. C., Dorothy, Alice, Hattie, Abbie, Mary A. and Tirzah C. The deceased children were Isabella

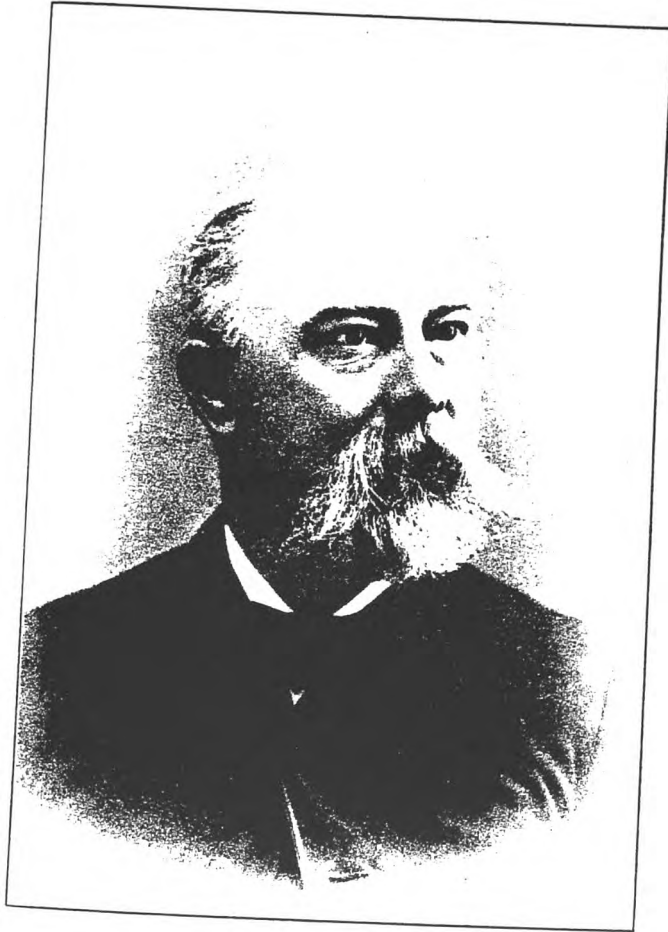
M. and Matthew E. Of the children born to the second marriage Ella P. and Grace A. are living; Eddy is deceased.

Mr. Dinsdale has been closely identified with the growth and development of Grant county for many years, and has been very active in everything relating to the best interests of the community. He has been associated with the Methodist Church since 1850, and has been class-leader for forty-eight years, and steward for fifty years. He has been a trustee of the Ebenezer Church, in the town of Wingville, since its erection, in 1861. Politically he is a Republican of the Lincoln type, and has lately been identified with the Prohibition party. No man is better known or more highly esteemed in the town of Fennimore than Mr. Dinsdale, and he is well worthy of a place in any record.

WILLIAM COWDUROY, who died at his residence in Platteville, Grant county, Dec. 13, 1899, and was for many years a dealer in general merchandise at that city. He was a native of London, England, born in 1836, and received his early education in that city. When fifteen years old he sailed for America, and landed in New York City in the spring of 1851, without a friend and without money, but he soon succeeded in finding employment at \$5 per month and board, and not long afterward, in recognition of his industrious habits and attentiveness to his duties, this compensation was increased to \$13.

In 1853 young Cowduroy sought a home in the West, and found it in the then village of Platteville, Wis., where he lived until the spring of 1856. He was next employed, temporarily, as a clerk on Mississippi river steamboats, and then went to La Crosse, Wis., where he remained three years, in 1859 going to St. Louis, Mo., where he secured an important position in the State and county assessors' office, holding same until 1861. He was next appointed paymaster of the Missouri State militia, an office he filled until 1863, when he returned to Platteville, Wis., and engaged in mercantile trade, which was ever afterward his occupation.

In September, 1857, Mr. Cowduroy married, for his first wife, Miss Elizabeth Elgar, also a native of London, England, and a daughter of William Elgar, a pioneer of Grant county. This lady died May 21, 1879, leav-



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ing her husband with two children, Lizzie and Harry. Lizzie was born in La Crosse, Wis., was educated in the State Normal School, Platteville, married William Bauer, of Chicago, and died the mother of one son, William, who lives with his grandmother, Mrs. Cowduroy, in Platteville. Harry Cowduroy was born in St. Louis, Mo., was also educated in the Platteville State Normal, and is now in the employ of the Grant Paving Co., of Omaha, Neb.; in Council Bluffs he married Miss Katie Kirscht, who has borne him one daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth.

The second marriage of William Cowduroy took place in October, 1880, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Stephens) Campbell, a lady of Platteville; to this union no children were born.

Religiously Mr. Cowduroy was a member of the Episcopal Church, to which his widow also belongs, and of which they had been constant attendants for many years and liberal supporters through their financial contributions. Politically Mr. Cowduroy was identified with the Republican party, and active in the government of the city. Fraternally he was a member of K. of P. Lodge No. 125, of Platteville; was also a member of the A. O. U. W. and the M. W. of A., and in both the latter orders held official positions for some years. Besides being one of the oldest merchants in Platteville Mr. Cowduroy was a stockholder and director in the State National Bank, took a deep and active interest in building up his city, and as a business man his reputation for fair dealing and integrity was well established throughout Grant county.

ERASMUS WITHERBEE was born in Hazel Green, Grant county, where his home is found at present, May 15, 1843, and is a son of Hiram and Experience A. (Day) Witherbee. The father was born April 17, 1810, at the main entrance to Bunker Hill Monument, and the mother Oct. 30, 1823, at Edwardsville, Madison Co., Ill. Hiram Witherbee was the son of Calvin and Harriet A. (Estabrook) Witherbee, the former a native of Scotland, the latter of Massachusetts. Calvin Witherbee was a ship carpenter and a seafaring man. He died in New Orleans, from yellow fever, about 1815.

Hiram Witherbee came from Madison county, Ill., to Wisconsin as early as 1832, and followed lead mining for a number of years

near Hazel Green, finally becoming the owner of valuable mineral lands which he controlled throughout life. He was quite successful, and about 1850 bought the "Empire Hotel" property at Hazel Green. For some nine years he was the popular landlord of that hostelry, which he then traded for a farm in Smelser, near what is now called Elmo Station, where he died in 1867. Mrs. Experience A. Witherbee died in 1850. She and her husband belonged to the Presbyterian Church. In connection with Mr. Crawford and one or two others Mr. Witherbee was instrumental in the erection of the first Presbyterian church in Hazel Green, which was destroyed by the tornado of 1876. Hiram and Experience A. Witherbee were the parents of five children, of whom three died in infancy; the survivors are Erasmus and Hiram J. Mr. Witherbee married for his second wife Miss Margaret A. Eastman, of Grant county, and to this union were also born five children, all of whom are living: (1) Experience A., born in Hazel Green in 1852, is the wife of Charles Nepier, of Chicago. (2) Levi, born in September, 1853, is married, and is the owner of a cattle ranch in Yuma county, Colo. (3) L. C. is a partner with his brother Levi in the cattle business. (4) Julian V., born in Grant county, is now a traveling representative of the St. Louis Stock Yards; he found a wife in Colorado. (5) Orvil O., born in Smelser, Grant county, has become a noted physician and surgeon, and lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; he is married, and has two children.

Hiram J. Witherbee, the only brother of our subject, was educated at the Platteville Normal School. In his early life he was a miner and farmer, and was a school teacher in Grant and Lafayette counties for several years before his entrance into pastoral work, in 1885. He is a Methodist clergyman. Miss Julia A. Haney, of Grant county, became his wife, and they have had the following children: (1) Harriet A., who died Aug. 1, 1898, was a young lady of great promise, and a worker in the church of her town, where she had many friends. (2) Hiram S. is a clergyman of the Methodist Church at Brush, Colo., and (3) Oliver Day, a minister of the same church in Wisconsin. (4) Miss Elizabeth H. is at home.

Erasmus Witherbee grew to manhood under the parental roof, and obtained his educa-

tion in a private school in Hazel Green, and the academy at Platteville. In 1862, leaving school, he enlisted in Company I, 25th Wis. V. I., under command of Col. Montgomery. The regiment was mustered into the government service at LaCrosse, Wis., and sent to the Western frontier, New Ulm, Minn., to protect the settlers from the raids of the hostile Indians. In the early part of 1863 it was sent to Kentucky, and in May of that year was made a part of the forces which were to hold the Rebel Johnson in check until Vicksburg should be compelled to surrender. After the fall of that stronghold the 25th Wisconsin was sent to Helena, Ark., and in the following spring it was sent to Kentucky, and was marched overland to Mooresville, Ala., where Mr. Witherbee was taken sick, and compelled to seek the hospital at Decatur, in that State. After a furlough at home he joined his regiment at Rome, Ga., in time to follow Gen. Sherman to the sea. The 25th was part of the army that marched clear through to Washington, and took part in the "Grand Review." At the close of the war Mr. Witherbee could say that he had served as a soldier in every Southern State except Florida and Texas, and in the greater number of the Northern States. An honorable discharge from the service was given him at Washington in June, 1865. At Helena, Ark., Mr. Witherbee was made quartermaster sergeant Nov. 1, 1863, and throughout the war maintained a high standing as a soldier and a clear-headed and intelligent man.

After the close of the war Mr. Witherbee returned home, and the same year went to Lincoln, Neb., to take up a homestead claim, securing a good farm. He was married, July 4, 1876, in Philadelphia, to Miss Mary Richards, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Richards, of an old and prominent family of Smelser, Grant county, and formerly from Tennessee. Mrs. Witherbee was born in Platteville, Wis., where she received her education in the academy and the State Normal. The house which they occupied at the beginning of their married life was situated on part of the land purchased by his father from the government, and here a fine home was erected in 1880. The greater part of Mr. Witherbee's business life has been devoted to mining, and he owns a large acreage of valuable mineral lands, to the development of which he is still giving much attention. To him and his wife have been

born a family of three children: (1) Blanche, born in Hazel Green in 1877, acquired a good education in the village school, and was a graduate in voice culture, under Prof. Churchill, of the Platteville State Normal. She is now at home, and has been one of the successful music teachers in this part of the State. (2) Exie L., born in August, 1881, is a graduate of the Hazel Green high school, and has studied at the State Normal, Platteville. She is now a grammar school teacher in Hazel Green. (3) Pearle, born in 1888, is now a student at the home school.

Mr. Witherbee was identified with the Republican party for many years, became a Greenbacker during the administration of President Hayes, for twelve years was a Prohibitionist, and in 1896 and 1900 was a strong advocate of the election of W. J. Bryan, believing in legislation for the benefit of the masses. For twelve long years he helped to wage the war against the liquor traffic, but in 1896, becoming convinced that the mass of the American people, of whatever persuasion, want and will have their whisky, he transferred his allegiance as noted. A public-spirited and upright citizen of the town, he has been called on to fill several local offices, was a member of the school board twelve years, and town clerk two years. Mr. Witherbee is adjutant of W. O. Topping Post, No. 266, G. A. R., at Hazel Green. Mrs. Witherbee is a member of the Congregational Church, and that church has always received a liberal support from her husband.

FRANK WOOD, one of the representative, enterprising business men of Janesville, Rock county, proprietor of a grocery establishment at the corner of Madison, North Academy and Ravine streets, is fast building up a very desirable trade, catering to the wants of his customers in a manner that secures continued patronage.

Frank Wood was born in Janesville Oct. 19, 1842, a son of Royal and Eliza (Andrews) Wood, natives of New York City. His paternal grandfather, Silas Wood, was a native of Ohio, a farmer by occupation, and came to Wisconsin in the early days, settling on a farm about eighteen miles from Janesville, in Rock county, where he died at an advanced age. He had four children. The grandfather on the mother's side, Francis Andrews, was engaged in handling meat in New York City,

where he operated a large market. His family consisted of four or five children, and he died when quite an old man.

Royal Wood, the father of our subject, was a sailor on the lakes in early manhood, and came to Wisconsin in 1840, locating in Janesville, where he engaged in the grocery business. Later he embarked in a livery business, and continued same for over twenty years. Now Mr. Wood has retired from active business pursuits. His wife died in December, 1899, aged about seventy-six years. For many years Royal Wood was register of deeds. He and his wife were Unitarians in religious belief. They were blessed with nine children, six sons and three daughters, three of whom are now living: Frank; Royal, of San Diego, Cal.; and Wesley P., of Chicago.

Frank Wood, the subject proper of this biography, has lived in Janesville all his life, attended the public schools, and is thoroughly identified with its best interests. Upon the outbreak of the Civil war, like so many others, he was fired with patriotism, and enlisted in the 12th Wisconsin Battery, Light Artillery, serving about three years. At the battle of Savannah, Ga., Mr. Wood was wounded, and he participated in the battles of Corinth, Iuka, Altona, Ga., Sherman's march to the sea, and many other less important engagements. After the close of the war Mr. Wood returned home and became a brakeman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, serving in this capacity for several years; was then made baggage-man; then freight conductor; and finally passenger conductor. Feeling the need of rest, Mr. Wood finally retired from the service of the railroad in 1883, and until January, 1900, did not engage in any line of business aside from attending to his personal affairs. At that date he purchased the grocery concern of W. S. Phillips, made many desirable innovations, and now carries a full line of provisions, and is fully prepared to supply his trade promptly and efficiently. In addition to his pleasant home, at No. 210 West Bluff street, Janesville, which he erected, Mr. Wood owns other real estate throughout the city, all of which is valuable.

On Jan. 24, 1866, Frank Wood married Miss Maria Johnston, daughter of William H. and Henrietta (Steinberger) Johnston, and one daughter was born to them, Carrie, who married Arthur W. Wheelock, of Rockford,

Ill., and has a daughter, Marguerite. Mrs. Wood is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, and a very estimable and charitable lady. Politically Mr. Wood is a Republican, and steadfastly upholds the principles of his party upon every occasion. Genial, public-spirited and enterprising, Mr. Wood has made many friends, and his success in life is well deserved.

JAMES HAGGART, one of the prominent farmers and business men of LaPrairie township, Rock county, was born in the village of Fonda, Montgomery Co., N. Y., Dec. 13, 1843, son of James and Deborah (Veeder) Haggart, natives of New York, and grandson of James Haggart, who emigrated from Scotland, his native land, to America, and settled in Montgomery county, N. Y., where he reared a large family and lived to a good old age. He was a farmer. Abraham Veeder, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York, of Holland-Dutch descent. He was a farmer, and served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He died in Montgomery county, N. Y., at a ripe old age, leaving a large family.

The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation. He moved from New York State to Wisconsin in 1851, purchasing 213 acres of land in La Prairie township, Rock county, and twenty-seven acres in the town of Turtle, which he improved. He died in November, 1877, aged seventy-five years. His wife died Oct. 8, 1882, aged eighty-three years. They were devout members of the Presbyterian Church. Of their nine children, three sons and six daughters, three survive: Anna, wife of James Wilson, of Canton, Kans.; Sarah, wife of C. N. Wright, of Shopiere, Rock Co., Wis.; and James, our subject.

James Haggart was seven years old when brought by his parents from New York to Wisconsin. In 1852, the year following, the family returned to Fonda, where for six years the father kept hotel. They then repeated the journey to Wisconsin. James was reared a farmer boy in La Prairie township, attending the common schools. He remained on the farm of his father until the latter's death, then took charge of the home place, which he still owns and operates. In addition to farming he is also engaged in the creamery and general merchandise business at Shopiere, and is one

of the successful and influential business men of La Prairie township.

Mr. Haggart married, Sept. 30, 1869, Miss Laura Nash, daughter of Samuel Leonard and Ann Elmira (Kimball) Nash, who came from New York to Rock county, Wis., in 1853, when she was seven years old, locating in Turtle township, and there engaging in farming. Later they removed to Manchester, Ill., where the father died in 1884, having attained the age of almost eighty-four years; his wife survived until September, 1887, dying at the age of seventy-two. Four children were born to them, of whom two are now living: Lois, who lives with her sister; and Laura, wife of our subject. To James and Laura (Nash) Haggart have been born three children: Archie, who died at the age of twenty-one years and two months; James L., who lives at home; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Haggart in politics is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is highly respected for his sterling traits of character, and is a typical representative of those sturdy and forceful characters to whom the people of Wisconsin are deeply indebted for the high development of the State during the past half century.

**BENJAMIN A. GRAVES**, a venerable farmer of Harrison township, Grant county, whose years command the respect his character deserves, was born in Mercer county, Penn., Dec. 11, 1823, a son of Roswell and Mary A. (Bates) Graves.

Roswell Graves was born in New Haven, Conn., and his wife in Virginia. They were married in Mercer county, Penn., where Mrs. Graves' father, Christian Bates, was living. Roswell Graves was educated by his parents, Roswell and Lucy (Arnold) Graves, of New Haven, Conn. (the latter a sister of Benedict Arnold), and was a teacher in early life. He lived in Pennsylvania, following farming and teaching, until 1854, when he came to Grant county, Wis., and took charge of the County Poor Farm. He acted in this capacity for some ten years, and then moved to Crawford county, Wis., where he bought a farm, and spent his remaining years in its cultivation. He and his wife died some years ago. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and frequently filled the pulpit as a local preacher. He held a number of local

offices, and was justice of the peace for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Graves reared a numerous family, all born in Mercer county, Penn.; Elizabeth, their eldest daughter, was married in her native county to Alanson Taft, and they came West, settling in Crawford county, Wis., where she died, leaving a family who still reside in that section of Wisconsin; Benjamin A. is the eldest son; the others were named Lucy, Joab, Rhoda, Roswell, Almira, Alanson, John and Mary.

Mr. Graves received a district-school education in Mercer county, Penn. In 1842 he married Miss Lurancy Ray, of Kinsman, Ohio, the daughter of George and Lucinda Ray, of Vermont, who moved to Ohio at an early day, and from there to Wisconsin by wagon. They settled in Grant county, and after a few years journeyed still farther West, to Fayette county, Iowa, where they died, full of years and honor. Mrs. Graves was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., in 1828, and was quite young when taken by her parents into Ohio, where her education was mostly obtained. She was an ambitious and capable girl, and taught winter school several years after coming to Wisconsin. Mrs. and Mrs. Graves moved to this State soon after their marriage, and after one or two changes made the location in Harrison township which has proved so desirable that they occupy it to this day. He bought 107 acres of George McFall. At the time of purchase this farm was but little improved, but Mr. and Mrs. Graves have converted it into one of the most desirable tracts in Grant county.

Mr. Graves enlisted in Company K, 44th Wis. V. I., and served under Gen. Thomas in the Army of the Tennessee. He was discharged in August, 1865, and came home to his wife and the eight children he had left on the farm. He has continued his residence on this place to the present time, and here he and his worthy wife are enjoying a full share of the comforts of life in their declining years. They are the parents of ten children, of whom Joab and Lorenzo died in childhood. George was born in Ohio in 1843, married Miss Harriet Coates, of Grant county, and is now a resident of Fennimore. Roswell, born in Grant county in 1848, married Miss Sarah Coates, a sister of the wife of his brother George, and settled on his farm in Ellenboro township, where he died in April, 1900, leaving a wife and three children, Jesse, Benjamin R. (both engineers

on the Western railroad) and Dove. Mary A., born in Grant county in 1850, married William Roddick, and settled on a farm in Ellenboro, where he died in 1887, leaving her with two children, Mabel and Millie; she died in April, 1900, and her children live in the old home. Arnold Graves was born in Grant county in 1852, married Rosella Singe, and now resides on his farm in Harrison township; they have one daughter, Glenly. Martha, born in Grant county in 1854, married Cassius Lathrop, of Crawford county, where they now live; they have four children, Lester, Fern, Flossie, and Loren. Lucy, born in 1858, is now the wife of Jacob Dietzman, of Crawford county, and the mother of six children, Ethel, Orra, Elva, Laverne, Claude and Clyde. Lurinda, born in February, 1862, is the wife of Timothy Culver, a Harrison township farmer, and has two children, Lela and Leda. Hattie, the youngest daughter, was born in September, 1864, was educated in the Platteville Normal, and for several years was a successful teacher of Grant county; she married Jasper Shipton, of Grant county, and located in Wapello, Iowa, where he kept a hotel; both died in April, 1900—a melancholy instance of the frequent coming of the dread archer, four deaths occurring in the family within a short time.

Mr. Graves has always been a Republican. He was treasurer of the school district for four years, and a constable in the town of Harrison a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Graves are among the old-time prominent families of Wisconsin, and are well known and highly respected. Their many acts of charity and kindness have been felt in many homes in this community, and they are widely respected and beloved.

JOHN E. WISE, of Beetown, Grant county, became a member of Company I, 20th Wis. V. I., Aug. 14, 1862, enlisting at Beetown, and was identified with the history of that famous regiment throughout the war. He was at Prairie Grove, where Capt. McDermott fell and the regiment lost heavily, more than half its number being left on the field of battle. He served throughout the war as a brave and loyal soldier, and was discharged from the United States service at Galveston, Texas, July 14, 1865. His health was badly shattered by the long and terrible experiences through which

he had passed, and he suffers to-day from the ill effects of his life as a soldier.

Mr. Wise was born in Canada in February, 1837, a son of Joseph and Madeline Wise. He left his parents when twenty-one years old, went to Beetown, where the father died, and the mother lived to pass the century mark; she died in the home of her son, John E., Sept. 30, 1899, at the age of one hundred years, three months and ten days. She was the mother of seven children. Daniel, one of the sons, went into the Union service, and died in hospital, at the age of twenty-five.

John E. Wise has been twice married. His first wife, Caroline Polkenhorn, died after his return from the war. His present wife was Julia McDaniel. No children were born to the first marriage, but of the second union fourteen children have been born, of whom seven are now living.

WILLIAM EDWIN HOWE, of Boscobel, is the district attorney for Grant county, and the present mayor of the city in which he resides. He is a prominent lawyer, and displays great familiarity with the fundamental principles of the law, is quick to make application of these to the complicated cases that come before the courts, and is regarded as a rising man in his profession.

Mr. Howe came to Grant county in April, 1892, and located in Boscobel, which has been his home to the present time. He was born in Monona, Clayton Co., Iowa, Jan. 17, 1851, a son of Henry E. and Mary E. (Wood) Howe, natives of Gill, Mass., and Cattaraugus county, N. Y., respectively. They were married at Galena, Ill., where they lived some years, in 1850 removing to Clayton county, Iowa, where they engaged in farming, to him a most congenial occupation. In 1870 they came to Madison, Wis., and there Mr. Howe was for a time in business as a groceryman. He died in Madison, at the age of sixty-nine, in 1879, and his death marked the close of a busy and upright life. He was the father of two children by his first wife, one of whom, Leonard Howe, is now living at Ovatonna, Minn. Mrs. Mary E. Howe first married a Mr. Purcel, and had two daughters by him: Melissa, Mrs. Skinner, of Madison; and Anna, Mrs. C. W. Turner, of LaCrosse, Wis. Mrs. Howe died in Madison in 1890, at the age of sixty-six. Both she and Mr. Howe were bur-



ied at Monona, Iowa. They were the parents of six children, five of whom grew to maturity: Elmer L. is the publisher of a paper at Ripon, Wis. William Edwin lives at Boscobel. Frank A. is in the wood and coal business at River Falls, Wis. Carrie L. married Lew F. Porter, of Madison. Eliza M., Mrs. Aithison, is a resident of Madison.

William Edwin Howe passed his early boyhood on the farm, and attained a strong and vigorous manhood. He had a thirst for knowledge, and made such advancement in the local schools that at the age of eighteen he was able to enter the Freshman class of the University of Wisconsin. He was graduated with the class of 1873, with the degree of B. A., took first honors, and displayed marked ability throughout his course. He at once entered the law office of J. H. Carpenter, of Madison, and when the fall term opened became a student in the law school of the University. He was graduated from the law school in 1874, and was at once called to St. Louis to assist in settling the estate of his uncle, Lyman Howe, for years an extensive lumber dealer in that city. In 1876 Mr. Howe entered into partnership with Mills Tourtellotte, under the firm name of Howe & Tourtellotte, and opened a law office in LaCrosse, Wis. They practiced together in that city until the firm was dissolved by the election of Mr. Howe as municipal judge. In 1885 Mr. Howe went to Madison, S. Dak., and followed his profession two years, but was obliged to engage in other business on account of ill health; he turned his attention to real estate, and was in a hotel at Madison for a time. In 1892, as noted above, Mr. Howe came to Boscobel and opened a law office. Here he resumed the practice of his profession, and his success was immediate. He now stands in the front rank among the members of the Bar in his district. In 1896 he was elected district attorney, and again in 1898. In the spring of 1899 Mr. Howe was chosen mayor of Boscobel, and he has also served the city two years as city attorney; held that position also at Madison, S. Dak. Mr. Howe has a good law library, and is very familiar with its contents. He does a general law business, and practices in both the State and United States district and circuit courts. He is a Republican, and during campaign times his voice is frequently heard on the hustings. Socially he is

a Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Mr. Howe was married June 23, 1875, to Miss Mary I. Carrier, daughter of Terrence Carrier, of Boscobel. Mrs. Howe was born in Janesville, Wis., and is a lady of most estimable character. Mr. and Mrs. Howe have had four children: Fannie, the oldest, died at Madison, S. Dak., when nine years old, and is buried at Boscobel; T. H. was born in LaCrosse June 11, 1881; Grace C. and William C., twins, were born in Madison, S. Dak., Aug. 8, 1888.

ELIJAH TROLLOPE, an energetic and progressive business man of Cassville, Grant county, who is now successfully engaged in the grocery trade, was born in Vermont Jan. 6, 1845. His parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Dewing) Trollope, were natives of England, and on their emigration to the New World first located in Canada, where they made their home for six years before their removal to Vermont. In 1854 they came to Little Grant, Wis., and the father is still a resident of Little Grant, Grant county; the mother died in 1894.

Elijah Trollope passed his early life principally in Grant county, and in its public schools he received his literary education. On starting out in life for himself he followed farming in Lancaster township for some time, but is now engaged in the grocery business in Cassville. On Jan. 21, 1895, he was married at Beetown to Mrs. Flora A. Hendricks.

Responding to the President's call for more volunteers during the Civil war, Mr. Trollope enlisted at Lancaster Jan. 4, 1864, in Company I, 20th Wis. V. I., and remained in the service for some time after hostilities ceased. He took part in the capture of Fort Morgan and Spanish Fort, was later transferred to Company G, 35th Wis. V. I., and was honorably discharged at Brownsville, Texas, March 11, 1866, after which he returned to Boscobel, Grant county. He is now one of the leading members of Joseph Mueller Post, No. 218, G. A. R., of Cassville, in which he is filling the office of adjutant.

JOHN ANDERSON. It is astonishing to witness the success of young men who have emigrated to America without capital, and, through their own unaided efforts, have be-

come quite well-to-do. The readiness with which they adapt themselves to circumstances and take advantage of opportunities offered brings to them success and wins them a place among the leading men of the community in which they reside. In John Anderson, of Patch Grove township, Grant county, we find a worthy representative of this class. He was born in Ireland in 1834, though his family is not of Irish ancestry, but, as the name indicates, of Scotch origin. In 1852 he emigrated to the United States, and, after spending some time in New York, came to Wisconsin, since which time he has been a resident of Grant county. He made his home for a while in Wyalusing township, and since 1861 has lived in Patch Grove township, where he owns and operates a good farm.

On July 24, 1862, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage with Mrs. Cornelia W. Stiles, widow of Denniston Stiles, and a daughter of Henry Patch, a well-known pioneer of Grant county, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Anderson was born June 28, 1832, and was only four years old when brought by her parents to Grant county. By her first marriage she had three children, one of whom, Chauncey Stiles, is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been born ten children, and seven still survive.

Mr. Anderson began life for himself a poor boy, but by industry and good management he has secured a competence, and is now one of the substantial and prosperous men of his community, as well as one of its most prominent and influential citizens. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known, and it is safe to say that no couple in the county are held in higher regard.

**HOMER M. PAUL**, a retired farmer, now living at No. 12 Prairie avenue, Janesville, Rock county, was born in the town of Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., Oct. 2, 1852, and is a son of Lemuel and Susan (Burrows) Paul, both natives of New York. They had three children, two of whom are now living: Adelbert R., of Davenport, Iowa; and Homer M.

The father was a farmer, and a man of unusual business capacity. He came to Wisconsin in 1870, and located in Janesville, buying a farm which was then in the extreme southern part of the city, and contained 500 acres. He cultivated same until his death, in 1896, when

he was over eighty years of age. His first wife, the mother of Homer M., died in 1858, when thirty-four years old. They were not identified with any church, but held to the Baptist faith. He was a Republican. For his second wife Mr. Paul married Miss Lucretia R. Paul, and had by her a family of two sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity: Louis; Edward H.; Vinnie May, wife of Charles Wright; and Clara B., wife of John Cripe. His father, Zebulon Paul, who was a farmer, died in New York when eighty years of age. He was the father of six children. Grandfather, Burrows died early in life, and scarcely anything is known concerning him.

Homer M. Paul lived in Monroe county, N. Y., until he was eighteen years old, and had very good opportunities for obtaining an education. He was reared on the farm, and attended Hicks College, a somewhat celebrated local institution. In 1870 he came to Janesville in company with his parents, and attended Fellows College one winter. Then he took up farming, and lived at home until he was twenty-five years old. His father gave him eighty acres, and to this he has added another eighty, having a fine farm in Section 7, La Prairie township, and also owning three other eighty-acre tracts in the town of Janesville. He has always followed farming, and is a skillful and successful tiller of the soil.

Mr. Paul and Miss Sarah Louise Read were married Nov. 14, 1877. She is a daughter of William H. and Margerie A. (Ercanbrack) Read. They have had four children, Alta Ann, Susan Ada, Gertie Blanche, and Marion Ava. Mr. Paul is a member of Wisconsin Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., and is a staunch Republican. He has served as supervisor of La Prairie township three terms, and is highly regarded by his friends and neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Paul are genial and hearty people, hospitable in their home, and friendly to all. They are full of cheer and encouragement, and carry sunshine in their lives.

Mrs. Paul's parents were early settlers in Rock county. They had eight children, all but one now living: Martha Elizabeth, wife of E. E. Eddington; George Warren, on the old homestead; John R., of La Prairie township; Sarah L., wife of the gentleman whose name introduces this article; William Arthur, of La Prairie township; Mary, deceased; Jennie, wife of Charles Campbell, of Beloit; and

Thornton, of La Prairie, who married Miss Mathie Finch, and lives on the old homestead. Mrs. Paul's father, William H. Read, died in 1880, eleven days before completing his sixty-second year. Her mother died in June, 1886, aged fifty-seven. They were among the early settlers of La Prairie township, and were lifelong agriculturists. He bought government land, and in the early days hauled his grain to Milwaukee, and brought back supplies. His father, John Read, was a native of Bangor, Maine, where he died when eighty years old, from injuries received in falling down stairs. Mrs. Paul's maternal grandfather, Philip Ercanbrack, was born near Gloversville, N. Y., and ran a canal-boat; he lived to old age, and his parents both lived to be over ninety.

JOSEPH EMERSON, D. D., LL. D., deceased. This distinguished representative of classical learning and philosophical culture was the occupant of the chair of Greek at Beloit College for more than fifty-two years, and his name was associated with the history of the college from its beginning.

Dr. Emerson was born in Norfolk, Conn., May 28, 1821, and was a son of Dr. Ralph Emerson, a native of Hollis, N. H., a Professor in Andover Theological Seminary for twenty-five years, and previously Pastor of the Congregational Church at Norfolk, Conn., for thirteen years. Dr. Ralph Emerson married Eliza Rockwell, a native of Colebrook, Conn., and they were the parents of nine children, three of whom are now living: Samuel Emerson, of the University of Virginia; Ralph Emerson, a manufacturer at Rockford, Ill., associated with the Emerson Manufacturing Co.; and Elizabeth, wife of Rev. J. S. Humphrey, of Oak Park, Ill. Mary, wife of Prof. Joseph Haven, of the Chicago Theological Seminary, died December 31, 1896. Charlotte, wife of Rev. Dr. W. D. Brown, of East Orange, N. J., was the first president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of the United States; she died in February, 1895. Rev. Daniel Emerson was pastor of a number of churches in Missouri, Michigan and Ohio. Rockwell Emerson was a lawyer in New York City. Ebenezer Porter Emerson was a farmer in Winnebago county, Ill., and an owner of real estate in different parts of the State: he died in June, 1891. Rev. Ralph Emerson came to Illinois in 1857 and located at Rock-

ford, where he died in 1863, at the age of seventy-five. His widow survived until 1875, attaining the age of seventy-nine. She was a member of the Congregational Church, in which her husband was an honored minister.

Deacon Daniel Emerson, the father of Ralph, was the leading citizen of his native town, Hollis, N. H., represented his town nineteen times in the State Legislature, and served in the State Constitutional Convention. He was a Revolutionary soldier and participated in three wars, each time as captain, the third time going out in command of a company. He was a farmer, and also had an interest in a store. He died in 1820, at the age of seventy-four. His father, Rev. Daniel Emerson, was born in Reading, Mass. He served as a chaplain in the French war. The history of the Emerson family in this country begins with Thomas Emerson, who settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1638. His son Joseph came with him from Hertfordshire, England, when he was eighteen years old. In England the Emerson family are clearly traced back to Ralph Emerson, in the time of Henry VIII, in 1535. The family is of Norman antecedents, and its coat of arms is a compound of those of English, Norwegian and Danish royal families. It was presented to "Raffe" Emerson in England, and was brought to Massachusetts, where it may be seen on the tombstone of Thomas Emerson, at Ipswich. Joseph Emerson, son of Thomas, became a clergyman at Milton, Mass., and was in charge of the parish there when the town was burned by the Indians in King Philip's war. He went to Concord, Mass., where the parents of his wife, Elizabeth Buckley, lived. Her father, Rev. Edward Buckley, was a son of Rev. Peter Buckley, the first settler of that town.

Martin Rockwell, a farmer, of Colebrook, Conn., the maternal grandfather of Prof. Emerson, of Beloit, was born in 1772, and died in 1851. He came of a good old Puritan line. His ancestor six generations back, Deacon William Rockwell, was a member of a church formed in Plymouth, England. This church elected Messrs. Warham and Maverick their pastor and teacher, respectively, emigrated to this country in 1630 and settled in Dorchester, Mass. In 1636 the greater part of the church moved to Windsor, Conn. From that point Samuel Rockwell, the father of Martin Rock-



*Joseph Emerson*



well, moved to Colebrook in 1776, and was the fifth settler in that town.

Joseph Emerson was born at Norfolk, Conn., where he lived until nine years old, when he was taken by his parents to Andover, Mass., and there attained his majority. He fitted for college in Phillips Academy, a famous old school at Andover, entered Yale in 1837, and was graduated in 1841, after which he was a teacher for one year at New London, Conn. He went back to Andover and studied theology in the Seminary there for two years, returning to Yale, where he taught four years. In May, 1848, he came to Beloit, Wis., and for fifty-two years, until his death, was Professor of Greek in Beloit College, being a member of the first Faculty of that institution. In addition to his teaching and writing for Beloit College the Professor did much preaching and lecturing in Wisconsin and the West. A volume of his "Lectures and Sermons" was published in 1897. One of the finest buildings of Beloit College, built by Dr. D. K. Pearsons, was named "Emerson Hall" in his honor. Prof. Emerson died of general debility August 4, 1900, honored and mourned by the college, the community, and the educational world at large.

Dr. Emerson and Miss Mary Cordelia North were married Sept. 1, 1852, at New Britain, Conn. Mrs. Emerson was the daughter of Alvin and Clarissa (Burnam) North. They had the following children: Ralph Chapin, born March 20, 1855, died Aug. 31, 1855; Charles Alvin, born Aug. 29, 1856, is now a druggist in Beloit; Clara Eliza, born April 4, 1866, is a teacher at New Haven, Conn. Charles Alvin married Miss Delia Blodgett, and they have two children, Charles Alvin, Jr., and Cordelia. The first wife of Prof. Emerson died Nov. 13, 1879, and on July 9, 1884, he married Miss Frances Helen Brace, a daughter of Harvey and Hannah (Thompson) Brace. The latter, in connection with her husband, founded the Art Department of Beloit College, whose art collections, secured by their united efforts, are of great value.

QUINCY O. SUTHERLAND, M. D., is a well-known and eminently successful physician of Janesville, Rock county, whose reputation as a skillful practitioner extends beyond the confines of his native State. He is a son of Chester and Sarah A. (Rood) Sutherland,

and a brother of that distinguished Rock county lawyer, George G. Sutherland, whose biography appears upon another page. His family history is there given, with more or less attention to detail, and for some interesting particulars in connection therewith the reader is referred to that sketch.

Dr. Sutherland was second, in the order of birth, in a family of six children—five sons and one daughter. He was born April 13, 1848, in the town of Fitchburg, Dane county, his boyhood was passed upon the paternal farm, and his young ideas were first taught to "shoot" in the district school. Later he matriculated at the State University, at Madison, entering the preparatory and graduating from the academic department, in the class of 1871. The bent of his mind was wholly toward the study of medicine, and he pursued his professional studies at Hahnemann College, Chicago, receiving his degree from that institution in 1874. He at once commenced practice at Janesville, in which city his native talent, aided and developed by close study and a resolute determination to keep in close touch with the progress of the times, has won for him a large clientele and an enviable reputation.

At the very outset of his career, which was destined to prove so successful, the Doctor married Miss Addie Green, a daughter of Timothy and Jane (Jessup) Green. The issue of this union has been three children, Charles, Frederick and Ella. The daughter is yet a pupil in the Janesville high school, while the two sons are studying medicine at Chicago.

Dr. Sutherland is a member of numerous medical societies, and has been the recipient of many honors at the hands of his professional brethren. He was for several terms president of the Rock County Medical Society, and is an honored member of the Wisconsin Homeopathic Medical Society, in which he has held every office, as well as of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the American Public Health Association, and the Pan-American Public Health Association. At present (1901) he is a member of the Wisconsin State Board of Health, and has rendered most valuable service to the city of Janesville in the position of president of the board of education. He is fond of social pleasures and a delightful host, although the many and exacting calls upon his time prevent his devoting as much time as he would like to relaxation and recreation. He is

a Master Mason; in politics a Republican; and in religious faith a Congregationalist, both himself and his wife being members of that communion. His pleasant home is at No. 306 South Second street, where he erected a handsome residence in 1889. He is possessed of a comfortable fortune.

**GEORGE GEER SUTHERLAND.** Although not yet past middle life, Mr. Sutherland has won for himself an enviable position at the Rock County Bar, and is one of Janesville's most substantial and influential citizens. His family is of Scottish origin, although both his grandfather and father were born in New York. The former, Joshua Sutherland, was a native of Dutchess county, that State. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. By occupation he was a farmer and millwright, and he was held in high regard by his neighbors as a citizen, a man and a patriot. He was the father of a large family, and died after reaching threescore years and ten.

Mr. Sutherland's father, Chester Sutherland, was a carpenter and joiner and cabinet-maker by trade, and came from New York to Wisconsin while yet a young man, locating first at Milwaukee. He bought 320 acres of land in the town of Fitchburg, Dane county, four miles from Madison, to which he subsequently added other small parcels by purchase. He died there, in 1889, at the ripe old age of seventy-four. His widow, Mrs. Sarah Ann (Rood) Sutherland, is yet living, in Madison, and is a devout member of the Methodist Church, as was also her husband. He was a man of no little influence in the community, his bright mind and blameless life alike commanding respect, and filled various local offices, among them those of supervisor, county superintendent of schools, and township treasurer. His wife was born in Vermont, and is, like himself, of Scottish ancestry. Her father, Orlin Rood, migrated from the Green Mountain State to Illinois, bringing his family with him, and found employment on the building of the Illinois & Michigan canal. He bought considerable real property in Chicago, as well as valuable pine lands in Wisconsin, and was the owner of several sawmills.

George G. Sutherland was one of a family of five sons and one daughter, all but one yet living. Two elder brothers—Henry J. and Quincy O.—live in Wisconsin, the former near

Madison, and the latter at Janesville. Another brother, Albert W., has his home in Randolph, Iowa, while the only sister, Annie E., is the wife of George Gill, of Madison. Our subject was born in Fitchburg March 21, 1851, and was educated at the State University at Madison, graduating from the academic department in 1872, and from the law school two years later. The following eighteen months he devoted to gaining a thorough knowledge of practice, in the office of J. D. Gurnee, Esq., of Madison, and in 1876 began the active practice of his profession at Janesville. He has continued to follow same since that date, and is at present senior member of the firm of Sutherland & Nolan.

Mr. Sutherland has promoted and aided in the organization of many important commercial, financial and mechanical enterprises in the city of his residence. Among these may be named the Janesville Cotton Mills, which employ from 350 to 450 hands in the manufacture of brown sheetings; the Bower City Bank; and the Choate-Hollister Furniture Co. Of each of these he was one of the incorporators, and in each is a director, being president of the first named. His rare business ability, no less than his recognized high standard of fidelity to trusts reposed in him, admirably qualifies him for positions of such high responsibility. Mr. Sutherland is also a large owner of real estate. He is a Mason, of the thirty-second degree, being a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M.; Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; and the Milwaukee Consistory. He is a Democrat, but has never either held or sought political office.

Our subject resides, with his wife and three children, at No. 256 Park Place, in what was formerly known as "the Wheelock Place." Mrs. Sutherland before marriage was Miss Agnes Sayre, daughter of David F. and Sarah E. (Ely) Sayre. Their marriage was celebrated on June 30, 1880, and, as has been said, has been blessed with three children, Sarah, Clarence and Frank. Mrs. Sutherland is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

**GEORGE W. HALL, SR.**, of Evansville, Rock county, has had a varied and eventful history. He has thoroughly tried all changes of fortune, and knows by sad experience the meaning of the "ups and downs" of life. He

has made money, and scattered it to the winds. He began life for himself with no capital but his ambitious spirit and clever brain. Drifting into the show business, and finding himself peculiarly fitted for it, he made it his life occupation, and has but recently retired from the sawdust arena. He has now disposed of all his circus property, and is living in Evansville, with extensive real-estate investments in Rock county and elsewhere.

Mr. Hall was born in Lowell, Mass., Dec. 5, 1837, and is a son of Joseph B. and Susan (Nichols) Hall, both natives of New Hampshire. Six children were born to them: George W.; Benjamin Franklin, who during the Civil war became a member of the 13th Wis. V. I., and died in the hospital at Nashville; Orrin, of Oshkosh, Wis.; James, a farmer at Antigo, Wis.; and Byron and Charles, both of whom died when children, from scarlet fever. The father was a watchman at Lowell, Mass., when a young man, and then went to Manchester, N. H., where he ran a stationary engine. In mature life he became a partner in a sash, door and blind factory, under the firm name of Baskin, Stephens & Hall. The factory burned down, and Mr. Hall became connected with a car-making firm at Bakersville, N. H. He afterward owned a steam mill on the Merrimac river, opposite Manchester, until it was destroyed by fire. He owned a farm at Hillsboro, N. H., and in 1859 came to Rock county, Wis., and bought a farm at Magnolia, where he spent the last years of his life. He died in 1882, at the age of seventy-four. His widow survived a number of years, dying in 1895, at the age of eighty. He was a Baptist, and she a Methodist.

John Hall, the grandfather of George W., Sr., was a native of New Hampshire, and came of English stock. He was a farmer, and died in middle life, in his native State. He was the father of four sons and one daughter. His father was a veteran of the Revolution, and for many years drew a pension for his services in that struggle.

Samuel Nichols, the father of Susan, mentioned above, was a native of Massachusetts, and of Scottish descent. He was a farmer in the town of Stoddard, and died in his native State when between ninety and one hundred years old. He had four sons and one daughter. His father also served in the Revolution, and drew a pension.

George W. Hall spent his earlier years in

Lowell and Manchester, until he reached the age of ten. Then an uncontrollable longing to be with the circus manifested itself, and he would run away from home in the spring, spend the summer with some circus, and then return home in the fall to spend the winter at home. He did this until he was about seventeen, when he graduated from the district school, as he himself says, by having a fracas with the teacher, and with that he made his way to Boston, and found work in a candy factory at \$4 a month. When he had accumulated \$13.64 he quit. He went to Concord, and started peddling popcorn on the trains and at various towns. In 1855 he took himself to New York, and followed the same business during the winter, spending the summer season with various circus organizations. From these experiences he acquired the name of "Pop-corn George," a name that he has never lost through all the mutations of fortune.

Mr. Hall joined the Dick-Sands wagon show in New York in 1860, came by wagon road through Canada into the West, and spent the following winter with his father in Magnolia, Wis. He followed the side show business with various organizations for several years. He was with Jesse Maybell, and after leaving him organized a show of his own, and attached himself to the great Bailey show, and later in the same season to the Van Amberg organization. He left that organization at Cleveland, and made the round of the county fairs. He spent the next winter at Magnolia, and occupied himself as a trapper. The next season he was with the Orton side show, left them at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and joined Howe's European Show, and when the county fair season came on he made that route. In the late fall he went to Madison, Wis., and had a museum during the winter. Subsequently he was with Frank Howe's show, then started another museum combination, and conducted it at Madison during the winter. The following year he and John Long, of Janesville, organized a show, which they ran through the lead-mining regions of Wisconsin, and came back to Janesville in June completely bankrupt. Mr. Hall reorganized it as a side show, put it alongside of the Jim French circus, and traveled in this way until the fair season began. This was the most prosperous year that he had so far experienced. He closed the season with \$4,800 and a farm which he had bought and paid for, all after his June failure.



Mr. Hall had a side show of his own with McKinzie & Johnson, prominent circus men, and ran with them for several years. In 1881 he organized a large circus for himself. He had a circus, menagerie and museum, and traveled with same until 1885, visiting every State in the Union excepting Montana, Nevada and California. He crossed the Atlantic, and the Caribbean Sea in 1885, and showed in all the West Indies, including the Bahama Islands. The next year he returned to the United States and leased his show to George DeHaven, and at a later period sold it to him. For five years the show traveled under the name of "Col. George W. Hall's United States Railroad Shows." In 1887 our subject bought the Bignley show, reorganized it, and conducted it for two years. In the fall of 1889 he formed a partnership with Samuel McFlynn, and was with him until the summer of 1891, when he sold to Mr. McFlynn. He formed a partnership afterward with his son Charles, reorganized a show and went South, and remained in that region two years. He afterward bought his son's interests, and continued alone in the business until 1898. In 1897 he went to Mexico, crossing at El Paso and Juarez, and showed about a year in that country, with Orrin Brothers. They spent six weeks in the city of Mexico, and visited all the important Mexican cities except Tampico. In 1898 Mr. Hall disposed of all his show interests, and is now making his home in the city of Evansville, where he has a fine residence in the southern part of the town, surrounded by twenty acres of tobacco land. He has extensive real-estate investments in Rock county, and owns altogether 466 acres in the county. He owns fine residences in Tampa, Fla., in Denver, Colo., and in Anoka county, Minnesota.

Mr. Hall and Miss Sarah Wilder were married in March, 1855. Mrs. Hall is a daughter of Levi Wilder, and has been a helpful companion to her ambitious and enterprising husband. They have had four children, George W., Ida, Charles and Jessie. George married Miss Lida Wood, and they have three children, Frank, Grace and Charles Russell. Ida married a Mr. Blair, and died when thirty-three years old. Charles died in Meridian, Miss., where he was a partner with "Sam" McFlynn at the time of his illness and death. Jessie married Frank Macart, and is the mother of two children, Fred and Vivian.

Mr. Hall is the oldest showman now living, in the point of years of continuous travel. He claims to be the first person to introduce the breeding of Poland-China hogs in Rock county, and one of the first to encourage tobacco raising on a large scale. He has proved that marsh tiling is a success—a fact which will be of interest to the farmers of Rock county—having made the marsh land the most productive land in his locality. In his extensive travels Mr. Hall has had many thrilling experiences that would be deeply interesting if submitted to the public. However, he prefers not to exploit his adventures in a boastful or sensational manner.

JOHN M. AND GEORGE H. ROBINSON are energetic and progressive young farmers in the town of Platteville, Grant county, and have made many friends by their open and manly conduct.

John M. Robinson was born in October, 1862, in a log cabin near the site of the house where he now lives, and is a son of Thomas and Ann (Hilton) Robinson. The father was born in Hook, Yorkshire, England, in April, 1815, and the mother in Lincolnshire, England, Nov. 10, 1818. They were reared in their home country, were married in 1839, and lived in England for two years afterward, coming to America and to Grant county, Wis., in 1841. They settled on reserved mineral land, which he purchased from the government at a later period. He bought more land, and before his death was the owner of 500 acres in one body, was a successful farmer, and became very wealthy through his own industry. He built a log cabin, which was their home until 1863, in which year he erected a large brick house, and there made his home until his death, July 14, 1898. He was widely known as an honest and conscientious citizen, was always ready to help in the establishment of schools and churches, and there is a church building on his land for which he and Richard Huntington together gave the site; they also dedicated the cemetery. His worthy wife survived him one year, and died Aug. 16, 1899. They had nine children, seven of whom are living: (1) Sarah, born in England in 1840, married James Huntington, and settled on a farm near Darlington, where she died in 1873, leaving seven children—Allen, of Elk Grove; Bell, Mrs. George Turner, whose

husband is sheriff of Lafayette county, and lives at Darlington; Amelia, wife of George Booth, a Grant county farmer; Albert, of Darlington; Charles (he visited the Paris Exposition in the summer of 1900); Wilbur, a farmer in Lafayette county; and Frank, a resident of Wood county, Wis. (2) Miss Jane, born in Grant county in 1844, is at home, and she and her sister Amelia together cared for their aged parents during their lives. (3) Mary, born in May, 1846, married Thomas Edgar, of Grant county, and they settled in Kansas, where she died May 26, 1899, leaving five children, Lillie (wife of Charles Kuhlman, of Oketo, Kans.), George, William, Florence, and Olive. (4) Thomas A., born in October, 1849, married Miss May Topins, of Grant county, who died on his farm in Lafayette county, leaving one daughter, Laura M., now Mrs. Newell, of Iowa. Mr. Robinson later married a sister of his first wife, and is now living on a 240-acre farm in Grundy county, Iowa. (5) George H. was born in 1851. (6) Charles W. was born in December, 1853, is unmarried, and is settled on one of the home farms. (7) James Richard, born in October, 1855, is a partner of his brother Charles. (8) Amelia A., born in November, 1857, obtained her education in the home school, and is a lady of culture and refinement; her kindly presence is felt and appreciated by the family. (9) John M. Robinson is the youngest of a large family; he was a student for one year at the Platteville Normal, grew up at home, and became manager of the paternal estate when quite young. After the death of the parents the four sons continued on the large estate; they have three houses and a number of barns. Charles and Richard farm eighty acres, which they purchased, adjoining the old homestead. John and George are partners in the management of the old homestead, and are doing well. The Robinsons are one of the old pioneer families that settled in Grant county when Wisconsin was mostly given over to the wilderness. The family are all Republicans, and the father was roadmaster for seven years.

J. L. FINLEY, a prosperous farmer and prominent resident of Cassville, is one of the pioneers of Grant county, having been identified with its interests for half a century. He is a native of Missouri, born at Ste. Genevieve, Dec. 3, 1833.

John Finley, his father, was born in Finleyville, Washington Co., Penn., in 1794, and in that State grew to manhood and was married, his first wife dying in Washington county. At an early day he moved to Corydon, Ind., where he wedded Miss Margaret Thompson, who was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1802. There he was engaged in merchandising for two years, and later conducted a store at De Witt, Ark., after which he moved to Ste. Genevieve, Mo., where he was similarly employed. In 1834 he moved to Dubuque, Iowa, and became one of the early merchants of that place, conducting a general supply store for about four years. In 1838 he located on the Mississippi river, at what became known as Finley's Landing, named in his honor, and there he kept a wood yard for five years. At the end of that time he located on a farm at Durango, in Dubuque county, Iowa, where he made his home until his death, in 1847. Subsequently his widow and family settled near Spechts Ferry, on the Mississippi river, and during the season of 1849-50 her son J. L. had charge of the ferry. In 1851 the family moved to Potosi, Wis., and Mr. Finley has since made his home in Grant county. The mother died in Waterloo township Aug. 22, 1860. The children were Thompson, who died at Finley's Landing in June, 1842, at the age of seventeen years; Wilmot, who died in Hurricane, Grant county, in 1855, aged twenty-eight; Margaret, who died at the age of twenty-four years; J. L., whose name introduces this sketch; Howard, who enlisted at Waterloo, in 1862, in the 25th Wis. V. I., and was killed at Decatur, Ga.; Mrs. Julia Engles, a resident of Oelwein, Iowa; and Mrs. Isabelle McDowell, a resident of Missouri. The rest of the family, which numbered eleven children, died young.

The boyhood and youth of J. L. Finley were principally passed in Iowa, and in the spring of 1851 he came with the family to Grant county, Wis., where he has since successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1855 he took up his residence in Waterloo township, where he opened up and improved a farm, making his home there until his removal to Cassville, in 1879. He still carries on farming.

Mr. Finley was married in Beetown, in 1855, to Miss Eliza J. Vedder, a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a daughter of A. W. and Susan (Hogle) Verlder, the former born in Cortland county, same State, in 1809,

the latter in Genesee county, in 1820. Her paternal grandfather, John Vedder, was one of the early settlers of New York. Her maternal grandfather, Andrew Hogle, a Revolutionary hero, came to Grant county, Wis., in 1842, and located in Lancaster township. During 1841 and 1842 he carried the mail between Galena and Prairie du Chien, and also drove a stage and engaged in farming. In 1875 he moved to Le Mars, Iowa, where he made his home until his death, in 1897. His wife died in 1894, at an advanced age. In 1842 A. W. Vedder, father of Mrs. Finley, came to Grant county from New York, making the journey from Chicago with teams. He located at Beeton, where he owned and operated a farm of 200 acres, and, being a machinist, he manufactured the first threshing machine used in Grant county. He worked at his trade in the government employ two years. His death occurred in Beeton, in May, 1898, and his wife died in October, 1896. Their children were Jefferson, a resident of Dakota; Mrs. Eliza J. Finley; Mrs. Irene Wood, who lives on the old home farm; and Mrs. Ella Alsip, a resident of Bushnell, S. Dak. Mrs. Finley also has a half brother and sister, A. J. Vedder, of Mason City, Iowa; and Mrs. Lucy Gardner, of Lancaster, Wis. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Finley, namely: Clara B., now the wife of Frank Teasdale, of Cassville; James, who wedded Mary Johnson, and lives in Twin Valley, Minn.; Myrta, wife of Willis C. Nickles, of Cassville; and Effie D., at home.

When President Lincoln issued a call for more volunteers to aid in crushing out the Rebellion, Mr. Finley enlisted in August, 1862, in Company H, 25th Wis. V. I., for three years, and on Aug. 29, 1864, he re-enlisted, in Company E, 43d Wis. V. I., for one year or during the war, being sworn into the United States service at Milwaukee. His regiment became a part of the Army of the Potomac. For some time he was stationed at Johnsonville, Tenn., on detached duty, and also near Nashville, where he assisted in the construction of block house No. 1. He was honorably discharged at Nashville July 6, 1865, and mustered out at Milwaukee. In politics Mr. Finley is a Republican, and he most efficiently filled the office of constable for four years while a resident of Waterloo township, and three years in Cassville. He and his wife are widely and favorably known, and are numbered among the

leading citizens of the county, as well as among its honored pioneers. Mrs. Finley is a prominent member of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she has served as matron and associate matron, and is also a great worker in Woman's Relief Corps, No. 47, of Lancaster. In her youth she was a school teacher.

SHASTA E. BARNARD, of Evansville, Rock county, is a member of the well-known tobacco house of Barnard & Wilder, and is a man of fine business habits and unswerving integrity. By strict attention to the work before him and reliable methods he has won a name and a standing of which any man might be proud.

Mr. Barnard was born in the town of Porter, Rock Co., Wis., at the family home, four miles east of Evansville, and is a son of Elliott D. and Susan (Webb) Barnard, both natives of the State of New York. The family history and antecedents of the Evansville Barnards are fully set forth in the biographical sketch of E. D. Barnard, which appears elsewhere.

Shasta E. Barnard spent his childhood and youth on the farm in Porter township, and grew to manhood with the privileges and opportunities of the farmer boy for the acquirement of a sound physique and the accumulation of a vital force that should last through a hard and busy lifetime. He attended the district school and the seminary at Evansville, and was engaged in farming until 1881. His father had moved into Evansville the previous year, and was engaged in the tobacco business with Thomas Hutson. Shasta Barnard became interested in the business in 1881, and bought out the interest of Mr. Hutson some years later, the firm then becoming E. D. Barnard & Son. They continued in business until 1893, when the personnel was changed by the retirement of the senior Barnard and the entrance of Mr. Wilder, so that it became Barnard & Wilder. The new firm owns extensive warehouses at Oregon and Madison, as well as at Evansville, and is doing a large and increasing business. Our subject is a stockholder in the Union Telephone Exchange.

On April 3, 1881, Shasta E. Barnard married Miss Lilla C. Lee, daughter of T. T. and Julia (Lowe) Lee, and they have had two children, Fred and Orland K. Fred died when a boy of eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard have

an elegant and inviting home on West Main street, erected in 1901. Mr. Barnard is a member of Union Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias; and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Barnard is a Republican in political sentiment.

DR. CHARLES C. DEVEREAUX is a fine example of the younger generation of Wisconsin's native sons. He is a skilled dentist of Janesville, Rock county, and has come to the practice of his profession trained in the best schools of the country, representing the ripest scientific culture of the times.

Dr. Devereaux was born in Evansville, Wis., Feb. 26, 1868, son of Edward and Eva (Whaley) Devereaux, natives of New York and Ohio, respectively. They were the parents of four sons and four daughters, and six of their children are now living: Theodore E., of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Harry C., of Algona, Iowa; Charles C.; Claude H., of Humboldt, Iowa; Lula B., wife of Albert Dixon, of Evansville, Wis.; and Kittie D., wife of Arthur Snashall, of the same place. The sons are all dentists of high professional character and unusual ability. Edward Devereaux was a cheese and butter maker for many years, and was an early settler in Rock county. The first few years of his residence in Wisconsin were passed in Milwaukee. He moved to Evansville, which city is still his home; his wife died there Dec. 16, 1899. He is a member of the Baptist Church, as was also Mrs. Devereaux. His father, Theodore Devereaux, spent his early life in the State of New York, and died in Iowa, well advanced in years. The Devereaux family was originally French, but has lived many generations in this country, and ranks among the oldest and proudest in New England and New York. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this writing died when a young man.

Charles C. Devereaux was reared on the farm near Evansville, attended the public schools, and lived on the farm until he was twenty years old. He selected dentistry as his life work, and went into the office of Dr. Theodore Devereaux, where he studied until 1891. That fall he entered the Haskell Post Graduate Dental College, and completed the course there. He continued with his brother until 1893, in which year he entered the Chi-

cago College of Dental Surgery, and was graduated with honor in the spring of 1896. He resumed practice with his brother at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and remained with him until January, 1898, when he came to Janesville and opened an office, and at once commanded a flattering clientage from among the best people of the city.

Dr. Devereaux is popular in fraternal circles, and is a member of Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M.; Evansville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; the A. O. U. W.; the Royal Arcanum; and the Royal League; when at college he joined the Delta Sigma, and retains an active interest in that fraternity, holding his membership in Beta Chapter, and also in the Supreme Chapter. In these various associations his manly and genial character has never failed to command respect and win him warm personal friends. He is an active worker in the Southern Wisconsin Dental Association, where his learning and skill are recognized. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM STEVENS, a retired stock and grain dealer at Evansville, has been identified with the business interests of that region from an early day, and counts a host of friends among the farmers and stock dealers of Rock county. Mr. Stevens was born in Franklin county, N. Y., near Fort Covington, Jan. 10, 1842, a son of William and Mary (McMillan) Stevens, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are now living, David E. and William, of Evansville; Jennie A., wife of A. Van Patten, of Perry, Iowa; and Styles H., of Fort Covington, N. Y. The father, who was a farmer, died in New York in January, 1881, at the age of seventy-five. The mother died in 1877, at the age of seventy; she was a Presbyterian. His father, Ebenezer Stevens, was a native of Vermont, of Scottish and English descent, and was a farmer by occupation. He died in New York at the age of eighty. He was pressed into the war of 1812 as a teamster. David McMillan, the father of Mary McMillan, mentioned above, was of Scottish descent. He was a farmer in Franklin county, N. Y., and was between seventy-five and eighty years of age when he died.

William Stevens was reared on his father's farm in Franklin county, N. Y., where he attended the district school. He remained at

home with his parents until 1869, in which year he came to Evansville and established himself in the stock and grain business. This was his vocation for twenty-five years. Since then he has mainly occupied himself with the management of two extensive farms near the city, one in the town of Union, containing 300 acres, and the other in Porter and Center townships, containing 440 acres. He has a beautiful home in Evansville, which he built in 1896.

Mr. Stevens and Miss Elvira Gilman, daughter of Obed and Sarah (Case) Gilman, were married June 17, 1874. They have had two children born to them, Mary and Meda. Mary died in 1881, when she was a bright and winning child of two years. Mrs. Stevens belongs to the Methodist Church, and our subject is a member of Leota Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F. He is a Democrat, was mayor of Evansville two years, and has served the city several years as a member of the board of aldermen. He is a careful business man, and a public-spirited citizen.

**HON. ANDREW BARLASS** (deceased) was one of the earliest settlers of Rock county, and long occupied an elegant and commodious home on his farm in Section 36, Harmony township. The locality was scarcely less than a wilderness when he arrived in Wisconsin, and he addressed himself with energy and perseverance to the creation of a productive and supporting farm out of the beautiful wild land. He was eminently successful in all his undertakings, and became quite prosperous and well-to-do before his death. He is remembered as a hard-working and upright farmer, and a worthy citizen.

Mr. Barlass was born in Kinross, Scotland, Sept. 30, 1822; and was a son of David and Mary (Marshall) Barlass, both born and bred in Scotland. They had a family of three sons and one daughter: Thomas, of Bradford township, Rock county; Mrs. Helen Brown, of Harmony township; David, of Harmony; and Andrew, our subject. The father was a farmer, and died in Scotland when only twenty-eight years of age. His widow came to Wisconsin, settled in Rock county in 1844, and died Jan. 14, 1875. Our subject's grandfather, Andrew Barlass, died in Scotland in old age. He had six children. Mrs. Barlass' father, who died in Scotland when an old man, had two sons and three daughters.

Andrew Barlass came to this country in 1842, and locating in Johnstown township, Rock Co., Wis., worked for his uncle, Robert Barlass, two years. Then he bought the farm noted above, added eighty acres to it, and at the time of his death owned 160 acres. He always followed farming, though he was a natural mechanic. He had received a good common-school education in Scotland, one of his teachers being a nephew of Robert Burns. He first married Miss Margaret Clink, who bore him four children, Margaret, Mary, Helen and David. Margaret married David Clark, of Harmony township. Mary married Robert Clark, of Harmony township. Helen married David Duncan, a physician in Chicago. David married Ella Hill, and lives at Hastings, Neb. Mrs. Margaret Barlass died in 1851, and on June 18, 1861. Mr. Barlass married Miss Margaret Beveridge, a daughter of James and Christina (White) Beveridge. Six children were born to this union: Christina Jane, Agnes May, Andrew James, Christina, John Albert and William Frank. Christina Jane died when five years and four months old. Agnes May married William Koehelin, who is now deceased. The other children are all at home.

Mr. Barlass was a man of prominence in his day. With his wife he belonged to the United Presbyterian Church, and had a high standing for integrity and moral character. He was a staunch Republican, and served as chairman of the town board, school director, assessor and justice of the peace for many years, and was a member of the General Assembly of Wisconsin for three years. He was president of the township insurance company. He died July 26, 1895, at the age of seventy-two years and ten months.

James and Christina (White) Beveridge, parents of Mrs. Barlass, were natives of Scotland. They had four children: James, a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, who died at his home in Iowa, leaving a widow, Margaret (Clink) Beveridge; Christina, wife of John Addie, of Northville, S. Dak.; Margaret; and John G., of Doland, S. Dak., who married Margaret Allen. The father was a farmer. The mother died in Scotland in 1846, when about thirty-five years old, and he came to this country in 1852, bought a farm in Johnstown township, Rock Co., Wis., and lived there until 1853, when he sold out and bought a farm of



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*John A. Skindt*

eighty acres in Harmony township. This he sold later on, moving to Iowa, and later returned to Wisconsin, where he has lived with his daughter for the last five years. Mrs. Barlass came to this country when ten years old with her aunt, Miss Jane Beveridge, who brought the three youngest children of Mr. Beveridge to this country, and returned to Scotland a year later. Mrs. Barlass' paternal grandfather, James Beveridge, died in Scotland at an advanced age. Her maternal grandfather, James White, was born in Scotland, moved to England, and died in New South Wales.

**JOHN A. KLINDT.** No better illustration of the characteristic energy and enterprise of the typical German-American citizen can be found than that afforded by the career of this prominent business man of Cassville, Grant county. Coming to this country with no capital except his abilities, he has made his way to success through wisely directed effort, and he can now look back with satisfaction upon past struggles.

Mr. Klindt was born May 15, 1844, in the village of Prasdorf, near the city of Kiel, Holstein, Germany, a son of Claus and Catharine (Sneclode) Klindt, natives of the same place. The father, who was a tailor by trade, spent his entire life in Germany, where he died at the age of eighty-three years, the mother at the age of seventy-eight. Their children were John A., Anna, a resident of Luverne, Iowa; and Lena, Mrs. Ramm, who makes her home in the same place.

In his native land John A. Klindt received a common-school education, his summers being devoted to work, his winters to study, during his boyhood and youth. In August, 1864, he came to America, and on reaching Cassville, Wis., found that his capital consisted of a silver half dollar, dated 1823, which he still has, and intends to keep as a memento of those early days. That fall he engaged in threshing on a farm, and attended school during the winter. On May 1, 1865, he entered the employ of C. L. La Grave & Barks, proprietors of a warehouse and store, as clerk and bookkeeper, and on May 1, 1868, became connected with the business of which he is now the head. Mr. Klindt served as clerk and bookkeeper for John Geiger until the latter's death, in December, 1873, and on January 20, 1874,

purchased the stock of goods and commenced business on his own account. He was alone until March 1, 1878, when he formed a partnership with Gustav and O. F. Geiger, under the firm name of Klindt, Geiger & Co., dealers in general merchandise, buyers and shippers of grain and produce, and proprietors of the Cassville Creamery. The last named industry was established by them in 1885, and has since been conducted most successfully. As merchants they carry a large and well-selected stock of dry goods, groceries, clothing, boots, shoes, crockery, flour, groceries and, in fact, everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind. They are part owners of the Cassville Electric Light Plant. The firm is also extensively interested in the canning business, owning and operating one of the largest canning factories in the State; the main building, erected in 1893, is 50x160 feet, with an addition 48x110 feet, and a pickle shed 50x110 feet, and here employment is furnished to from seventy-five to one hundred people. This enterprising house also holds interest in a new canning and pickle factory which is now under construction at Janesville, Wis., and concerning which the *Janesville Daily Recorder* of April 21, 1901, makes mention as follows:

"Yesterday afternoon the articles of incorporation of P. Hohenadel, Jr., & Co. were filed with Register of Deeds Rowe. The incorporators are P. Hohenadel, Jr., John A. Klindt, Otto F. Geiger, and Otto Fahling, all of Cassville, and the capital stock is \$100,000. Work has been well started on the new plant and ground is broken. The plans have been accepted and work on the buildings will be pushed to a rapid finish. All the acreage has been secured and the company have arranged for leasing several good-sized farms which they will plant with such products as need more experience in the care of."

In April, 1875, Mr. Klindt married Miss Ida Sager, a native of Mecklenburg, Germany, who came to America in 1863 with her parents, Christian and Mary (Wodrich) Sager. The family located in Cassville, Wis. Mr. Sager, who was a gardener in his native land, followed that occupation for a time in this country, and then took charge of the vineyard of Gov. Dewey, who was from Cassville. Mr. Sager is still living here, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years, but his wife is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Klindt are the parents

of four children: Gustav A., born March 24, 1878; Edith Alma, May 31, 1885; John Arthur, April 12, 1888; and Irving, Oct. 24, 1891, died Feb. 24, 1892.

In the spring of 1879 Mr. Klindt visited the Fatherland, and found his parents both living at that time. Returning home in the fall of that year, he was nominated by the Republican party for representative to the General Assembly, and was elected by a large majority. He could have had the office a second term, but on account of the death of his partner, Gustav Geiger, in 1880, his business interests would not permit it. He has been prominently identified with public affairs in Cassville, and has most efficiently served as president of the village board for a number of years, and also as treasurer of the high school. Religiously Mr. Klindt was reared a Lutheran. His life record is one well worthy of emulation, and contains many valuable lessons of incentive, showing the possibilities that are open to young men who wish to improve every opportunity for advancement.

ALMERON EAGER, of Evansville, Rock county, is president of the Baker Manufacturing Co., and for years has been a leading spirit in the business interests of the city. He is a man of much intelligence, force of character and uncompromising honesty.

Mr. Eager was born in Sangerfield, Oneida Co., N. Y., March 14, 1838, a son of William and Caroline (Northrup) Eager. His father was born in Oneida county, and his mother in Delaware county, N. Y., and they were reared and married in their native State. Nine children were born to them, seven of whom are now living: Amy, wife of Peter Case, of Fredericksburg, Iowa; Almeron, of Evansville; Adelia, wife of William Case, of Fredericksburg; Alvin, of Grand Island, Neb.; Amos, of Lincoln, Neb.; Orinda, wife of John Ellison, of Fredericksburg; and De Witt, of Beaver Crossing, Neb. The father, who was a farmer, came West in the spring of 1855, locating in the town of Union, Rock Co., Wis., where he died in 1861, at the age of sixty-one. His wife died in Oneida county, N. Y., in 1850, at the early age of thirty-eight. She was a Methodist. Oliver Eager, the paternal grandfather of Almeron Eager, was a native of Massachusetts, and an early settler in Oneida county, N. Y. He died at the age of sixty-

five. He was a farmer, and the father of five children. Almeron Eager's maternal grandfather was also a native of New York, and died when his daughter Caroline, mentioned above, was about three years old, leaving one son and one daughter. He was a hard-working, honorable man.

Almeron Eager was reared on the Oneida county farm, and obtained his education in the district school. He came to Rock county, Wis., in the fall of 1854, and bought eighty acres in the town of Union, which he improved and afterward sold. He then purchased a tract of 200 acres, lying two and a half miles east of Evansville, and partly improved it. In 1868 Mr. Eager moved into Evansville, and in partnership with W. S. Smith opened a general store. Smith & Eager continued the store fourteen years, and then bought leaf tobacco for some three years or more. In the meantime, in 1883, a company was formed to build a tack factory in Evansville, and four years later Mr. Eager became associated with it as secretary. He held that position until the company went out of business. In 1873 Mr. Eager, in company with A. S. Baker, L. M. Shaw, L. Mygatt, C. Snashall and W. S. Smith, organized the Baker Manufacturing Co., to engage in the manufacture of windmills, tanks and pumps. Mr. Snashall was president of this corporation, and W. S. Smith secretary. Since 1885 Mr. Eager has been president, and Clifford Smith secretary. The company give employment to some sixty or seventy-five persons, and have an authorized capital of \$300,000. They ship goods all over the United States, and won two gold medals at the world's fair for the best wind and power mill.

Mr. Eager and Miss Olive Boyce, daughter of Henry and Mary (Almy) Boyce, were married Nov. 26, 1863, and they have had four children, Clarence, Gertrude, and two who died in infancy. Clarence died when one year and nine days old. Gertrude married Lile Humphrey, and is the mother of one child, Leonard. Mrs. Eager is a member of the Methodist Church. Our subject belongs to Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., Evansville Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M., and Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T. He is a Republican, and takes pride in the fact that he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was town treasurer for many years; a mem-

ber of the village board of Evansville for many years, and president of the board three years; has been a member of the county board of supervisors nine years, and is still acting in that capacity. On Nov. 6, 1900, he was elected assemblyman for the Second District of Rock county, receiving 2,670 votes, his opponent 915 votes. Mr. Eager owns a number of store buildings and residence properties in Evansville. He built his present home, at No. 321 West Main street, in 1878. While he was on the farm he spent a year and a half in the book delivery business.

Our subject has traveled in every State and Territory in the Union, and has visited all points of interest in the United States. In 1899 he took a trip to Alaska. In 1900 he traveled through Europe, attended the world's fair at Paris, went through Germany, saw the Passion Play, visited the mountains of Switzerland, went through the St. Gothard tunnel (the longest in the world), and journeyed over Holland, Belgium, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

FLOYD D. MURDOCK is yet living at the place where he was born, Sept. 13, 1856, at the corner of Wall and Franklin streets, Janesville, Rock county, where he has built a magnificent row of flats. Both his grandfather and father were born in New York, as were also his mother and her parents. His paternal grandfather, who was a farmer, died in his native State at an advanced age, leaving a large family.

Edwin Murdock, the father of Floyd D., settled in Janesville in the 'forties, and engaged in business as a grain dealer and grocer, following these lines until his death, at the age of fifty-seven, in 1883. He was a citizen of prominence, and for several years represented the First ward in the city council. He married Adelia Hoyt, whose father, Charles Hoyt, was likewise a New York farmer, but removed to Wisconsin, and was one of the early settlers of Rock county. Later he removed to Iowa, and died there in his seventy-sixth year. Mrs. Edwin Murdock is still living; she is a devout Baptist. She bore her husband four children: Ida, now the wife of Myron Clark, of Rock county; Floyd D.; Edwin H., of Janesville; and Jessie, Mrs. Thomas A. Nolan.

Floyd D. Murdock has passed his life

in the city of his birth. After leaving school he began working for his father, and on the latter's death succeeded to the ownership and management of the business. He has been successful, bringing to bear upon his undertakings sound common sense, as well as reflective power and sagacity. He sells hay and feed, as well as grain, shipping a great deal to Chicago and Milwaukee, and carries on an extensive and remunerative trade, enjoying the confidence and respect of the entire community, and the sincere esteem of a wide circle of personal friends. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the A. O. U. W., and in politics is a Republican. On Dec. 6, 1883, Mr. Murdock married Maggie Josepha Inman, and they have two children, Floyd Verne and Edna Floydine.

Mrs. Murdock comes of English lineage on the paternal, and French on the maternal side. Her father's ancestors crossed the Atlantic in the "Mayflower," and her great-grandfather, Edward Inman, served under Washington in the Revolutionary war, holding the rank of colonel. Her grandfather was John E. Inman. The family were long-time residents of Pennsylvania, John E. Inman being a large land owner near Wilkesbarre. After disposing of his holdings there he came West, buying large tracts in Illinois and Wisconsin, and making his home in Carroll county, Ill. He was the father of five sons and three daughters, and lived to celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday. Edward Inman, Mrs. Murdock's father, was for several years a conductor in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., but the fracture of a leg compelled him to seek other employment. For a time he conducted a dry-goods store at Wilkesbarre, but subsequently (in 1857) removed to Wisconsin, settling in Bradford, where he died in 1892, at the age of sixty-nine years. His widow yet survives, and has her home in Janesville. Her name before marriage was Margaret J. Mutchlar, and her father (the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Murdock) married Margaret San Tee. Both were of French descent, but residents of Wilkesbarre, where Mr. Mutchlar was a successful coal operator. They were the parents of four daughters and one son.

ALLEN S. BAKER, manager of the Baker Manufacturing Co., of Evansville, Rock county, is a native of that city, where he was

born Jan. 12, 1842. He belongs to one of the old Virginia families whose ancestry on the paternal side runs back to England, and on the maternal side to Germany.

Daniel Baker, the grandfather of Allen S., was born in West Virginia, but in early life removed to the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he and his wife spent their lives. They had a numerous family, of whom John T. (the father of Allen S.) and Aaron were the only ones to come to Wisconsin. The former became a resident of Rock county in 1837, and the latter was also a resident of that county, but lived only a few years after coming to the State.

John T. Baker was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in October, 1806, and in 1836 removed to Bloomington, Ill., where he remained only a short time. In the fall of the following year he settled in the town of Avon, Rock county, where he entered a claim upon which the family resided until the spring of 1840. That year he sold out, and removed into the town of Union, where he again entered a claim, and secured land which he converted into a valuable farm. This became the old homestead of the family, and here Mr. Baker lived for many years. He died in the village of Evansville in April, 1876. Mr. Baker was twice married, his first union being with Miss Jemima Robinson, who died in Union in the fall of 1850. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church, in which he held official position. He afterward wedded Mrs. Jane Gray (Sandford) Sale. By his first marriage he had seven sons and two daughters, the first and last being daughters. The eldest daughter and two sons are dead. The surviving members of the family are David E., of Clermont, Iowa; Edward J., living in Maryville, Mo.; Francis A., of Evansville, Wis.; Stephen J. and Allen S., of the same place; and Caroline J., wife of John Davenport, of San Rafael, Cal. The deceased daughter, Mary Ann, died after reaching womanhood. Thomas, the youngest son, died at the age of nineteen years. Aaron died when twenty-seven years of age, in 1865.

In his early years Allen S. Baker served an apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith, and that trade was his occupation for several years. When the Civil war broke out he was one of the first to respond to his country's call for troops to crush out the Rebellion. On

April 20, 1861, he became a member of Company H, 2d Wis. V. I., which regiment formed a part of the famous Iron Brigade, and in that gallant command he served in several of the most important battles of the war. He was at Gainesville, Fitzhugh Crossing, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. At Gainesville he was severely wounded in the right shoulder and was sent to the hospital at Philadelphia, where he remained until February, 1863. By that time he had recovered his health, and he rejoined his regiment, only to be again severely wounded on the first day of the great battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 1863. The facts concerning this wound were remarkable. Mr. Baker was struck in the abdomen by a minie ball, which, instead of passing straight through his body, took a circular direction, striking his thigh bone was deflected, and lodged in the fleshy part of the spinal column, where it became deeply imbedded. The surgeons feared to attempt the removal of the ball from the very great danger of severing an artery in the operation. So the missile remained in the same position for many years without apparent change, when it began working its way to the surface, and on March 19, 1889, after having remained in his body for nearly twenty-six years, it was discovered close to the surface, where it had worked its way to a position from which it was easily removed by Mr. Baker without surgical aid. After being wounded at Gettysburg Mr. Baker was not able to do farther duty in the field. He went to Washington, and was presently mustered out. Returning to his home, he resumed the blacksmith trade, and also engaged in carriage making. In the spring of 1873 the Baker Manufacturing Co. was organized under the firm name of A. S. Baker & Co. It was composed of the following named business men of Evansville, who contributed equally to its establishment: A. Eager, W. S. Smith, Caleb Snashall, Lancing Mygatt, Levi M. Shaw and A. S. Baker. They began business with a paid-up capital of \$6,000, and were incorporated Feb. 17, 1879, with a capital stock of \$20,000, under the name of the Baker Manufacturing Co. On March 15, 1883, the capital was increased to \$100,000, of which one-half was paid up. About this time M. V. Pratt bought an interest in the business, and March 13, 1885, Mr. Snashall sold his stock to the remaining stockholders and retired from busi-

ness. The company remained in the hands of the other stockholders until the death of Mr. Smith, in the fall of 1891. The paid-up capital of the company Jan. 1, 1899, was \$100,000, and the surplus \$105,712.56. With profit-sharing in view, the company reorganized with a capital of \$300,000. They manufacture pumps, windmills, tanks, grinders, wood saws, and other goods and appliances, and employ from sixty to eighty men. To a great extent the success of this institution is due to the business ability and executive force of Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker and Miss Margaret Sayers were married March 23, 1865. She was born on the historic battle field of Brandywine, Del., in October, 1844, a daughter of John and Sarah (Reed) Sayers. Her father died when she was but twelve years old, her mother surviving until 1876. They were the parents of four children who reached mature years: Elizabeth, the eldest, died in 1885. Margaret was the second in the order of birth. Sarah, the youngest daughter, married Thomas Hathorne, of Delaware. Robert is a resident of Delaware.

Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Baker: Elsie, born in October, 1867; John, in July, 1869; and Bessie, in November, 1875. Elsie married Robert Hartley, who is assistant cashier of the Bank of Evansville; she is a stenographer in the office of the Baker Manufacturing Co. John is single, and is a superintendent of the works of the company. Bessie graduated from the Rockford (Ill.) Ladies College, and is now teaching in the Highland University, at Highland, Kans. The family reside at the corner of Liberty and First streets, where Mr. Baker built a home in 1865, and erected his present handsome residence in 1883.

Mr. Baker is one of the representative business men of Rock county, and is regarded as an enterprising and progressive citizen of Evansville, in the welfare of which he has always taken a deep interest. He was formerly a Republican, but he is now independent, and favors the principles of the Prohibition party, holding that the liquor traffic should be suppressed by the strong arm of the law. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church, in which he serves as deacon. He was president of the village board of trustees one term, and on the county board two terms.

He is at present school treasurer of District No. 6, which includes the city of Evansville and a portion of the adjacent country. Our subject is one of the organizers of the Evansville Telephone Exchange, and is its president.

GEORGE PAGE, a well-known citizen of Grant county, an ex-soldier of the war of the Rebellion, and a retired farmer, is a native of Great Yarmouth, County of Norfolk, England, and was born Oct. 26, 1819. His early life was passed at sea, and was quite an eventful one, which will be detailed, as far as space will permit, below.

Richard and Mary (Greenland) Page, the parents of our subject, were also natives of Norfolk, where they passed all their lives. They reared a family of four sons and three daughters, of which family George is the only survivor. As a lad he was employed as errand boy in a large shop or store in his native town, but as it was early decided that he should become a sailor he began the study of navigation when but twelve and a half years old, and has still in his possession many of his exercises in books which bear the date of 1830. Before he was thirteen years old he went to sea as a cabin boy, and eventually became an able-bodied seaman. The first two years of his sea life were spent in coasting around England, Scotland and Ireland, and he then shipped for a voyage up the Mediterranean sea, passed through the Grecian Archipelago and the Dardanelles to Constantinople, and then back through the Dardanelles to Smyrna, Turkey in Asia; thence he sailed for Falmouth bay, England, for further orders. On the homeward voyage the vessel was caught in a dense fog in the Mediterranean, and ran ashore at Apes Hill, off Gibraltar, and the next day ran into Gibraltar bay to be inspected. She was pronounced to be seaworthy, however, and proceeded on her voyage. From Falmouth Mr. Page went to London, and thence made two voyages to St. John, N. B., but on returning, on the second voyage, his vessel was wrecked, through the ignorance or carelessness of the pilot, when but nine miles out of Liverpool.

Mr. Page then made a third trip across the Atlantic, but this time he came to stay, relinquishing ocean life. He left Liverpool about the middle of December, 1836, reached the banks of Newfoundland in thirteen days,

and fourteen days after, near the middle of January, 1837, reached New York. He was at that time seventeen years old. Soon after his arrival he sailed for New Orleans, La., and was there employed on a steamer plying up and down the Mississippi river and confluent streams, being thus engaged about three months when he was taken seriously ill; he made his last trip down the "Father of Waters" to the Crescent City on a flat-boat, and while thus prostrated was robbed of all his cash and all his clothing save what he had on at the time. What rendered this robbery the more shameful was the fact that the culprit was a comrade in whom he had placed his confidence, and whom he had considered to be a faithful friend.

When Mr. Page recovered his strength he again started up the Mississippi, branched off into the Ohio river at Cairo, Ill., and landed at Mount Vernon, Posey Co., Ind., in the vicinity of which city he spent about nine years in farming. Here another episode of his life took place, one of the most important, his marriage to Miss Nancy Jane Altizier, a daughter of Elias and Thyrza (Taylor) Altizier, the former a native of Virginia, of German descent, and the latter of Tennessee. Mrs. Page was born May 3, 1824, in Posey county, Ind., where the family had lived for many years, and where her father died; her mother died later, at the home of her daughter, in Webster county, Iowa. Elias Altizier was twice married, and to each union were born four children, Mrs. Page being the eldest living of the last marriage; one is deceased, and the other two are Eli J., a resident of the State of Washington; and Sarah Ann, Mrs. Renshaw, of Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Page came from Indiana to Wisconsin, arriving at Platteville, Grant county, April 11, 1846, but remained a short time only, and then settled in Ellenboro, same county, where he purchased and improved a good farm, and became a prominent citizen. He served as assessor and tax collector at different times in Ellenboro. He was enrolling officer during the early part of the Civil war, but decided to enter the army, and enlisted Oct. 1, 1864, in Company C, 25th Wis. V. I. He joined his regiment at Atlanta, Ga., marched with Gen. W. T. Sherman in his famous expedition through the State to Savannah, usually called the march to the sea, and took part

in several other important military operations under that redoubtable, grim warrior. After the war Mr. Page marched with the victorious Union host from North Carolina through to Washington, D. C., participated in the grand review, and received an honorable discharge in June, 1865. Although never wounded, Mr. Page was permanently injured in health while in the army, and soon after his return he disposed of his farm, and with his estimable wife retired, to live in quiet in Lancaster.

During all Mr. Page's long residence in this country, but two of his family have come to America. His brother William came several years after our subject had arrived, and died in St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 12, 1883, leaving a widow and four children; another brother, John, who was a sea captain, made a brief visit to George, returned to Great Yarmouth, and died a number of years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Page were, for a long time after the close of the war of the Rebellion, active in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, but their declining years precluded their continuing their work in this organization. They are members of no church, but they are strictly believers and church goers, ever governed by principles of charity, love for their fellow beings and strict justice to all. In politics Mr. Page is a Republican in sentiment, but has not sought favor from the party in whose interest he exercises his franchise. Contented with the felicitous society of his wife, for he has no children, he passes his time at his happy home, honored and respected by all his neighbors.

CHARLES W. LONEY, a well-known and esteemed old settler of Grant county, was born Aug. 21, 1808, in Franklin township, Ross Co., Ohio, a son of James A. and Nancy (Warren) Loney, both of North Carolina.

James A. Loney was a shoemaker by trade. Before the birth of our subject he moved to Ross county, Ohio, settling twelve miles south of Chillicothe, on the Scioto river. To him and his wife were born five sons and seven daughters, namely: John D., Esther C., Charles W., Rhea M., Sarah S., Alfred H., Enos J., Nancy A., Miranda P., James H., Eliza J. and Mary W. All lived to mature years and married except one son, who died at the age of fourteen. The father of James A. Loney, a native of Ireland, settled in North

Carolina, and reared a family of three children, John, James A. and Mary. The maternal grandfather of our subject lived in Tennessee; he had a family of four sons and three daughters, Tilghman, John, Charles, William, Rhoda, Nancy and Rebecca.

Charles W. Loney was reared upon a farm. When twenty-two years of age he left his native State and migrated to Mound township, Warren Co., Ind., where he taught common school for two years. He engaged in farming during the summer, and continued teaching in the winter season for thirteen years, until 1846, at which time he went north to the home of John Switzer, in Fennimore, Grant Co., Wis., bought land and commenced farming, alternating with teaching short terms. When Wisconsin was admitted to the Union Mr. Loney was elected superintendent of schools and justice of the peace, which latter office he held for twenty years; during that time he married one hundred couples, and decided some very complicated points of law. In the spring of 1866 Mr. Loney commenced a mercantile career, on a small scale, on the public highway leading from Lancaster to Boscobel, within the limits of the present village of Fennimore. As time went on he increased his business until he had a very desirable establishment, but for the last ten or twelve years he has retired from active life.

About 1832 Mr. Loney married Miss Mary Switzer, of Ohio, and to this union have been born two sons and two daughters: Mary Ann, July 14, 1833; Charles Wesley, Jan. 30, 1836; Nancy Jane, July 8, 1838; and William H. Harrison, July 16, 1840. All of these children lived to maturity, and three are still alive; one died in 1863, during the Civil war.

Charles W. Loney is one of the landmarks of Grant county, and, although he has reached the advanced age of ninety-two, he is still in possession of all his faculties, and is a very remarkable old gentleman.

**CHARLES J. PEARSALL**, a young and enterprising business man of Evansville, Rock county, is vice-president of the D. E. Wood Butter Co., and is popular not only for his thorough knowledge of his business, and his prompt and accurate business habits, but also for his fine personal qualities.

Mr. Pearsall was born in Plainfield, Otsego Co., N. Y., July 20, 1860, son of Edwin

R. and Helen M. (Smith) Pearsall, both native to the soil of New York. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters: Charles J.; Nellie S., of Salt Lake City; Hattie M., wife of M. C. Joslyn, of Elgin, Ill.; Benjamin S., of Elgin, secretary and treasurer of the D. E. Wood Butter Co.; and Clifford R., treasurer and manager of the wholesale and retail jewelry house of J. H. Lyson & Co., of Salt Lake City. The father was a farmer in New York. In 1876 he moved to Illinois, and engaged in the creamery business at Huntley, McHenry county, which he owned until his death, though not actively engaged in its management toward the close of his life. He died Jan. 10, 1901, at Elgin, Ill., aged sixty-seven years, his wife in February, 1897, aged sixty-four years. They were Methodists in early life, but in Illinois they united with the Congregational Church. His father, Simon Pearsall, was a native of Connecticut, but settled in New York when young, and lived to be ninety-three years old, passing away in the summer of 1900, at his home in New York State. He was a molder, and in later life a farmer; his last business years were spent in a store of which he was proprietor and manager. Simon Pearsall married a Miss Marvin, who died many years ago, and they had one son. His second wife was a Miss Fern, Capt. Benjamin F. Smith, the father of Helen M., mentioned above, served in the State militia. He was a native of Connecticut, and followed farming. His wife died in the East, and he afterward came West, and died at Big Rapids, Mich., at the home of a daughter, when he was over seventy years of age. His wife was sixty-four at her death. His remains were taken back to the old homestead in Otsego county, N. Y. He had four daughters and two sons.

Charles J. Pearsall spent the earlier part of his life in Otsego county, N. Y., where he had a good preparation for active life in the public schools of that region. In the spring of 1876 he came to Illinois, locating at Huntley with his parents, and there he lived for twelve years. He spent four years in Nebraska, and for the past ten years he has lived in Evansville. His entire business life has been spent in connection with the creamery. He began as an apprentice, and served two years before he was pronounced competent to do business for himself. For nine years he held



the position of foreman in a factory at Coral, Ill., and then was made manager of a line of creameries in Clay and other counties in Nebraska, being engaged in this work for three and a half years. Coming to Evansville, he formed a partnership with Mr. Wood, and his business career in this city has been both profitable and satisfactory.

Mr. Pearsall and Miss Harriet I. Ellis, daughter of Benjamin F. and Ellen (Miracle) Ellis, were united in marriage Nov. 11, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Pearsall are the parents of three sons and one daughter, Robert E., Clifford J., Barbara E., and Philip D. Mr. Pearsall is a Mason, and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., and Evansville Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M., and is also a member of the local Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, and is at present serving as alderman from the First ward, and is president of the city council.

HON. A. CLARKE DODGE, one of the leading citizens of Green county, occupies a peculiarly honorable and responsible position as a member of the legislative and law-making body of the State, and for years has been one of the most progressive and representative business men of the city of Monroe. He is now somewhat advanced in years, but his natural force is not abated nor the vital flame burned low.

Mr. Dodge was born in Barre, Vt., Nov. 6, 1834, a son of Joseph and Lorenda (Thompson) Dodge, both natives of that State. They had three children: A. Clarke, Laroy and Wesley. The two latter were soldiers in the Union army during the Civil war. Laroy enlisted Sept. 1, 1861, in Company B, 10th Vt. V. I., and was wounded in the battle of Fisher's Hill, Va., Sept. 21, 1864; he was sent to the National hospital at Baltimore, where he died Oct. 29, 1864. Wesley entered the service Nov. 19, 1861, as a member of Company C, 1st Vermont Cavalry, and served in the Army of the Potomac; he was shot in Wilson's raid, around Petersburg, June 23, 1864, was taken prisoner, and died the next day.

Joseph Dodge was a farmer in Barre, Vt., where he was born Nov. 14, 1795, and where he died Aug. 3, 1864. He first married Azubah Thompson, who bore him four children, only one of whom is now living, Joseph

Thompson Dodge, of Madison, Wis. His second wife, Lorenda, died May 15, 1844, at the age of forty-three years. He married for his third wife Electa Marsh, who became the mother of one child, Ellen Amanda, now the widow of Henry G. Staples, of Lyndonville, Vt. Mr. Dodge held various local offices from time to time, and was regarded as an honorable and capable man. He was captain in the State militia, a position for which he was well fitted by his services in the war of 1812; he received a land warrant from the government as a reward for his loyalty at that time. He was on Lake Champlain, trying to reach the scene of the battle of Plattsburg, but could not reach the field until the fight was over. His father, Asa Dodge, was a native of Winchester, N. H., where he was born Feb. 13, 1770. He moved to Barre, Vt., with his brother John and acquired a farm in 1791. He spent his life upon it, and died there May 12, 1855. He was also a soldier in the war of 1812, and for his military services received a land warrant, which came to him the day he died.

Isaac Stevens Thompson, the father of Lorenda Thompson, mentioned above, was born at Holden, Mass., April 26, 1763. He married Catey Wheeler, of Rutland, Mass., Jan. 8, 1790, and immediately moved to Barre, Vt. His father was born in 1735 in Holden, Mass., where he died Jan. 3, 1787. He was a captain in the American army during the war of the Revolution, and selectman of Holden in 1780, 1782 and 1783. He married Azubah Stevens, and they were the parents of eight children, of whom Isaac was the eldest. The wife of Isaac S. Thompson lived to be ninety-four years of age. There were two brothers, William and Richard Dodge, who came from England in 1639 and located at Salem, Mass., and from them have come most of the Dodes in America, excepting the Block Island Dodes.

A. Clarke Dodge, now an old resident and business man of Monroe, Wis., was reared at Barre, his native place. There he was educated, at Barre Academy. Mr. Dodge left Vermont when twenty years old, and coming West, helped in the location of the Milwaukee & Mississippi Railroad (now a part of the Milwaukee system) in 1855, from Janesville to Monroe, and thus early acquired an acquaintance with the country which afterward became his home. From January, 1856, until the fall of 1857 he lived in Chicago, where he held the position



*A. C. Dray.*



of assistant librarian in the Mechanics' Institute Library. He was a school teacher in Rock county and in Monroe from 1861 to 1864, having moved to Monroe the first-named year, and he has since been continuously a resident of the city.

In Monroe Mr. Dodge's public and business career has been both successful and honorable. He has been identified with the Republican party since its organization, and has received many evidences of regard at the hands of his fellow citizens. He was elected a Presidential elector in 1888, receiving more votes than any other man on the ticket. For more than thirty years he has represented his city and county in a great majority of the County and State conventions of his party. For more than twenty-five years Mr. Dodge served continuously on the school board, and for the greater part of that time was the president of that body. He was nine times elected on the county board, and for five terms served as its chairman. He was on the committee that planned and built the county insane asylum, served as chairman of the committee that prepared the plans for the new court house, and was a member of the building committee that had in charge the construction of that elegant building, acting as its secretary. Mr. Dodge was nominated for the General Assembly in 1898, without solicitation on his part, and was elected by the largest majority of any man on the ticket except the treasurer; he was elected to the Assembly again in 1900. Throughout his business and public career Mr. Dodge has exemplified a fine character and a lofty spirit. He has been an upright and clean-handed man, and has a host of friends throughout the county and State. For many years he has been a dealer in lumber, grain and coal, and by industry and wise management he has accumulated a competence. Mr. Dodge and Miss Sarah E. Kidder were married Nov. 4, 1860, and to this union three children have been born, Charles S., Lewis and Flora E. Charles is manager of the Monroe planing-mill; he married Nellie F. Weatherby, who died Nov. 12, 1900, and has four children, George Clarke, Helen J., Laroy and Edward Wesley. Lewis is keeping books in his father's lumber office. Flora E. is the wife of Charles E. Shriner, of Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge are members of the Unitarian Church, and he belongs to Monroe Lodge, No. 72, I. O. O. F., and has filled nearly all the chairs in the

order, of which he has been a member thirty-three years, and has repeatedly served as representative to the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, his National number being 12,011 and his State number 211. His great-grandfather, Nathaniel Brown Dodge, was a soldier in the Revolution, enlisting in Capt. Alexander's Company at Northfield, Mass., Feb. 21, 1776, and serving in the ill-starred expedition from Fort Ticonderoga to Ouebec, keeping a pocket diary from March 23 to Dec. 7. This diary, which has a note for every day of the intervening time, is now in the possession of Mr. Dodge. It is in a perfect state of preservation, and has lately received a new dress, befitting its age and historic value.

**CHARLES W. STARK.** Brought when a boy of six years to Wisconsin by his parents in 1846, the subject of this sketch, Major Stark, now postmaster at Tiffany, Rock county, has remained ever since a resident of the county, save the four years when he served in the army during the Civil war. Entering as a private, he soon won promotion for meritorious and gallant conduct, and was mustered out an officer. His career in civil life has been equally successful. He has actively followed farming through life until quite recently, and has been prominently identified with local public affairs.

Major Stark was born at Halifax, Windham Co., Vt., Aug. 5, 1840, son of William H. and Clarissa S. (Plumb) Stark, both natives of Vermont. William Stark, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Connecticut, of English ancestry. He had a family of ten children. He engaged in farming for a half century at Halifax, Vt., where he died at the age of about ninety years. James Plumb, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was also a native of Connecticut. He moved when a young man to Halifax, Vt., there engaged in farming, and died aged about seventy-six years. He reared a family of eleven children.

William H. Stark, the father of our subject, was born in 1810, in Vermont, where he received a good common-school education and engaged in farming. He served in the Vermont State militia, and was elected to the Legislature of his native State. In May, 1846, he came to Wisconsin, and located in Tiffany.

He bought a farm of 208 acres, in 1864 purchased eighty acres, and later two other eighty-acre tracts, all of which he improved. Twice he was elected to the Wisconsin Legislature, and he held a number of the more important local offices; for many years he was a member of the town board of supervisors, serving as chairman of the board, and he was also town assessor and treasurer for many years. He was reared a Presbyterian, but later became a member of the Universalist Church, which was the faith of his wife. He died in Tiffany in 1894, aged eighty-three years and eleven months. His wife died in 1893, aged eighty-three years. Five children were born to them, three sons and two daughters, of whom three survive: Juliette Maria; Charles William, our subject; and DeWitt Q., of Tiffany.

Charles William Stark was six years of age when, in 1846, he came with his parents to Wisconsin. He attended the district schools, and spent his youth on the home farm. He had just attained his majority when he enlisted, Sept. 1, 1861, in Company F, 13th Wis. V. I. In August, 1862, he was commissioned second lieutenant of the 22d Regiment, and thirty days later was transferred to the 33d Regiment. He was promoted to first lieutenant in April, 1863, and in December, 1864, was commissioned captain and transferred to Company E, of the same regiment, commanding the company until mustered out and discharged at Madison, Wis., Sept. 1, 1865. For meritorious services during the campaign against the city of Mobile "and its defenses" he was breveted major, United States Volunteers, effective March 26, 1865, receiving his commission a few days later. He was also acting aid-de-camp and provost marshal during the last year of the war, serving on the staff of Col. J. B. Moore and Col. L. M. Ward. Major Stark witnessed much active campaigning during his four years' service. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg; was at Jackson, Miss., in 1863, when his brigade in ten minutes lost all but 225 men out of 900 engaged; served throughout the Atlanta campaign in command of a detachment of the 33d Wis. V. I.; was in the second battle of Nashville in 1864; and participated in the capture of Old Spanish Fort, near Mobile, which was taken by assault following a siege of fourteen days, the brigade to which he belonged being the principal troops engaged in the assault

that resulted in the capture of the fort at midnight of April 9, 1865. During the siege of Old Spanish Fort Major Stark had charge of the construction of the trenches and approaches to the fort, and was highly commended by Generals A. J. Smith and E. A. Carr for the efficiency of his work. He also engaged in a large number of skirmishes. Through exposure while in the army his right eye was affected so that he has since lost the sight of it.

After the war Major Stark returned to his old home at Tiffany, and engaged in farming. His father gave him a tract of eighty acres, to which by purchase he subsequently added another eighty-acre tract, located in the southwest quarter of Section 26. This property he farmed and rented until 1896, when he sold it, well improved. He now owns the seventeen acres of land in Section 35, town of La Prairie, on which he resides.

Our subject married, Jan. 20, 1868, Miss H. Eliza Nash, daughter of Jefferson and Matilda (Owen) Nash, and by this marriage there was one daughter, Nellie Matilda, who married Charles H. Weirick, of Shopiere, and has two children, Marion and Maurice. Mrs. H. Eliza Stark died Oct. 8, 1879. She was a member of All Souls Unitarian Church. For his second wife our subject married, Sept. 20, 1882, Mrs. Cora M. Hemmingway, widow of John Hemmingway, and daughter of Hugh Chapin. By this marriage Mr. Stark has three children: Charles W., Jr., Hubbard, and Cora M. By her former husband Mrs. Cora M. Stark had one son, Hugh. She died Oct. 8, 1887, aged twenty-seven years.

Mr. Stark has been prominent in public life. On Oct. 25, 1865, he was appointed, by the Treasury Department at Washington, Inspector of Distilled Spirits and Coal Oil in and for the Second Collection District of Wisconsin. In the spring of 1868 he was elected town clerk and held that office two years. He was then elected register of deeds of Rock county, and re-elected two years later, serving four years. While filling that responsible office he for three years was the owner of the Rock County Abstract, and during the same period he built at Janesville 350 fanning mills. In 1874 he was elected alderman of the Second ward in Janesville, on the Republican ticket, and he served as such in the common council of the city until he went back to his farm. Returning to his farm in 1876, he has

followed agricultural pursuits ever since, in connection with wagon repairing. He has served as assessor four or five years, and in 1900 was census enumerator of La Prairie township. Though a Republican in politics, the Major was appointed postmaster at Tiffany Oct. 28, 1895, during the administration of President Cleveland, which office he still holds. He has been prominent in politics, and both he and his father have attended numerous county, Congressional and State conventions. Major Stark became a member of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 135, F. & A. M., of Clinton, Wis., in 1864, and of Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., in 1872. He is a member of W. H. Sargent Post, No. 20, G. A. R., and also of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, established at Raleigh, N. C., April 25, 1865.

**MARK GOODRICH.** This well-known citizen and representative farmer of Mt. Ida township, Grant county, was one of the brave defenders of the Union during the Civil war. In August, 1861, at Mt. Ida, he enrolled his name among the members of Company H, 7th Wis. V. I., and was mustered into the United States service at Madison, the regiment being assigned to Gen. McDowell's command. His enlistment was for three years, but on account of disability he was honorably discharged Feb. 27, 1863, being at that time in the convalescent camp near Alexandria, Va. He returned to his home in Mt. Ida township, but, improving in health, he resolved to again enter the service of his country, and on Dec. 11, 1863, enlisted for three years, or during the war, in the 33d Wis. V. I., with which he took part in a number of important engagements, including Gen. Banks' unfortunate Red River campaign; the siege and capture of Fort Blakely and Spanish Fort; the siege of Mobile; and the battle of Nashville, under command of Gen. Thomas. He received his final discharge Sept. 4, 1865, and again returned to his home in Grant county.

A native of New York, Mr. Goodrich was born in Allegany county in 1842, a son of Elijah and Polly (Dempsey) Goodrich, the former a native of New Jersey, the latter of New York. In 1843 the family migrated from the Empire State to Wisconsin, and took up their residence in Fennimore township, Grant county, a few years later removing to Mt. Ida township, where the father entered a tract

of government land which became the homestead of the family, and which his sons now own and occupy. He followed the occupations of farming and blacksmithing, and died upon his farm in Mt. Ida township. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in Fennimore township, and he subsequently married Almira Russell, who died on the homestead in Mt. Ida township in June, 1899. By the first union there were three children: Mark, the immediate subject of this biography; Mary, wife of Thomas Cooper, of Mt. Ida township; and Adeline, wife of Frederick Werley, of the same township. One son was born of the second marriage, Lewis Edwin, who, with Mark, owns the homestead farm.

Mark Goodrich was quite young when he came with his parents to Grant county, which has been his home continuously since. He and his brother have a fine farm of 145 acres, under a good state of cultivation, and in its operation are meeting with excellent success, being among the most thorough and systematic agriculturists of their township. Both are highly respected citizens of the community, and Mark Goodrich is an esteemed member of Sam Monteith Post, G. A. R., of Fennimore.

**LYMAN D. CULVER**, familiarly known as 'Squire Culver, is a representative farmer and leading citizen of Ellenboro township, Grant county, where his manly virtues and upright character have won him a host of friends.

Mr. Culver was born in Huntington, Ohio, April 7, 1840. His father, Joshua N. Culver, was born in Randolph, Portage Co., Ohio, Nov. 30, 1808, and his mother, Caroline C. Tillotson, was born in December, 1814, near Rochester, N. Y. Joshua N. Culver was a son of Timothy Culver, who was born in Massachusetts in 1775, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married a Merryman, and through her our subject is related to the Morton family, the same one to which ex-Vice President Levi P. Morton belongs. Levi P. Morton and Levi Merryman Culver were named after the same man. Our subject's great-grandfather, Joshua Culver, born in 1750, was a soldier in the Revolution.

Joshua N. Culver, the father of Lyman D., spent the earlier part of his life in Ohio, where he married, and was for some

years a farmer in Lorain county. In 1846 he brought his family to Grant county, Wis., buying a farm in Harrison township, and here he and his wife completed their lives. He died in 1892, outliving her by seven years. He cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison for President, and his last for Benjamin Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Culver were both consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were strong workers in its behalf. They reared a family of seven children, all sons. (1) Henry Morton Culver, the eldest, was born in Ohio in September, 1833, and grew to manhood on the parental farm in Grant county. He married Miss Elizabeth Thomas, and they began their married life as renters of a portion of the family estate. She died Dec. 22, 1863, and he only survived until May 7, 1864. They left two children—Linnie L., now Mrs. W. G. Corpian, of Grant county, and Delos L., now of Potosi. (2) Otis Morton died in childhood. (3) Levi M., now of Syracuse, N. Y., was station agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Woodman and Wauzeka, Wis., for a number of years. He married Miss Amelia Lillie, who died in Iowa, and they had five children—Lillie, a graduate of the White-water Normal, and now a prominent teacher in Milwaukee; Rose, deceased; Fred, who died when a young man; Hattie, wife of Frank Rhodes, a banker, of Estherville, Iowa; and Roy, now a real estate dealer at Port Arthur, Texas. (4) Lyman D. is our subject. (5) Elmer E., born in Grant county in 1849, married Miss Emma R. Curry, of Minnesota, and they live on the old homestead in Harrison township. They have a family of five living children, Otis, Herbert, Guy, Arthur and Cora. (6) H. L., born in Grant county in April, 1853, married Miss Happy P. Pickett, of Crawford county, and lives in that county, where he owns a farm of 320 acres. He is the father of sixteen children, eleven living: Charles, Alva, Everett, Ethel, Asa, Masel, George, Edith, Alta, Edna and Lennice. (7) D. T., born Dec. 26, 1857, married Miss Rynda Graves, and they have two children, Leda and Lelah. For some time they lived on the old homestead, but their home is now in Platteville.

Lyman D. Culver received but a limited education in the district schools, as he was able to attend only during the short three-

months winter terms. However, he was a great reader of history and a lover of useful books, so he accumulated a stock of information that has proved valuable all his life. In 1861 he enlisted in Company F, 7th Wis. V. I., which became a part of the Iron Brigade, and served in Virginia under Gen. McDowell and other commanders of the Army of the Potomac. He was taken sick at Fredericksburg, and lay in hospital for a long time. He was finally discharged at Washington, in November, 1863, and sent home on account of disability. In July, 1864, he married Miss Honor A. Ivey, the estimable daughter of James and Mary A. Ivey, old and prominent pioneers of Grant county, where Mrs. Culver was born in November, 1846; she received her education in the district schools of Harrison township. The young couple immediately took up farming, and in March, 1865, bought eighty acres of wild land in Ellenboro township, where Mr. Culver erected a log house, and there their life work began. They lived in the log house until 1880, when it was replaced by a fine frame house, provided with all modern improvements, and they have now one of the finest homes in Grant county, known as the "Evergreen Avenue Farm," from the fact that fine rows of evergreen shade trees are on both sides of the road. Mr. Culver owns 160 acres in Ellenboro, and 200 acres in Harrison township, having purchased the old homestead from his brother D. T. He may well be counted among the solid and successful farmers of southern Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Culver have had nine children: (1) Eber, born in 1865, is unmarried, and living at home. (2) Adda, a bright young girl, died when fourteen years old. (3) Henry, born March 7, 1869, was a student in the Platteville high school and the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal, is a young man of scholarly attainments, and takes an active part in the local affairs of Ellenboro township, serving as town clerk. He is an active worker in church and Sunday-school. (4) Jennie Ivey, born in August, 1871, is a student at the Platteville Normal, class of 1902, and is one of the successful teachers in this section. She is a great worker in the church and Sunday-school. (5) Jesse N., born Sept. 26, 1873, is unmarried, and is a resident of Iowa. (6) Benjamin F., born in January, 1876, is at home. (7) May L. and (8) Gay L., twins,

born Nov. 23, 1878, and (9) Edward D., born Dec. 9, 1883, are all students at the home schools. Mr. Culver has always been a worker in the Republican ranks. He has been school director twenty-five years, and is now justice of the peace, an office that he has held for five years. He is a member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., at Platteville.

**RALPH PARKER BLEASDALE**, one of the prominent farmers of Janesville township, Rock county, enjoys the distinction of being a native of Wisconsin, having been born Oct. 23, 1854, in Section 19, where he now resides, a son of Ralph P. and Eliza C. (Dickson) Bleasdale, natives of England and Scotland, respectively.

Ralph P. Bleasdale was a bookkeeper, following that occupation in England and after he immigrated to America, whither he came with his parents in 1845. The family located in Rock county, Wis., where they engaged in farming. Later Ralph P. Bleasdale went back to Leeds, England, in 1846 or 1847, and married, after which he returned to Rock county, farming until 1851 in Rock township. At that time he bought a farm of 120 acres in Section 19, Janesville township, later added forty acres, and resided upon it until his death, in 1880, at the age of fifty-four, improving the property, and increasing its value. The parents of our subject had four sons and three daughters: John William, of Chicago, Ill.; Joseph Robert, of Findlay, Ohio; Ralph Parker, our subject; Frank Thornton, of New Carlisle, Ind.; Eliza Hannah, wife of Frank Case, of Clarion, Iowa; Agnes Jane, wife of Charles Hawk, of Center township, Rock Co., Wis.; and Florence Annie, wife of Orrie Case, of Belmond, Iowa. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Robert Bleasdale, was a native of England, and died in Rock county, Wis., at the advanced age of seventy. By occupation he was a farmer. His family consisted of seven children. The maternal grandfather of our subject, John Dickson, was a native of Scotland, an architectural modeler by trade. Coming to America in 1860, he resided with his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Bleasdale, until 1861, when he died, aged sixty-seven years. He had five children, two sons and three daughters.

Ralph Parker Bleasdale has lived all of his life upon the farm where he was born,

except two years which he spent in Iowa. Having always followed farming, at the death of his father he took charge of the farm. On March 23, 1892, Mr. Bleasdale married Mrs. Almeda Isabel Jenkins, daughter of Charles and Lucy (Vesper) Foote. In his political affiliations Mr. Bleasdale is a Republican, and socially he is a member of Janesville Lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Caledonian Society. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bleasdale are hospitable people. They reside on the farm of our subject's mother, which Mr. Bleasdale is actively engaged in improving, and are enjoying all the comforts of life.

**PHILIP C. GRIMM** is one of the successful business men of Cassville, Grant county, a member of the well-known firm of Grimm Brothers, general merchants and grain dealers, who established business at that place in 1871. He was born in Coblenz, Rhine Province, Germany, Dec. 12, 1847, a son of Valentine and Henrietta (Fuerstenhaupt) Grimm, of whom further mention is made in the sketch of Hermann Grimm, on another page of this volume.

Philip C. Grimm was reared in his native land, where he was educated in French, English and German. In 1871 he bade good-by to home and friends and came to the United States, sailing from Hamburg and landing in New York. He proceeded at once to Cassville, Wis., and for seventeen years was employed as clerk in the mercantile establishment of Klindt, Geiger & Co., during that time acquiring an excellent knowledge of the business, which has been of great advantage to him in his subsequent career as a merchant. In partnership with his brother Hermann he has since conducted a general store and engaged in the grain business, meeting with good success in both undertakings.

At Cassville Mr. Grimm was married, in 1874, to Miss Mary E. Lawrence, a native of that place, and a daughter of Thomas and Deborah (Smith) Lawrence, who were born in Ireland, and came to Cassville at a very early day. Here her father enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, and died in the service. Mrs. Lawrence is still a resident of Cassville. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Grimm are Charles L., Harry Leroy, Lawrence T., Ralph H. and Hazel Kittie. The parents are both active and earnest members of the Baptist



Church, and Mr. Grimm has served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school for nine years. He is quite prominent in business and social circles, and is a member of Dewey Lodge, No. 98, K. of P., of Cassville, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen in Nebraska. In his political views he is independent, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices, regardless of party lines.

RICHARD H. BARLOW is a prominent and popular photographer of Janesville, Rock county, and because he puts into his work genuine artistic skill and discernment has made it a great success. He is always seeking the artistic effect, and whatever he sends forth to the world has always a touch of the light, and is not simply a mere reproduction of the outward alone.

Mr. Barlow was born near Delavan, Walworth Co., Wis., April 2, 1864, son of Silas V. and Antoinette (Goff) Barlow, natives of New York and Wisconsin, respectively. They had two children: Richard H., whose name introduces this article; and a child, who died in infancy. Silas V. Barlow came from Elmira, N. Y., to Wisconsin with his parents when fifteen years old, and located with them in Walworth county. There he grew to manhood and there he engaged in the cultivation of his own farm near Delavan, in which thrifty Wisconsin city he is now living with his wife, and is engaged in the livery business; he moved into town seventeen years ago. Politically he is a Republican. His wife attends the Methodist Church.

Rev. Silas U. Barlow, our subject's grandfather, was a Methodist clergyman, born in New York, of English ancestry. He came West in the early days, and worked at carpentering and farming through the week, preaching on Sundays, frequently making long trips on horseback in order to fill his engagements. He died in Delavan, Wis., at the age of eighty-three, leaving a large family. Stephen C. Goff, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., and was an early settler in Walworth county, owning a farm at Heart Prairie, Wis.; in early life he was a painter and glazier. He reared a small family, and was over seventy at the time of his death.

Richard H. Barlow was reared on the farm in Walworth county, and was afforded

opportunity for the acquisition of a very good education. He attended the district school, passed through the public schools of Delavan, and attended Clark's Business College one winter. Leaving school, he had charge of a stationary engine one season, and then began the study of photography, which has become his life work. In November, 1893, he came to Janesville, and, in company with Alphonso E. Hatch and Robert H. Fitch, bought the photograph gallery of Mr. Turner, the business being conducted under the firm name of Barlow, Hatch & Co., who together owned and operated five studios. After a short time Mr. Barlow sold out his interest in the other studios, buying his partners' interest in the Janesville gallery, which he has carried on most successfully up to the present time. He stands high in his chosen calling, and was a member of the executive committee of the Wisconsin State Photographers' Association at its last annual meeting. Mr. Barlow attributes part of his success, at least, to the excellent business training he had from his father, who conducted an agricultural implement business in Delavan for many years, and has also had a livery barn there for sixteen years.

Mr. Barlow and Miss Gertrude M. Harper were married Oct. 7, 1896. She is a daughter of Robert and Hannah (Atcheson) Harper, and is a lady of much character, enjoying many friends, and sympathizing heartily with her husband's artistic tastes and proclivities. Their home is at No. 5 Jefferson avenue. Mr. Barlow is a member of Oriental Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and is a Republican in politics.

LASELL C. BREWER, the genial host of the "Park Hotel," of Janesville, Rock county, conducts a first-class hostelry upon modern plans, and provides his guests with all conveniences, and furnishes a table that has gained for his house a wide-spread reputation.

Mr. Brewer was born in Otsego county, N. Y., in the village of Hartwick, Feb. 27, 1838, a son of Jonathan W. and Julia (Leland) Brewer, natives of New York and Vermont, respectively. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jonathan Brewer, was a native of New York State, where he engaged in farming, reared a large family, and died at an advanced age. The maternal grandfather, Joshua Leland, a native of Vermont, was also a farm-

er. and later a lawyer, and had a number of sons and daughters. Jonathan W. Brewer, the father of our subject, conducted a foundry, blacksmith shop and plow works, in Hartwick, N. Y., for many years. In 1846 he removed to Michigan, buying a farm near Owosso, in the town of Bennington, where he resided until his death, which occurred in July, 1872, when he was seventy-four years of age. His wife survived him several years, and was eighty-two at her death. Both were members of the Universalist Church, and very worthy and highly esteemed people. During the Mexican war Jonathan W. Brewer served his country in a brave and gallant manner, as colonel of a regiment. Four children, three sons and one daughter, were born to him: Helen M., wife of Joseph H. Howe, of Owosso, Mich.; Emory L., of Owosso, Mich., a boot and shoe merchant; Lasell C., of Janesville; and Burns W., of Owosso, Michigan.

Lasell C. Brewer resided in New York State until 1846, and then moved with the family to Michigan, where he grew to manhood, working on a farm until the war of the Rebellion broke upon the country. Fired with patriotism, Mr. Brewer enlisted, in December, 1861, in Company E, 14th Mich. V. I., and served until the close of the war. At Brentwood, Tenn., Mr. Brewer was wounded, and again, although but slightly, in front of Atlanta, in the collar-bone. Entering the ranks, for his bravery Mr. Brewer was promoted until he attained the rank of captain. Among the engagements in which he participated might be mentioned Shiloh, the first and second battles of Nashville, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Stone River, Chickamauga, and Buzzard's Roost, and he was fighting almost continuously until the fall of Atlanta. After the second battle of Nashville Mr. Brewer was promoted in the 30th Mich. V. I., and went out as first lieutenant of Company K. Later he was promoted to the rank of captain, commanding the company about three months, when he was honorably discharged, in June, 1865.

After the war Mr. Brewer engaged in the livery business in Owosso, Mich., continuing same for some time, during which period he served most acceptably as both alderman and city marshal. Leaving Owosso, Mr. Brewer removed to Dane county, Wis., and bought a farm of 320 acres, which he cultivated for

some years, and later sold. During his term of residence in that county he was elected chairman of the town board of supervisors, and held the position as long as he remained there. After selling his farm Mr. Brewer engaged in the hotel business at Evansville, Wis., and on Feb. 5, 1896, bought the "Park Hotel," in Janesville, which he still conducts. After taking charge of this popular house Mr. Brewer made a number of desirable improvements, and by his efforts has largely increased its patronage.

On Feb. 4, 1868, Mr. Brewer married Miss Ellen M. Graves, daughter of S. W. and Mary R. Graves, and four children have been born to them: Lena G., who married Joseph Coleman, of Fort Atkinson, Wis., and has two children, Arlene May and Carroll; Chester L., a professor in Albion (Mich.) College, who married Grace Brownell, a daughter of Isaac C. Brownell; Burns W., in high school at Janesville; and Claude, who died when he was eighteen months old.

Socially Mr. Brewer is a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge No. 81, of Owosso, Mich., and for many years was a member of Suthers Post, G. A. R., of Evansville. Politically he is independent, voting as his convictions dictate, and in addition to the offices already mentioned served as clerk of the school board, chairman of the board of health, and justice of the peace, in Rutland, Wisconsin.

Possessing as he does, in marked degree, the qualities necessary to success in his calling, Mr. Brewer has extended his circle of acquaintances and friends until it embraces many States, his house being a favored one with travelers who pass through Janesville, as well as with the people of that city. Genial and entertaining, Mr. Brewer is an acquisition wherever he goes, and enjoys not only the esteem, but also the admiration, of all who know him.

JAMES PIERCE is one of the oldest and best-known pioneers of Milton township, Rock county. In 1838, before he had attained his majority, he left his home in New York State for the wild and undeveloped West. Coming by boat to Milwaukee, he soon became identified with the settlement of the Rock River Valley.

Mr. Pierce was born in Alfred township, Allegany Co., N. Y., Dec. 26, 1817, son of

Samuel and Susan (White) Pierce, both natives of Rhode Island. Of their five children, four sons and one daughter, two survive: William, of Danbury, Iowa; and James, our subject. The father in 1851 followed his son West, and located in the southwestern part of Milton township, Rock county, where he died in 1865. His wife survived many years, spending her later years at her old home in New York State, and living to the age of ninety-four. Both were members of the Seventh-day Baptist Church. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Daniel Pierce, also lived to a ripe old age, having almost attained his ninetieth birthday at the time of his death. He removed with his family from Rhode Island, his native State, to Alfred, Allegany Co., N. Y., about 1817. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a sea-faring man of Rhode Island.

James Pierce was reared on his father's farm in New York State, and in his youth attended the district schools. Possessing the pioneer spirit, he landed in Milwaukee July 11, 1838, and at once started for the Rock River Valley. The first halt he made was at Du Lac Prairie. He began work for Joseph Goodrich in Milton township, Rock county, as farm hand and clerk in the store, and two years later, upon his marriage, began life for himself.

On Sept. 24, 1840, Mr. Pierce married Miss Olive Hall, daughter of Gardner and Nancy (Stillman) Hall, and to them three children have been born: Clark R., who married Rachel B. Butts, and lives at Edgerton, Wis.; Alonzo D., who died, aged thirteen months; and Susan M., who died at the age of fourteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are prominent members of the Seventh-day Baptist Church, and for many years he has been chairman and treasurer of the Seventh-day Baptist Church at Milton Junction.

In Territorial days Mr. Pierce served as deputy county surveyor under John Hopkins, of Beloit. He has been assessor of the township, overseer of highways, and for many years supervisor, and discharged the duties of justice of the peace for a period of twenty-two years. In politics Mr. Pierce is a Republican.

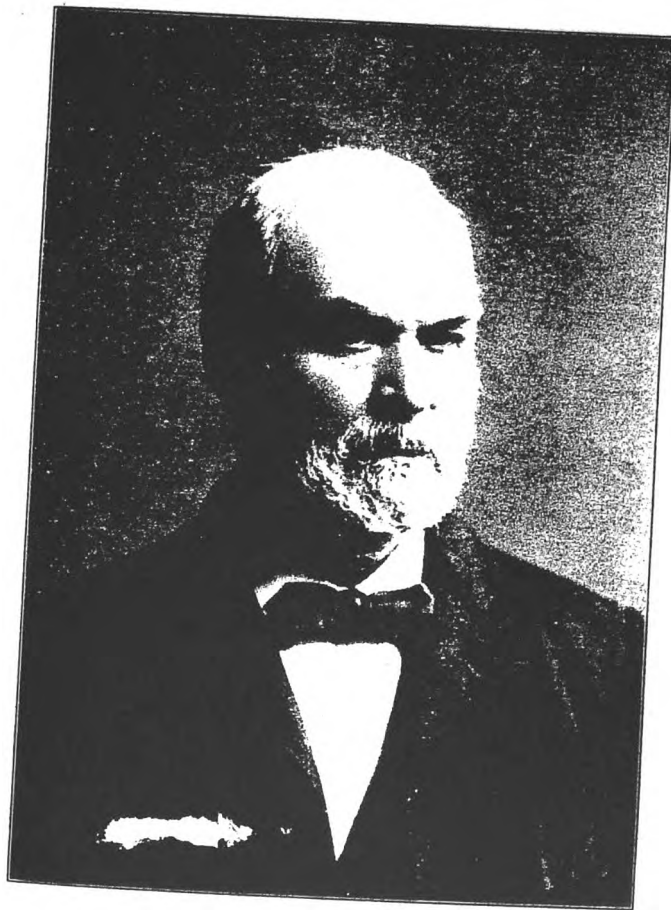
HON. JOSEPH HARRIS, one of the men of Grant county who have assisted in making history within the legislative halls of the State capitol, is now resting from his labors and en-

joying a well-earned repose in the city of Cuba, Grant county.

Joseph Harris was born in Cornwall, England, March 8, 1823, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Jacka) Harris, natives of England. The father died in England when our subject was a small boy, and the mother married Thomas Nichols, later coming to Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wis., where she passed away. To her first marriage four children were born: John died in England before our subject came to this country; Charles came to Wisconsin, crossed the Plains to California, and mined until his death, in 1898; Mary A. married John Vivian, in Wisconsin, and she and her husband went to California by water (Mr. Vivian succeeded beyond his wildest hopes, and when he died, in 1895, left a magnificent property, including 4,000 acres of land. His family all reside in California); Joseph is our subject.

Mr. Harris received his early education in the schools of his native land and when he came to America, in April, 1844, he settled at Hazel Green. In 1849 the gold fever broke out, and among the thousands who crossed the Plains in search of the king of metals was Joseph Harris. After some two years, during which time he successfully prospected and mined, Mr. Harris returned to Hazel Green, but the love of the venturesome life proved too strong, and he returned to California in 1852, again remaining two years. In 1854 he again returned to Wisconsin, purchasing land in Hazel Green, which he still owns, and which he developed into one of the finest stock farms in Grant county. In addition to this he also owns a fine farm of 340 acres in Smelser, and he is one of the prosperous farmers and stockmen in that section of the county. For many years Mr. Harris continued to raise stock for the Chicago market, but he now resides at his comfortable home in Cuba City, retired from active business life.

In 1846 Mr. Harris married Miss Rebecca Bawden, and eleven children have been born to them: John T., for twenty years a resident of Texas; Mary A., now wife of John McCarthy, of Minnesota, who has four children; Rebecca, now wife of Josiah Kempthorne, of Iowa, who has four children; Charles, married, a farmer of Smelser township; Joseph, married, a prominent butcher of Cuba City; Ethelinda, educated at the Platteville Normal, and



*Joseph Harris*



now wife of G. W. Marvel, of Nebraska (she has a family); Jacob, married, a stock dealer of Cuba City, and a member of the Cuba City Bank, which was organized in 1898; Nettie, now wife of Rev. Mr. Thomson, a Congregational clergyman, now stationed at Ashkum, Ill. (they have a family); Laura B., educated at the Platteville Normal School, and now the wife of Matthew Hendricks, one of the leading merchants and bankers of Cuba City (she has a family); Allie B., twin sister of Mrs. Hendricks, now the wife of Prof. T. J. Metcalf, of the Platteville State Normal, from which institution of learning they both graduated (after his marriage Prof. Metcalf removed to Merrill, Wis., where he began to practice dentistry, having also graduated from the Chicago Dental College); and T. H. Harris, a graduate of the Chicago Dental College, now a dentist at Beresford, South Dakota.

Mr. Harris was originally a Henry Clay Whig, and when the Republican party was formed gave his support to its principles, and has continued in its ranks ever since. In 1860 Mr. Harris was honored with election to the Legislature of Wisconsin, and re-elected two terms, after which he refused the nomination several times, feeling that he had given as much of his time as he could spare from his business to affairs of State. In addition, he filled all of the town offices from time to time, and always received the hearty support of his constituents. Mr. Harris was reared in the Church of England, but is a man of wide sympathies and broad opinions, and he willingly gives his support to any church work, feeling that every denomination is working for the betterment of humanity.

AARON T. MOORE, a retired farmer of the town of Paris, Grant county, was born in Wayne county, Ill., Jan. 11, 1843, a son of George A. and Mary F. (Jordan) Moore. The father was born in Allegheny county, Penn., near Pittsburg, April 5, 1806, and the mother in Indiana, July 29, 1811.

George A. Moore was reared on a farm in Pennsylvania, and after his marriage, in 1828, settled on a farm in Posey county, Ind., where he and his wife lived for some years. The family then removed to Wayne county, Ill., purchasing a farm there, which Mr. Moore tilled four years. In the spring of 1844 Mr. Moore and his family settled in the town of

Paris, Grant Co., Wis., on a tract of wild land, and here the remaining years of his life were spent, and under his energetic treatment was developed a fine farm. He died March 4, 1883. His wife survived many years, and passed away Jan. 19, 1899. Mr. Moore regarded himself as an old Jacksonian Democrat, but on the breaking out of the Rebellion had felt obligated to vote with the Republican party, and continued to vote their ticket after that time. Mrs. Moore was a member of the Congregational Church, and was known as a fine Christian woman. Mr. Moore was not identified with the church as a member, but he was always interested in moral movements, and was a liberal contributor to the support of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were the parents of eleven children, three of whom died in childhood. (1) David S. Moore, their eldest son, was born in Indiana, and was reared in Grant county, where he married Miss Emaline Richard, a native of that county. He spent almost his entire life as a farmer in the town of Paris, and died in 1892, leaving a widow, but no family. (2) Benjamin F. Moore, born in Indiana, when a young man with his brother David crossed the Plains to the gold fields of California, where they were fairly successful. Both came back to Wisconsin, where Benjamin married Miss Sarah Crull, of Grant county, and moved to British Columbia, where he is engaged as a stock and fruit farmer. They have a family of three children, Mary, George W., and Lucretia. (3) Kezia C. Moore, born in Indiana, was reared to womanhood in Grant county, and married John D. Irens, of Platteville. Three children constitute their family. (4) George W. Moore, born in Indiana, enlisted in Company I, 10th Wis. V. I., in 1861, and died at Louisville, Ky., in December, 1862. (5) Aaron T. Moore was next in the order of birth. (6) Mary E. Moore, born in Grant county, was reared to womanhood in her parents' home, and married John A. Blakely, of Harrison, Grant county, who is now a retired farmer in Rockville, Wis.; he was a soldier in the Civil war. They have had five children. (7) John H. Moore, born in Grant county, is a musician of note. He has never married. (8) Martha J. Moore, born on the Grant county homestead, married August Lenhe, and makes her home on the homestead place. They have two children, Leroy and Frank.

Aaron T. Moore grew to manhood on the home farm, and acquired his education in the public schools of the town. When he was nineteen years of age he enlisted in Company I, 25th Wis. V. L., and served in the far West until the month of November, of the following year, keeping the Indians under control. In December the 25th Wisconsin came back to the State, and in February went to Columbus, Ky., where four months were spent in guard duty. In May the regiment was moved down the Mississippi, and it had an active part in the operations around Vicksburg. When that stronghold surrendered the regiment was transported to Helena, Ark., where it did good work in army operations in that region for several months. In the month of February, 1864, it was sent across the State of Mississippi and back to Vicksburg, and took part in Gen. Sherman's operations against Gen. Johnston. This regiment had a part in the operations that followed on the Cumberland river, in Tennessee, and was with Gen. Sherman in the campaign around Atlanta; formed a portion of the General's magnificent army with which he marched to the sea, and broke the backbone of the Rebellion; was in the grand review at Washington; and was there mustered out of the service June 7, 1865. The record of this regiment, when told at length, as it cannot be in the limits of a volume like this, is one of the most brilliant and patriotic of any of the noble organizations that Wisconsin sent to the front.

Mr. Moore returned to the old homestead and took up a farmer's life as soon as his military days were over. In February, 1869, he married Miss Harriet Brady, a daughter of R. S. and Jane Brady, old pioneers of Grant county, originally from Ohio. Mrs. Moore was born in Ohio, where she spent the early part of her life, but her girlhood was mainly passed in Grant county. After his marriage Mr. Moore bought a farm in the town of Paris, where he and his wife made their home until the death of Mrs. Moore, in May, 1897. Since that time Mr. Moore has lived retired. They had no family.

Mr. Moore is a Republican, has been a member of the Paris town board a number of terms, has been several times a delegate to the county convention, and in 1901 was elected chairman of his town. He belongs to W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., at Platteville. He is also a member of the Knights of

the Globe, No. 25, at Dickeysville, Wis. Religiously he was reared a Protestant, and has always been a liberal contributor to the support of the local churches. Mr. Moore is a representative citizen of his town, and has made a record in his long and useful life of which any man might be proud.

HERMANN GRIMM, one of the leading citizens and prominent business men of Cassville, Grant county, is a member of the firm of Grimm Brothers, general merchants and grain buyers of that place, where he has made his home since the spring of 1852. Cassville being a very small hamlet when he located here. With the growth and upbuilding of the town he has been prominently identified, and, while promoting his individual prosperity, has materially advanced the interests of his adopted home.

Mr. Grimm was born Dec. 28, 1832, in Coblenz, Rhine Province, Germany, and is a son of Valentine and Henrietta (Fuerstenhaupt) Grimm, the former also a native of Coblenz, the latter of Naumburg, Saxony. The father, who was a municipal officer of Coblenz, died at that place in 1876, and the mother died there in 1880. Of their ten children, Hermann is the eldest; Valentine came to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1854, and was later engaged in the manufacture of cigars at St. Louis, Mo., until his death, in 1892; Hugo was associated with his brother Valentine in business, and died the same year; Aloys is a prominent business man of Cassville, Wis., his sketch appearing on another page of this volume; William is still a resident of Coblenz, Germany; Joseph makes his home in Bloomington, Ill.; Gustoph died in St. Louis in 1895; Philip C. came to Cassville in 1871, and is the junior member of the firm of Grimm Brothers; Anna and Helen are still residents of Germany.

Hermann Grimm grew to manhood in his native land, and acquired his education in its public schools. In the spring of 1852 he set sail from Liverpool, England, for America, and after a voyage of six weeks landed at New York. He proceeded on his journey by rail to Erie, Penn.; by boat to Detroit, Mich.; by rail to Chicago and Rockford, Ill.; by stage to Galena; and by river to Cassville, Wis., where he arrived in June, 1852. In 1859 he opened a livery stable at this place, which he successfully conducted until 1888, and then embarked

in his present business, in partnership with his brother Philip. They carry a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise, deal in grain, and handle all kinds of produce.

In 1859 Mr. Grimm was married, at Cassville, to Miss Elizabeth Ishmael, a native of Illinois, and to them have been born seven children, namely: Henrietta, Mrs. Duncan, of Cassville; Kate, Mrs. Stevens, and Bertha, Mrs. Stevens, both of Rhinelander, Wis.; Valentine, of Cassville; William, at home; Jennie, Mrs. Willis P. Colburn; and Eldridge, of Rhinelander.

Fraternally Mr. Grimm affiliates with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and politically he is identified with the Democratic party. He was chairman of Cassville township for twenty-two years, and has been one of the trustees of the Grant County Insane Asylum since 1884. He takes an active interest in all enterprises for the good of his town or county, and is a recognized leader in public affairs. By untiring industry and sound judgment he has won merited success in his business undertakings, and is in all respects worthy of the high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

J. M. ROSE, a prominent contractor and builder of Platteville, Grant county, is a native of Ohio, born Jan. 31, 1845, in Roseville, Muskingum county, a son of John and Mary (Woolard) Rose, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. In 1849 the family came to Grant county, Wis., and took up their residence in Platteville, where the father followed the carpenter's trade until called from this life, in 1862. The mother long survived him, dying in 1880, leaving three children, namely: Elizabeth A., now Mrs. Townsend, residing in Platteville; George L., living in Dubuque, Iowa; and J. M.

J. M. Rose grew to manhood in Platteville, and is indebted to its splendid public-school system for his educational privileges. In early life he learned the cabinet trade with W. & J. Grindell, working with them for eight years. He then abandoned the cabinet trade and took up carpentering, which latter trade he still follows. For a number of years he has engaged in contracting and building, now having his eldest son as partner. He draws his own plans and specifications, and has met with well-deserved success in his chosen occupa-

tion, as mention of a few of the many handsome residences he has erected will testify—B. F. Huntington's, Will Rindlaub's, H. G. Chase's, H. E. Stephens, Thomas Jenkins, and many others.

In Platteville Mr. Rose was married, in October, 1866, to Miss Lizzie Stephens, a native of Mineral Point, Iowa Co., Wis., and a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Letcher) Stephens, natives of Yorkshire, England, and early settlers of Grant county. Mrs. Stephens died in 1874. Thomas Stephens still survives, aged about eighty-five years. Mr. Rose has had eight children born to him, one of whom, Nora, died in 1873. The living are John W., Jesse G., Cora E., Will A., Charles G., Walter E., and Myrtle M.

In December, 1863, Mr. Rose laid aside all personal interests to enter the service of his country, enlisting for three years or during the war in Company E, 25th Wis. V. I., which regiment was assigned to the 17th Army Corps, and accompanied Sherman to the sea. Mr. Rose was mustered in at Madison, Wis., Jan. 14, 1864, and took part in all the engagements in which his command participated up to the battle of Decatur. These included the battles of Resaca, Snake Creek Gap and Dallas. At Decatur, he received a severe gunshot wound in the side and arm and was left on the field for twenty-four hours, it being supposed that he was fatally injured. He was then taken to the field hospital, and later to Marietta, Ga. Receiving a furlough he came home, and as soon as able reported for duty at Madison, Wis. He was then transferred to the United States Army Hospital at Prairie du Chien, and remained there until honorably discharged from the service, in February, 1865. Mr. Rose is now an honored member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., and is also a member of the Knights of the Globe. He uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and, as every true American citizen should, he takes an active interest in public affairs. He is well and favorably known, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored old families of Platteville.

CHESTER C. BENNETT, the principal member of the C. C. Bennett Shoe Co., of Janesville, Rock county, enjoys an enviable reputation as a business man and a genial gen-



tleman throughout the city and county. He is now in the prime of life, and has a circle of friends of which any man might well be proud.

Mr. Bennett was born in Lima township, Rock Co., Wis., May 25, 1865, and is a son of George and Susan (Osmond) Bennett, both natives of New York. They were the parents of five sons, three of whom are now living: Dr. L. F. Bennett, of Beloit, Wis.; Chester C.; and James B., who is now living on the home farm. Orrin G., another son, lived to become a member of the medical profession, and attain some standing in that line, but is now deceased. The father, who has always been a farmer, came to Wisconsin about 1851, and located on the farm which has continued to be his home until the present time: it originally consisted of 120 acres, but he now owns 160 acres. Here he has lived and reared his family, holding an honorable position in the world. He and his wife are still on the farm, though its care has fallen into the hands of their youngest son, James. The aged parents are members of the Baptist Church, and have worthily sustained their religious professions throughout their lives. George Bennett has always been a Republican. His father was a native of New York, and died in that State while still a young man. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Bennett, Caleb Osmond, was born in England, but came to this country early in life. He located in New York, moved to Ohio, and from that State came to Wisconsin when it was still largely a wilderness. He was a farmer, and had a farm near Milton Junction, where he died when eighty-nine years old. He was the father of a large family.

Chester C. Bennett was reared to manhood on the farm in Lima township, attended the district school and Milton (Wis.) College, and began teaching when he was nineteen years of age. He was a teacher for three years, and then clerked in a dry goods store in Janesville six months. He spent some time as a clerk in a grocery store in Chicago, and held the position of buyer for the establishment. Returning to Janesville, he bought a grocery store in that city Sept. 24, 1889, and conducted same until the spring of 1892, doing a fine business, and building up a good trade. That year he sold it, and turning his attention to real estate and loaning money soon secured a very extensive patronage. On April 20, 1896, he formed a partnership with George H. Cram, of Beloit,

and established a shoe store in Janesville, which quickly became a center of trade. Mr. Bennett bought out Mr. Cram's interest Dec. 16, 1897, and formed a stock company, now called the C. C. Bennett Shoe Co. (incorporated), which has become a brilliant success.

Chester C. Bennett and Miss Laura E. Chapman were married Nov. 5, 1889. She is a daughter of Mrs. A. E. Chapman, and is a lady of many charms and graces. They are the parents of two children, Ermine F. and Audrey E. The family has a pleasant home at No. 1 Jeffris flats. Mrs. Bennett is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bennett is a member of several fraternal associations, and is popular wherever found. He belongs to Janesville Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; the Knights of Pythias; the I. O. O. F.; the A. O. U. W.; and Rock River Encampment. He is a Republican politically.

T. B. SHERMAN, one of the well-known business men of Stitzer, Grant county, Wis., is engaged in the furniture and lumber business at that place, and belongs to one of the early families of Lancaster.

Mr. Sherman was born in Franklin county, Vt., in 1853, son of Cyrus L. and Fanny (Barber) Sherman, also natives of the Green Mountain State. The mother of our subject was a daughter of the Hon. Joel and Aseneth (Melvin) Barber, natives of Connecticut, who migrated first to Vermont, and then, in 1856, to Lancaster, Wis. There Joel Barber died, at the advanced age of eighty-seven, and his wife died in the same city at the age of eighty. The Hon. Joel Allen Barber is a brother of our subject's mother, as is also the venerable Theodore Barber, who is now eighty-seven. Mrs. Cyrus L. Sherman was born in Vermont April 29, 1822, was married June 18, 1849, and died in 1889, after a long and active life in Lancaster. Cyrus L. Sherman was a contractor and builder. In 1854 he migrated to Grant county, Wis., where he died soon afterward, in 1860. His children are: Myron, a resident of California; T. B.; Mary F., wife of a Mr. Bushnell, of Madison, Wis.; and Arthur, a resident of California.

T. B. Sherman was reared in Lancaster, being educated in the public schools of that place, and learning his father's trade of carpenter and joiner. For fifteen years Mr. Sherman worked at his trade in Lancaster, then

removed to Stitzer and embarked in his present business, which he has built up until it is the leading one of the town. Since 1891 Mr. Sherman has been postmaster, and has rendered efficient service in that capacity.

In 1880 T. B. Sherman was married to Miss Fanny Carter, of Lancaster, a daughter of William and Ann (Fox) Carter, natives of England who in 1850 emigrated to the United States, and settled in Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis. Near that town Mr. Carter opened up a farm, where he died in 1875, and his wife passed away, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, at Stitzer, in 1892.

In political matters Mr. Sherman adheres to the principles of the Republican party, and socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen. He takes an active interest in the welfare of the community in which he lives, and is regarded as a good citizen, a kind friend and a prosperous business man.

JOHN LEVITT, deceased. The name of Levitt is a familiar one to the old settlers of Monticello township, Lafayette county, and one they have all learned to respect because of the manly qualities of those who have borne it. John Levitt was a native of Yorkshire, England, born June 12, 1816, and his early life was passed in his native county. In 1832 he came to America, proceeding at once to Wood county, Ohio, and in 1838 located in Wisconsin, his first home being within the confines of Green county, near Monroe. On March 10, 1839, he arrived in Monticello, where he secured a claim of government land on Section 34. This tract proved very valuable under his careful management, and he improved it with good buildings, and made of it a comfortable home.

On March 11, 1844, Mr. Levitt was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Alderson, a native of England, and their union was gladdened by ten children, two of whom died in infancy. The others were: Mary Ann, Mrs. Peters, who died Dec. 9, 1900, while on a visit from her California home to the old homestead in Wisconsin; Richard, a resident of California; John, a resident of Monticello township; Luther B., at the old home; Cynthia E.; Charles W.; Edwin D.; and Alice B., wife of James Lamont, of Cherokee county, Iowa. Mr. Levitt died at his home March 22, 1897, having passed the age of fourscore years. The wife and

mother, whose birth occurred April 26, 1827, still survives, lovingly cared for by her devoted children. The Leavitt homestead is one of the oldest in this part of the county, and has been in the continuous possession of the family for over sixty years.

Mr. Levitt had not reached man's estate when he came to this country, and was wholly without means, but his steady habits, clear head and willing hands furnished him with what proved to be ample capital, and he gained a competence sufficient to enable him to enjoy all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life during the evening of his career. He was a public-spirited citizen, and took a deep interest in all that pertained to the welfare of his community. He was a worthy member of the Methodist Church, steadfastly endeavoring to practice in his life the faith he professed. Two of his brothers, William and Richard, also came to this country, and became well known in Monticello township, both highly respected; the latter removed in 1890 to Kansas, where his death occurred March 15, 1900.

CAPT. JOHN McDERMOTT is numbered among the gallant men who hastened to the defense of the country, and whose lives were sacrificed in upholding the flag.

Our subject was born at Carrick, Ireland, in 1822, and came to the United States at the age of nineteen, first locating in Wisconsin, at Mineral Point, Iowa county, where, like most of the early settlers of that part of the State, he engaged in mining. At the age of twenty-four he married in Highland township, Iowa county, Miss Elizabeth Fletcher, of Mineral Point, and about 1850 located on land in Fenimore, Grant county. In 1852, when the gold excitement in California was at its height, he crossed the Plains to the Pacific coast. Returning after an absence of about two years, Capt. McDermott resumed farming, and was successfully pursuing that occupation when the war of the Rebellion was inaugurated. His loyalty to the Union, his fearlessness and sense of duty, did not long permit him to stand idly by and see others rushing to the front, while he remained at home in the pursuit of ordinary business. Early in 1862 he began raising a company, and succeeded in the formation of Company C, 20th Wis. V. I., with Capt. McDermott in command. The regiment was or-

ganized in August, 1862, and soon after was engaged in active service at the front. At the battle of Prairie Grove, Ark., Dec. 7, 1862, the 20th took a prominent part, and made the first charge on the enemy. They were met unexpectedly by a greatly superior force, and were obliged to fall back. While doing so, the color bearer and color guards were the especial targets of the enemy, and were shot down. As the colors fell Capt. McDermott seized the flag, to prevent its falling into the hands of the enemy, but had scarcely done so when he too fell dead. Thus died, in defense of his country, a brave soldier and loyal-hearted citizen.

Capt. McDermott was sincerely mourned, not only by his own command, but by all who had come to know his gallantry and sterling worth. It is the universal testimony, of those who knew him best, after nearly forty years have passed away, that when Capt. McDermott died the Nation lost one of its bravest officers. He left his wife with six children to rear. The noble mother, faithful to the charge that devolved upon her, carefully brought them up, and all have become respected and useful men and women. They are: Sarah, wife of Samuel Steuert, of Fennimore; Mary, wife of Leander Walker; Emma; Isabel, wife of Melvin Shearer; Dr. Thomas E. McDermott; and Prof. Edward Eugene McDermott. The good wife and mother passed away at her home in Fennimore Nov. 1, 1887, deeply mourned by her family and friends. She was a lady of a high order of ability, and will long be remembered by all who knew her.

THOMAS E. McDERMOTT, M. D., was educated at the Platteville Normal School and the Wisconsin State University, at Madison. In 1879 he entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he pursued the study of medicine, and then entered the Chicago Medical College, from which he graduated three years later with the degree of M. D. Following his graduation, for a year and a half, Dr. McDermott was resident physician of the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, since which time he has resided at Fennimore, engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. McDermott has built up a large and lucrative practice, and is held in high esteem, both professionally and socially.

Prof. Edward Eugene McDermott was educated at the Northwestern State University, Evanston, Ill., where he graduated in the class

of 1883. For three years he was principal of the high school at Lancaster, and now occupies the Chair of Oratory in the University of Minnesota.

GEORGE R. BARKER, the genial, well-known supervisor of Janesville township, Rock county, was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1839, a son of Job and Phoebe (Smith) Barker, natives of Massachusetts and Vermont, respectively.

Caleb Barker, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts, and a farmer by occupation. He married a Miss Eddy, and reared a large family. His death occurred at Granville, N. Y., where he is buried, and where the majority of his children lived. The maternal grandfather of our subject, George Smith, was a native of Vermont, and a brother of Samuel Smith, of Smithfield, R. I., born about 1785. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Rachel Read, a daughter of John and Hannah (Farnum) Read. The Read family trace their origin in America to Col. Thomas Read, who came to this country in 1630; and in England back to Thomas Read, Esq., of Barton Court, in the County of Berks, England, 1575. George Smith and his wife had nine children. He died in the East, while yet in the prime of life.

Job Barker, the father of our subject, was a farmer, who came to Rock county in 1840, and took up government land, owning at one time 1,240 acres, most of which he improved, although he died in 1846, aged forty-eight years, his wife surviving until 1879, when she died aged seventy-six. Both Mr. and Mrs. Job Barker were members of the Society of Friends, but after moving West Mrs. Barker attended the Episcopal Church. Phoebe Smith was the second wife of Job Barker, who by his former wife had two children: Walter, of California; and Angeline, of Santa Ana, Cal., the widow of Leonard Marsh. In the family of which our subject was a member there were six children, three sons and three daughters, four of whom are now living: Cecelia A., wife of J. W. Coolridge, of Baldwinsville, Mass.; George R., of Janesville township; Julius H., who lives with his brother George; and Eugenia, widow of J. H. Conrad, a resident of Chicago.

George R. Barker was only six months old when brought to his present home, in 1840, where he has resided ever since. His early

education, obtained at the district schools of his neighborhood, was supplemented by two terms at Milton (Wis.) College, since which time Mr. Barker has devoted his attention to his agricultural interests. After his marriage he came into possession of a portion of the family estate, and in 1868 built his present substantial and comfortable home. Although he owns 200 acres, Mr. Barker only farms a little over 100 acres himself, renting the remainder of his property.

On Feb. 21, 1867, Mr. Barker married Miss Margaret A. Cargill, daughter of Capt. William and Edna (Davis) Cargill, and six children, two sons and four daughters, have been born to them: Edna Phoebe, wife of William Bradley Conrad, of Janesville, has one son, Bradley; Julius Morville, who married Pauline Davis, of Brunswick, Mo., is a partner in the tobacco factory at Brunswick, Mo.; Ella Claire is the wife of Arthur P. Allen, steward in the Northern Hospital, near Oshkosh, Wis.; Mary Rogers is temporarily in Chicago, although her home is still with her parents; George Cargill is still at home; and Margaret, also at home, graduated in 1900 from the Janesville high school.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Barker, Thomas Cargill, was a native of Scotland, and a custom-house official. Mrs. Barker's maternal grandfather, Isaac Davis, was born and lived on Long Island, N. Y. The parents of Mrs. Barker came from Long Island, N. Y., to Rock county in 1857, settling in Harmony township, and engaging in farming, although until his migration Mr. Cargill had been a sailor. He followed farming until a few years prior to his death, when he removed to the city of Janesville, dying March 26, 1893, aged eighty years and two weeks. His wife died in 1887, aged seventy-four years. Five sons and one daughter were born to this couple, five of whom are still living: Margaret A. (Mrs. Barker); William W.; Samuel; Sylvester, and James. Thomas is deceased.

Mrs. Barker is an active and consistent member of the M. E. Church; and Mr. Barker belongs to the A. O. U. W., and the Grange. Politically his affiliations are with the Republican party, and he has most acceptably served as supervisor of Janesville township for nine years, and as chairman of the Janesville township board for six years. Mr. Barker was also township treasurer for eight years,

and has been treasurer of school district No. 3 for many years. For sixty-one years Mr. Barker has been a resident of Janesville township, and he enjoys the distinction of being the oldest resident, as well as one of the most esteemed and honored of its citizens. No man has the welfare of the township more at heart than has Mr. Barker, as he has most conclusively proven by his many years of faithful service as a public official, as well as in his character as a private citizen.

JACKSON PACE, one of the oldest and most honored citizens of Wyalusing, Grant county, is a native of Virginia, his birth occurring in Bedford county May 10, 1815. He is the only child of John and Polly Pace, though his mother had several children by her second marriage. His father died of yellow fever at Norfolk, Va., when Jackson was but a child.

Jackson Pace was reared in the family of a maternal uncle, and when about fifteen years of age commenced earning his own livelihood, working in a tobacco factory, where he was employed several years. Leaving his native State in 1840, Mr. Pace went to Warren county, Mo., where he worked in a similar establishment for three years, and then came to Wisconsin, locating first at what was called Pigeon Diggings, near Lancaster, Grant county, where he engaged in mining until 1847. On August 5, that year, he wedded Miss Mary Allensworth, who was born July 20, 1827, and died Sept. 8, 1869. To that union were born six children who reached adult age, but two daughters are now deceased, Nancy and Mary. Those living are Rebecca Jane, born May 4, 1851; Rachel F., May 2, 1857; Mitchell, May 9, 1859; and Thomas Grant, March 1, 1864.

In 1849 Mr. Pace took up his residence in Lancaster, but two years later moved to Beeton, and about 1857 bought a farm, which he operated for a time, and then sold. He engaged in mining and farming until 1858, when he moved to Wyalusing, and has since made that place his home.

Politically Mr. Pace was first a Whig, and later a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order, with which he has been connected for nearly half a century. He and his family are worthy members of the Congregational Church, and are held in high regard by all who know them. He is remarkably

bright and active for one of his years, is pleasant and genial in manner, and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who esteem him highly for his sterling worth. His life has been manly, his actions sincere, and his example is well worthy of emulation.

**CAPT. S. W. OSBORN.** For a half century Capt. S. W. Osborn, the subject of this biography, has been a resident of the city of Darlington, Lafayette county, which now delights to honor him as one of her distinguished citizens. He was born at Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y., July 1, 1811, a son of Samuel and Polly (Webster) Osborn, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. The maternal grandfather, Michael Webster, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, died in Ashtabula county, Ohio, at the age of 102 years, retaining his faculties until the close of his long life. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Osborn, was also a soldier in the Revolution; he spent his last days in his native State, Connecticut.

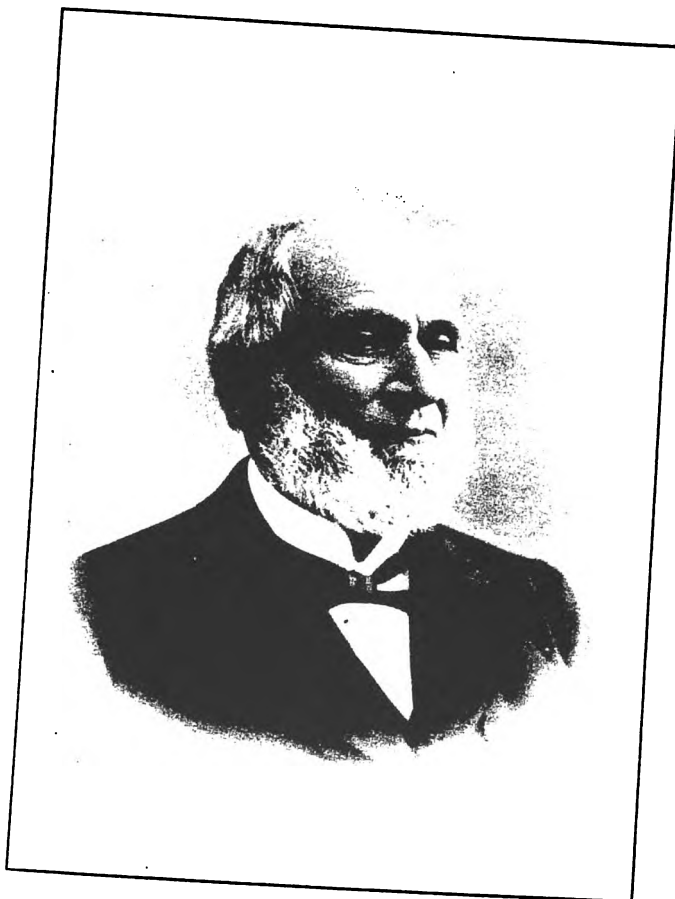
In 1813, when our subject was but two and one-half years old, his parents migrated from the State of New York to Ashtabula county, Ohio, and the father died near Sandusky in 1820, the mother passing away in Ashtabula county in December, 1877, at the age of nearly ninety-four years. Capt. Osborn is one of a family of four sons and two daughters, three members surviving at the present: S. S., who resides in Chicago, born Oct. 21, 1804; our subject; and Mrs. S. E. Barrett, born in Franklin, N. Y., in July, 1813, who is a resident of Darlington, Wis., and has one daughter, Mrs. R. S. Woodworth, a resident of Pennsylvania. Those who have passed away were S. A., Mrs. S. M. Sanford, and S. C.

Having the misfortune to so early lose their father, our subject and other members of the family were given homes with relatives until able to provide for themselves. In common with many pioneer families, the mother's means were limited, while there were many mouths to feed, but our subject took upon himself as many responsibilities as one of his age could bear, and was not long dependent upon any one. His boyhood and early manhood were spent in Ashtabula county, where he early engaged in farming, later becoming a miller, attending to his business steadily and pursuing

it with success. In April, 1850, Capt. Osborn came to Lafayette county, and thus became acquainted with the proprietor of the plat of Darlington. Soon after he returned to Ohio, the same year, he was solicited to return West and assist in the erection of a large mill at Darlington. Accepting the terms of this offer, he returned to Darlington in 1851, assisted in the building of the mill, and operated it for fourteen years. At the time of his location in the city the population was sparse, and his is the only family now residing here that was located permanently, except that of Charles Blakely.

When the Civil war broke out, in 1861, Capt. Osborn was not long in making up his mind to offer his services to his country. From youth he had been opposed to slavery, in 1844 had voted for James G. Birney, and was a pronounced Abolitionist in his views. His age caused him to be refused a place in the ranks at the opening of the war, but a little later, when rules became somewhat relaxed, from necessity, he was admitted, his service beginning in the fall of 1861, as captain of Company I, 16th Wis. V. I., which left Camp Randall March 14, 1862. His baptism of fire was on the bloody field of Shiloh, where his regiment lost heavily, his own company's ranks being decimated, his first lieutenant being killed, while the second was wounded. Soon after this battle Capt. Osborn was taken ill, and came home on a sick furlough, but rejoined his regiment before he had sufficiently recovered, taking part in the battle of Corinth, Miss.; however, his health was so precarious that he could no longer be of use to the government, and he returned home in December, 1862.

For several years after his return Capt. Osborn was unable to engage in any work continuously, but, thanks to a good constitution and a well-ordered life, he has recovered enough to pursue his ordinary vocations, although he will probably never fully recover his former vigor. As soon as able he again resumed work at the mill, where he remained for four years, since which time he has been variously engaged. For four more years he was the efficient superintendent of the Lafayette Poor Farm, then traveled through the South for a season, in the interests of the King Bridge Co., of Ohio. Always an ardent Republican, for a number of years he was postmaster at Darlington, and in 1865 was a member of



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the Assembly branch of the Legislature. Capt. Osborn was a delegate to the first Republican convention held in Wisconsin, in 1856, this being the only Republican organization of the party in the State. Until 1844 he voted with the Whigs, in 1840 voting for Harrison, in 1848 for Van Buren, the Free-Soil candidate, and since the formation of the Republican party he has cast his vote with it at every election.

The marriage of Capt. Osborn took place March 1, 1835, to Miss Julia M. Gardner, a native of Massachusetts. She passed away April 18, 1897, after a married life of sixty-two years. Four children were born to this marriage, three of whom survive: Mrs. S. M. Orton, wife of Hon. P. A. Orton, of Darlington; H. W., a physician of Cleveland, Ohio; and C. F., an attorney of ability, who is judge of the probate court of Lafayette county; the other, Mrs. Julia M. Hodge, died many years ago.

Within the brief limits of a volume of this kind, no adequate sketch can be given of as prominent an individual as our subject. Capt. Osborn is one of Lafayette's most esteemed and respected citizens, and is honored also as one who has assisted materially in the growth of the city to which he came in its infancy, and whose development he has watched with so much interest and pride.

REV. WILLIAM CLARKE WHITFORD, President of Milton College, of Milton, Rock county, was born May 5, 1828, near the village of West Edmeston, in the town of Edmeston, Otsego county, N. Y., the eldest of four sons born to Capt. Samuel and Sophia (Clarke) Whitford.

The father of our subject was a lineal descendant of Pasco Whitford, who was born about 1640 in Bedfordshire, England, emigrated to America about 1665, and resided in Newport, East Greenwich, and Kingston, R. I. In the four generations succeeding him, the other ancestors of Samuel were directly connected by marriage with prominent families of Rhode Island by the names of Wells, Congdon, Burdick, Clarke, Brown, Babcock, Ma-coone, Saunders, and Greenman. Capt. Samuel's grandfather, Joshua Whitford, of Stonington, Conn., and of Berlin, N. Y., enlisted in 1775 and in 1778 in the Continental Army of the Revolution, and was present at the evacuation of Boston, Mass., by the British. He took

part in the expedition of Gen. Sullivan against Newport, R. I. He became ensign also, in a company of militia raised in Stonington, Conn., in 1777. Sophia (Clarke) was a descendant in two lines from Joseph Clarke, Jr., of Newport and Westerly, R. I., a nephew of Dr. John Clarke, immigrant in 1637, pastor of the first Baptist Church in Newport, and deputy governor of Rhode Island. The ancestral home of this family was in the parish of Westhorpe, County of Suffolk, England. Members of it in direct lines, in Rhode Island, became related by marriage with the families of the State named Hubbard, Champlin, Reynolds, Perry, Hazard, Freeman, Potter, Babcock, and Pendleton.

Capt. Samuel Whitford was born the fourth of twelve children, in the town of Brookfield, Madison Co., N. Y., Aug. 28, 1797, of parents who were reared in the town of Berlin, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. He was a farmer by occupation nearly all his life, and raised and bought cattle and sheep, selling them in the large markets of the State. Samuel Whitford was only sixteen years of age when his father, David Whitford, died, leaving an invalid wife, Mrs. Meribah Whitford, and nine living children, and but one daughter younger than Samuel, and two of them crippled from their birth; Mrs. Whitford was a daughter of Nathan and Eunice Greenman, of Berlin, N. Y. The care of the family came upon the youth's shoulders. He worked the small farm left by his father, teamed to different towns and cities for store keepers, and manufactured potash in Otsego, Madison and Allegany counties, N. Y., devoting all his earnings for fourteen years to the support of his mother, brothers and sisters. On October 26, 1826, he married Sophia, the eldest of eight children born to Joseph and Hannah (Clarke) Clarke, natives, respectively, of the towns of Westerly and Hopkinton, R. I. Sophia Clarke was born Feb. 6, 1802, in the town of Brookfield, N. Y., but lived the greater part of her life in the town of Plainfield, Otsego Co., same State. She, too, lost her father at an early age, and greatly assisted her mother in supporting the younger children of the family. The first five years after their marriage Samuel Whitford and his wife resided in the town of Edmeston, where he bought and cleared a densely wooded farm, but they soon afterward returned to the town of Plainfield, to live at the old Clarke



homestead, cultivating a portion of the old farm. Here his death occurred Sept. 21, 1848, and hers July 14, 1888. He possessed remarkable physical strength and endurance, great soundness of judgment, and superior moral and religious characteristics; and in his later years, though favored in boyhood with but three months of schooling, he exerted considerable influence and held various positions of trust and honor, in both the military and the civil life of his town. Mrs. Whitford inherited a somewhat delicate body, sensitiveness of feeling, strong affections, and a very tenacious memory, and exhibited through life a marked piety and an absorbing desire to help others. Of their children, Rev. William Clarke was the eldest. Hamilton Joseph, born April 4, 1830, became the owner of the parental farm, and cared most tenderly for his invalid mother until her death, and he, himself, departed this life at Leonardsville, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1896. Albert, born May 28, 1832, was graduated by Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y., has been occupied nearly all his adult life in teaching, having served as principal of De Ruyter Institute for two years, filled the chair of mathematics in Alfred University for four years (both in New York State). In addition he has been connected with Milton College for thirty-eight years as one of its main professors, and at times its acting president, besides discharging the duties of a county superintendent of schools for one term. Herbert David, born July 9, 1834, enlisted in a Wisconsin infantry regiment, and served as a volunteer soldier for three years in the Civil war, being engaged in some of the severest battles of the Southwest, subsequently joining the regular army, and experiencing for four years the hard life belonging to service in the Rocky Mountains; he now has quarters in the National Soldiers Home near Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Rev. William Clarke Whitford passed his early life on his father's farm, and from infancy has been noted for his extraordinary physical activity. He attended usually a district or select school in the winter, and worked at tilling the soil during the other seasons of the year. At twelve years of age he developed an insatiable fondness for reading, and for the ensuing five years he applied himself assiduously to the perusal of all works of travel, history, biography, practical moral instruction, and standard poetry, which came within his reach.

Finding farm work ill suited to his ruling taste, he began to make preparations to enter some literary or professional calling; and accordingly, at the age of sixteen years, he entered Brookfield Academy, near his home, where he studied nearly three years. When almost of age he was admitted as a student in De Ruyter Institute, where he fitted himself to become a member of the Senior class of Union College, from which he was graduated with degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1853. He began teaching when sixteen years of age, and paid his expenses largely in this way while in attendance at both Brookfield Academy and De Ruyter Institute. Immediately after leaving Union College he began the three-years course of study in Union Theological Seminary, of New York City, and completed the course May 5, 1856. While in this institution he supported himself in part by teaching private pupils, and supplying the pulpits of two small churches. He was ordained to the gospel ministry April 13, 1856, by the Seventh-day Baptist Church at New Market, N. J. There for nearly two hundred years many of his ancestors had belonged to the denomination of which this church was an honored member, and he, himself, while living in the town of Plainfield, N. Y., had joined this religious body by profession of his faith and by baptism when fourteen years of age. Prior to both graduations mentioned above he had assisted in collecting data for the first elaborate map of Madison county, N. Y., and had filled for part of a year the position of assistant principal of Milton Academy, Wis., and that of principal for two years of Union Academy, at Shiloh, New Jersey.

On May 29, 1856, he entered upon the duties of pastor of the church of his faith at Milton, Wis., and continued in this charge during the following three years. It was a period of almost incessant activity. In it he averaged at least four sermons a week, made over a thousand pastoral visits, raised \$870 for benevolent purposes outside of the support of the gospel and of education in the society, conducted five distinct revival seasons, and added to the church 154 persons, more than doubling its membership.

In the summer of 1858, while still serving the church, he accepted the principalship of the Academy in the place, which grew rapidly in vigor and popularity under his administration. During the Civil war its spirit of pa-

triotism led 312 of its students to enlist in the service of their country, many of whom were aided by Rev. Mr. Whitford in securing positions as officers in different regiments of the State. After this oversight, extending over nine years, he induced the stockholders of the institution to convert it, by an act of the Wisconsin Legislature, into a College, March 13, 1867, and he was at once chosen by its Board of Trustees as its President, and also as the head of this Board. The former office he has held all the time since, though granted on one occasion a leave of absence of nearly five years, when he was filling a State position. Thus he has served forty-three years continuously as head of the institution. Under his administration old debts have been canceled, additional rooms and other accommodations furnished, an endowment fund of over \$83,000 secured, and 277 students graduated, some of whom have distinguished themselves in the liberal professions, and as teachers in high schools and universities, and two of them as State Superintendents of Public Instruction in Wisconsin.

In the denomination to which he belongs Rev. Whitford has filled important positions besides the pastorate of the Milton Church and that at Rock River, in the vicinity. In the former church he has served as superintendent of its Sabbath-school for fifteen years. In the denomination above mentioned, he has been twice the president of its General Conference, its principal organization, besides a moderator of its Northwestern Association, and chairman of the executive committee of the latter for many years. He originated the scheme of this denomination for raising a memorial fund at the two hundredth anniversary of its existence in America, for the purpose of aiding, chiefly, its institutions of learning. In the prosecution of this movement he visited most of its churches in this country, and secured a considerable portion of this fund, which now amounts to fully \$350,000. In 1884 he was the editor of a magazine entitled *The Seventh-day Baptist Quarterly*, and for nine years prior to 1896 he was corresponding secretary of the Seventh-day Baptist Education Society. He has served as corresponding editor of the *Sabbath Recorder*, the denomination organ, having had charge since 1888 of its department of History and Biography. He was a member of the committee appointed by these people to secure and arrange their exhibit at the World's Fair in

Chicago, in 1893, and to represent them at the Parliament of Religions held the same year in that city. In 1897 he presented an historical address at the centennial anniversary of the First Brookfield Church, N. Y., with which he united in his boyhood. Recently, at the dedication of a monument erected to the memory of the early pastors of the First Hopkinton Church belonging to this denomination, in Rhode Island, he delivered an elaborate address, reviewing the career of the Seventh-day Baptists in New England since 1665. His sermons presented at public gatherings of these people would form a good-sized volume.

President Whitford has acted as visitor several times, appointed by the State, at the University of Wisconsin, and at the State Normal Schools. He was for one year the president of the State Teachers Association. From 1867 to 1882, with the exception of intervals amounting to three years, he was a member of the State Board of Normal Regents, and for four years *ex-officio* Regent of the University of Wisconsin. In 1868 he served as a member of the Lower House of the State Legislature, and was chairman of its standing committee on Education. He has often been sent as delegate to County, Congressional, and State conventions of the Republican party. In 1877 he was elected, and in 1879 re-elected, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, filling that office during four years. While in that position he established the present grading system of the country schools of Wisconsin; labored to organize public schools in the newer portions; secured the enactment of a compulsory education law—the same as the one now in force in most essential respects; earnestly advocated the method of raising a State tax for the support of public schools, especially in the more sparsely settled districts—a measure subsequently adopted by the State Legislature; settled what seems to be the permanent policy of the State regarding the supply of text-books in such schools; and published well-considered suggestions for providing for these schools better arrangements for warming, ventilating, seating and lighting their buildings—many of these suggestions being subsequently adopted in other States in the Union, and by the United States Commissioner of Education. For four years of the time he was State Superintendent he was chief editor of the *Wisconsin Journal of Education*, the organ of the State Teachers'

Association. His addresses on educational subjects in the State, and elsewhere in the West and East, have been numerous and well received.

Rev. Mr. Whitford has written more than a score of works or articles on educational subjects for publication. Among these the most important are "The History of School Supervision in Wisconsin;" "Historical Sketch of Education in Wisconsin," a book of 110 pages printed by the State for the National Centennial held at Philadelphia in 1876; four elaborate annual reports of the Department of Public Instruction of Wisconsin; a circular of 200 pages on "Plans and Specifications of Schoolhouses for the Country Districts, Villages and Smaller Cities of Wisconsin," ten thousand copies of which were published and distributed by the State; "On the Free High Schools of Wisconsin;" "Text Book Legislation in the Different States;" "Grading System for the Country Schools of Wisconsin;" "Co-education of Sexes in our Schools;" "The History of Education among the Seventh-day Baptists in America;" "The History of Milton College," published by the State; "The Education of Work;" "The Self-Reporting System in Schools;" and "Christianity in the Higher Schools." Among his publications on other subjects may be mentioned the following, as perhaps the most interesting: "The Principles of Church Discipline;" "Lessons From a Four Months Trip in Europe;" "Effectiveness of Preaching;" "The Prominent Ideas Illustrated in the History of the Milton Seventh-day Baptist Church;" "Christ, the Student's Model;" "The Semi-Centennial of the Milton Sabbath School;" "A Memorial Address on the First Fifty Years of the Northwestern Seventh-day Baptist Association;" a work of sixty pages on "Outline Instruction in Elocution;" "The Effect of Culture of a College upon its Graduates;" "Thoroughness in the Preparation for the Pursuits of Life;" and "Intelligent Heroism." To this list could be added the titles of numerous biographical sketches published in various papers and reports. President Whitford has prepared a full description of the three engagements of the Civil war in the Glorieta Pass of the Rocky Mountains in New Mexico, with views of the picturesque battle-fields and adjacent scenery. He has gathered materials for a "History of the Town of Milton," and intends soon to complete his "Popu-

lar and Illustrated History of the Seventh-day Baptists." His Baccalaureate sermons and some of his popular addresses will soon appear in a work of 375 pages, now being published. He has visited on several occasions many points of interest in our Southwestern States and Territories, and in certain portions of the Republic of Mexico. In 1891 he made a tour through the principal countries of Europe. The information he gained in these travels he has presented in various lectures.

The honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him in 1858 by Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and that of Doctor of Divinity in 1883, by Blackburn University, of Jerseyville, Illinois.

President Whitford was married (first) Oct. 19, 1850, to Miss Elmina Esther Coon, of Lincklaen, Chenango Co., N. Y., a daughter of Clarke and Betsey (Burdick) Coon, whose ancestors for several generations lived in Rhode Island. She was graduated by De Ruyter Institute in 1850, was a very amiable and accomplished young woman, and had fitted herself for teaching and for foreign missionary work. Her death, from quick consumption, occurred within six months after her marriage. Mr. Whitford's second wife had as her maiden name Miss Ruth Hemphill. She was a daughter of James and Sarah (Morrison) Hemphill, of Hartsville, Steuben Co., N. Y., both of whom were descended from early Scotch-Irish settlers in New Hampshire, and were born and reared in the town of Henniker, in that State. Her grandfather, James Hemphill, Sr., served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, was present at the battle of Bunker Hill, and in other engagements in New England. Mrs. Whitford was born June 15, 1829, in Deerfield, Oneida Co., N. Y.; was graduated in 1848 by Alfred University; was married to Mr. Whitford, March 23, 1852, at Shiloh, N. J., where they were both engaged in teaching in the academy of that place. She began when only fourteen years of age to teach a district school, and subsequently conducted a select school at Adams Center, N. Y., and was the sole instructor for three years in a seminary at New Market, N. J. Since coming to Milton, in 1856, she has taught—at different intervals—in the College at least twenty-five years. She is a woman of great industry and ripe culture, and endowed with a superior moral and religious nature. Four children have blessed

their union, only one of whom is now living: Minnie, the eldest, died at the age of five years; William, when sixteen months old; Freddie, at the age of twelve years; and Milton Clarke, the youngest, was born Sept. 17, 1866, at Milton, where he still resides, and is a commercial traveler in Minnesota and the two Dakotas.

President Whitford has a powerful physical and mental organization, and has been trained to habits of ceaseless industry. While performing an immense amount of work, he seldom shows any signs of fatigue. He is exceedingly fond of public speaking; and with a full voice, earnest manner, ready action of mind, and a practical view of the questions discussed, he attracts and holds closely his audiences. He takes the greatest delight in teaching his classes, usually numbering six to eight daily, and pursuing his favorite studies in history, philosophy, rhetoric, and elocution. In fact, from his early boyhood he has always considered the principles, methods, and uses of education as furnishing the main topics for his investigation and for advancement by his personal efforts. In his religious opinions and practices he is entirely devoid of cant or bigotry, while his convictions in respect to the doctrines and precepts of Christianity are firm and ardent. He has the pleasure of knowing that the youth who have been under his instruction have reached a higher plane of intelligence and culture, and have been greatly influenced and benefited in their moral and spiritual careers. President Albert Salisbury, of the State Normal School at Whitewater, Wis., who completed his preparatory and collegiate courses of study in Milton College under the administration of Mr. Whitford, writes of him as follows: "But his greatest and most enduring work lies in the personal impress that he has left upon thousands of young men and women who have passed under his hand. His large sympathetic nature, his high ideals, his untiring industry and unquenchable enthusiasm, and, above all, his own life of steadfast self-sacrifice, have made him a source of inspiration to all who come within his circle as a teacher."

WILLIAM H. LONG, a successful dairyman and farmer of the town of Platteville, Grant county, Wis., has richly earned the right to be written up among the successful men of

his calling in that section. He has gained a good share of this world's goods by industry and economy, and is counted a faithful citizen and a good neighbor.

Mr. Long was born in the town of Platteville Dec. 7, 1840, and is a son of Louis and Mary (Gregory) Long, the father born in Tennessee, the mother in Missouri. They were among the first settlers of Platteville. Mrs. Gregory, the grandmother of our subject, was one of the first white women in the town. Louis Long settled here and engaged in mining, and carried on a teaming business from Galena, Ill. Here he reared his family, and here his wife died, in November, 1887. After her death he moved to Nebraska, where he passed away in 1893, in the home of one of his daughters, full of years and honor. He was noted far and near for his great strength when he was in his prime. He was deeply religious, and helped to establish the Methodist Church in Platteville. Politically, he was a Republican, and a strong defender of the Union during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Long had three children of their own, and one adopted daughter. Andrew, their oldest son, was born in Platteville in 1838, and married Catherine Womack; they lived in Platteville until a few years ago, when he moved to Lancaster. William H. is the gentleman whose name appears at the beginning of this article. U. I., born in 1842, was a soldier in the 25th Wis. V. I., serving with his brother William H., and followed Sherman to the sea; he was seriously wounded at Atlanta, but survived the war, married Margaret Cummings, and is a farmer in Nebraska; they have a family of six children, Jesse, Charles, Lucy, Fred, Pearl, and Annie.

William H. Long grew to manhood in Platteville, where he attended the public school. In 1863 he enlisted in the 25th Wis. V. I., and followed the fortunes of that historic regiment through the remaining years of the war. He was a good soldier, and was in many hard-fought battles, was at Vicksburg and at Atlanta, and in numerous conflicts, and though many of his regiment were killed or wounded he was unhurt. Mr. Long belonged to the pioneer corps, and was often detailed as forager. After the war closed he returned to wife and family, having married, in 1861, Mrs. Minerva Dowdy, the widow of Adolphus Dowdy. Mrs. Long is the daughter of John

and Martha Day, a prominent family in old Kentucky, and was born in Lexington, that State, in April, 1839, coming into Wisconsin with her parents when very young. Her father settled at Lancaster, remaining there some years, lived for a time in Iowa county, and then moved to Richland Center, where he died in 1855. His widow survived thirty years, and passed her last days in Minnesota, in the home of a daughter.

Mr. Long bought his present farm in 1867, and took up his home there. He secured eighty acres northwest of Platteville, and has erected good buildings, and cleared up one of the fine farms of Grant county, his land being all under a good state of cultivation, and stocked with well-bred horses and cattle. Our subject and his wife have had five children: Rhoda died in childhood. Frank, born in 1863, died in 1869. Nellie M., born in 1866, married William Waldron, of Omaha, where they now reside, with one son. Cora L., born in December, 1870, married David Burrows, of Harrison township; they reside in Grant county, and have four children, Ella M., Willie, Albert E. and Katie W. William A., born Dec. 5, 1872, died when he was a lad of twelve years. Mrs. Long had two children by her first husband: Mary E. is the wife of William R. Cummings, and lives in Mr. Long's house; they have fourteen children, Edith, Nettie, Abbie, Ida, Frank, Clarence, Annie, Myrtie, Mary, Ethel, Clyde, Jasper, George and Lester. Rosa C., born in Jackson county, Wis., in 1857, married Charles Hoffman, of Omaha, and is now deceased; they had two children, Myrtie and Hattie.

Mr. Long has always been connected with the Republican party. His wife is a member of the Primitive Methodist Church, and while not a member, he is profoundly interested in the welfare of the same. He belongs to Sherman Post, G. A. R., at Platteville. While in the service, and when he was a young man, he was noted for his wonderful strength: he has been known to lift five or six hundred pounds as easily as most men lift a hundred.

**JOHN C. RECH.** The life of Mr. Rech has been filled with experiences of a shifting—and not infrequently adventurous and exciting—character. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 6, 1821, a son of Henry and Margaret (Rech) Rech.

Mr. Rech learned the trade of a baker in his father's shop. On reaching the age of seventeen years he became inflamed with a longing to win fortune in the Western hemisphere, and in 1838 he bade adieu to home and kindred, and set sail for the shores of America. He landed at Baltimore, and for a month worked at his trade. But wages were exceedingly low, and an offer of one dollar per day as a workman to dig a canal then in process of construction attracted him. For two or three months he was thus employed, when exposure induced a low, malarial fever, and for eight months he lay in bed at Havre de Grace. When he was able to be about he found his way to a Dunkard settlement near Little York, Penn. The people, in accordance with the precepts of their faith, cared well for him during one winter, and with the return of spring he felt able to resume hard work. His kind friends had told him at the outset that such work as his health would permit him to perform would be accepted by way of payment for board and care; but so faithfully and satisfactorily had he done what he was able that, when he left them, he was presented with a suit of clothes and eleven dollars in money. Going to Columbia, he found work with a lumberman, who employed him to haul logs from the Susquehanna to his sawmill, and at this he was able, for a time, to earn two dollars a day. He was liked and trusted by his employer, who offered him a position in his own home, as a sort of "handy man" about the house, the compensation to be eight dollars per month, with board, and an opportunity to be given him to attend school. This proposal young Rech gladly accepted. But he was young in years, awkward in manners, and utterly without familiarity with the ways of the world, and soon found himself unequal to the task of enduring the ridicule which was heaped upon the head of the "green," overgrown, German boy. He accordingly once more set forth, to seek another home, which he found with Judge Braden, of Butler, Penn., who hired him as a farm hand. It was there that he obtained his first naturalization papers, which were issued to him by the Judge himself. From Columbia he went to Lockport, N. Y., and it was there, in 1840, that (although without sanction of law) he cast his first Presidential ballot, voting for Harrison and Tyler. For a short time he worked on the Erie and the Maumee canals, and in the autumn

of 1840 drifted to the lead mines of Galena and southwestern Wisconsin. For several years he spent his summers in the mines and his winters in Ohio.

A natural fondness for military affairs induced Mr. Rech to join a military company at Cincinnati, which was ordered to support Gen. Taylor on the Rio Grande four months before the actual declaration of war by Congress. The company to which Mr. Rech belonged was assigned to Gen. Butler's brigade, his division commander being Gen. Hamer, and they took part in the battles of Monterey and Buena Vista. Mr. Rech attended and nursed Gen. Hamer after the latter was wounded at Monterey, and that gallant, intrepid leader died in his arms. Mr. Rech's company was called into service for twelve months only, and at the expiration of that period the majority of the men returned home, but not the young naturalized citizen from Bavaria. He enlisted in another regiment, which was attached to the command of Gen. Scott, and took part in the advance on the City of Mexico, but peace was declared while his regiment was yet forty-five miles from the conquered capital. The war ended, Mr. Rech returned to Grant county, Wis., settling at Potosi, and for many years worked in the mines and smelting works. In 1878 he purchased the farm on which he has lived for over twenty-two years, honored by his fellow citizens and beloved by his friends. The trials, exposures and hardships attendant upon the vicissitudes of his early life have not, however, failed to leave their impress upon his physique. He is now (1901) in his eightieth year, yet his intellect remains clear; and if his mind dwells largely upon memories of the past, his spiritual vision looks forward to the future without dread.

On Sept. 9, 1849, Mr. Rech married Mary Toulouse, by whom he has had four children, Henry, Margaret, Rebecca and John. Mrs. Rech was born near Dubuque, Iowa, Jan. 5, 1834. Time has dealt gently with her, and she shows but few marks of his touch. She is a daughter of Jefferson and Rebecca Toulouse, who migrated from Canada to Potosi, Wis., while comparatively young. Mr. Toulouse died there, upon his farm, May 29, 1891, at the age of eighty-five years. His widow survived nearly nine years, and fell asleep Feb. 22, 1900, at the home of her daughter in Oklahoma Territory. They were the parents of eleven chil-

dren, and two of their sons, John and Joseph, did gallant service during the Civil war as members of the 25th Wis. V. I. Mrs. Rech is the eldest of her parents' surviving children, the others being Mrs. Rebecca Schawp, John, Peter, Jefferson, Joseph, Mrs. Ella Vanatta, Theresa (the wife of Barney Vannatta), and Mrs. Margaret Scott (the latter of Cloverdale, California).

EDWARD BYRNE, deceased. Among the prominent citizens of Smelser township, Grant county, who have passed out of life, leaving an honorable history behind, was Edward Byrne, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Byrne was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, in 1811, a son of Christopher and Catherine (Murphy) Byrne; grew to manhood and married, and was a widower, with five sons and two daughters, when he decided to make a new home and find better opportunities for his children in America. Arriving in the United States in 1847, he was attracted to the town of Hazel Green, Wis., on account of the proximity of the mines. The children mentioned were: Edward, the eldest. Mary A., who married Charles Breen, died in Hazel Green, leaving two children, Thomas and Ellen; the former married Delia Ryan, and the latter became the wife of Samuel Hawkins. Thomas died in 1873. Katie married Patrick Rogan before coming to America, where they first settled at Hazel Green and later at Ironwood, Mich.; there her husband died, leaving two children, James and Maggie. Richard resides in Cuba City. Henry died on his way home from California. John is a resident of Cuba City. Thus the name has been scattered over a wide territory.

In 1848 Mr. Byrne married Miss Esther Deevy, of Grant county, who was born in Ireland Aug. 2, 1822, the capable daughter of Edward and Anna (Murry) Deevy, both of whom lived in Ireland. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Deevy: Esther, Mrs. Byrne; and John, who is supposed to have died in Ireland. Mrs. Byrne was educated in her native country, and was the only member of her family to find a home in America. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Byrne lived at Hazel Green, where he continued to mine until 1854, in that year purchasing the home in Smelser township where he resided until his death, in July, 1888. During his life Mr.

Byrne took a great interest in his farm, and improved and beautified it with comfortable and appropriate buildings, also placing the land under the best state of cultivation. At the time of his death he was possessed of 160 acres of fine land, where his family enjoy all the comforts of life. The daily existence of this good man was directed by the teachings of the Catholic Church, of which he and all his family have ever been consistent members. A family of nine children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Byrne: Christopher, born in Benton, Lafayette county, in December, 1848, married Ellen Killbride, who was a daughter of Michael and Ellen Killbride, one of Grant county's pioneer families; they have seven children. Katie, born in 1851, married Ambrose Brown and died soon afterward in Iowa. Henry, born in Hazel Green, in 1853, died in 1896, a young man of good parts, who was regretted by all. Mary A., born Aug. 6, 1856, is a student at the home schools, and she and her sister Esther care for their aged mother. Edward, born in 1858, manages the home farm. Thomas, born in 1860, resides at home. Esther, born in 1861, a very estimable lady, manages the household in connection with her sister Mary. Julia, born in 1863, died in childhood. John, born in 1865, lives at home.

In politics Mr. Byrne was a Democrat, and his sons have followed in his footsteps. This is one of the fine old families of Grant county, one that has helped place her in the van in the State of Wisconsin.

**GEORGE LUCIUS COLLIE.** A. M., PH. D. This is a name familiar to the students of Beloit College, and to the world of education, as the professor of geology in that excellent institution. He was a student there in his earlier life, and attracted attention by the fine work he was doing throughout his college course. Passing from its walls, he went abroad to make a more thorough preparation for his life work as a teacher and instructor in the higher learning. For nine years he has been a member of the Faculty of Beloit, at present serving as the Dean of the Faculty. He is doing the same solid work that has characterized his entire life, and is a popular and helpful personality among the young people, upon whom his influence for good is pronounced.

Dr. Collie was born at Delavan, Wis., Aug. 11, 1857, a son of Rev. Joseph and Ann

(Foote) Collie, natives of Scotland and Ohio, respectively. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are now living: Prof. George L.; Arthur, an army surgeon at Iloilo, Panay; Winfred, a dentist at Delavan, Wis.; and Glenwood, a student of medicine in Chicago. Rev. Joseph Collie was a Congregational clergyman in Delavan, and had been pastor of a church in that city for more than forty years. He is now a resident of Williams Bay, Wis. He was a chaplain of the Christian Commission, and stationed in Kentucky, during the war of the Rebellion. His father, George Collie, a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, was a stone-mason, and died in his native land when a young man. He was the father of three sons. Lucius Foote, the father of Ann, was a native of Massachusetts, of English descent, and was also a Congregational minister. He died in Sacramento, Cal., at the age of ninety. He was the father of two sons and one daughter.

Prof. George L. Collie spent his youth and early manhood under the parental roof at Delavan, Wis., where he was graduated from the local high school in 1875. He immediately connected himself with Beloit College, in the city of Beloit, and was graduated from that institution in 1881. His studious youth gave promise of excellent scholarship in his riper years, a promise that was largely fulfilled in his college course. The young collegian was employed for a year in a railroad office in Chicago, as a freight reviser, and then became the assistant principal in the Delavan schools. He did such satisfactory work that he was made principal of the same schools. From Delavan he went to Harvard College, where he did post-graduate work for three years, and earned and received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1893. The same year he was invited to Beloit College, to take the chair of geology. He accepted the invitation, and this field has been the scene of his work to the present time. He is a capable teacher, understands his subject thoroughly, and presents it in a magnetic and inspiring way, well calculated to arouse the enthusiasm of his pupils.

Dr. Collie and Katharine A. Burrows were united in marriage March 26, 1896. They have a fine home and a pleasant residence at No. 920 College street, Beloit. Mrs. Collie is the daughter of Harmon Ary and Eliza (Hatch) Ary, of Ohio. Dr. Collie and his



*Geo. L. Collie*





wife are members of the First Congregational Church of Beloit. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity. He has published a number of geological papers, and is a Fellow of the Geological Society, of America. Politically the Doctor is a Republican.

PERRY C. WILDER, now serving his third term as mayor of the city of Evansville, Rock county, is a member of the firm of Barnard & Wilder, wholesale dealers in leaf tobacco, and is one of the most conspicuous and energetic business men of Rock county.

Mr. Wilder was born in Granger, Medina Co., Ohio, Nov. 7, 1852, and is a son of Calvin H. and Mary Ann (Oviatt) Wilder, natives of Connecticut and Ohio, respectively. They were the parents of six sons and one daughter, and four of their children are now living: Perry C., of Evansville; Stephen C., of Chicago; Carey C., of Denver, Colo.; and Newton D., of Evansville. The father, who was a Baptist minister, came from Ohio in 1864, locating at Argyle, Lafayette Co., Wis., and preached there until 1868, in which year he moved to Evansville for the sake of his children's education. He preached at various points for a number of years, among them being Windsor, Middleton and Avon. He died in Evansville in 1887, at the age of sixty-three. His wife died in 1873, when forty-eight years old. His father, William Wilder, was a native of Connecticut, and was one of the pioneer settlers in Medina county, Ohio, where he hewed a farm out of the solid forest, and spent his remaining years in that community, being about seventy-five years old when he died. He was a captain in the State militia. Great-grandfather Wilder was a Revolutionary soldier. The Wilders came originally from England, but there is much German blood in their veins. The maternal grandfather of Perry C. Wilder was a farmer, and lived in Wayne county, Ohio. He was about sixty years old at his death.

Perry C. Wilder came with his parents to Wisconsin and lived at Argyle until he was sixteen, and attended Evansville Seminary. He taught school when he was fifteen years old. He was a clerk for Hon. L. T. Pullen, of Evansville, until the firm was merged into that of Winston, Pullen & Co., the first banking house of Evansville. He kept their books until 1873, when he and Charles F. P. Pullen

formed a partnership and engaged in a general mercantile business. The firm was dissolved, and Mr. Wilder entered the employment of E. D. Barnard, in his tobacco business, and in 1882 became a member of the firm, which had been known as E. D. Barnard & Son. In 1893 it became Barnard & Wilder, E. D. Barnard retiring and his son Shasta continuing. They have warehouses at Oregon and Madison, Wis., as well as at Evansville. They employ 125 hands, and ship their tobacco all over the United States and into Germany.

Mr. Wilder and Miss Alice D. Pease, daughter of Milton and Sarah (Black) Pease, were united in marriage June 26, 1890, and they have one son, Marlin Elliott. Mr. Wilder is a Baptist and his wife a Methodist. They have an elegant home at No. 236 West Main street. Mr. Wilder belongs to Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M.; Evansville Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M.; Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; the Knights of Pythias; the Knights of the Globe; Leota Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and the Daughters of Rebekah and Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Wilder also belongs to the two last named. Our subject is a Republican, and has been very active in public affairs. He was first elected mayor of Evansville in 1899; was president of the village board the last year (1895) that organization existed; was a village trustee in 1887; and was clerk of the town of Union in 1879 and 1880. He was a member of the county board in 1895 and 1896, has been a member of the board of education for eight years, and is now clerk of that body. He is serving his second term as a member of the Republican State central committee from the First Congressional District. Mr. Wilder held the postoffice under President Harrison from 1890 to 1893, and resigned on account of other pressing business interests.

THOMAS J. JONES. The pioneer settlers of any locality who attained success were men of hardy enterprise and indomitable spirit, and those who came in the early days to this part of Wisconsin were no exception to the rule. Among those who since 1850 have found a happy dwelling place within the borders of Lafayette county, and have left the impress of their own individuality upon its activities, is Thomas J. Jones, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Jones was born in North Wales March

23, 1823, son of John and Jane Jones, both of whom were also born in Wales, where the mother passed her last days. The father came to America, and in his old age was ministered to by our subject until his death, in 1871. Our subject came to America on a sailing vessel, landing in New Orleans in 1848, the journey consuming two months. He then made his way up the Mississippi river as far as Galena, thence to Dodgeville, in Iowa county, Wis., where he immediately found employment at his trade of mason. In 1850 he made a purchase from Major Rountree, of Platteville, of 160 acres of land, his present farm, upon which he erected a rock house, in which he has resided until the present time. Following his trade, he built many rock houses throughout Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette counties, all of these attesting his superior work, as they will long remain after he is gathered to his fathers.

The marriage of Mr. Jones occurred in 1852, to Margaret Devaney, of Mineral Point, a daughter of Robert and Jane Devaney, who were born in Wales, where they died. Mrs. Jones was born in Wales in 1825. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jones settled in the new home, where for thirty-six years they lived in happiness, the death of Mrs. Jones, in 1888, breaking the tender tie. Mrs. Jones was a woman of Christian character and her cheerful and capable management in the privations of pioneer life, with its toil and danger, endeared her not only to her own family but to all others who came within her acquaintance.

The children born of this union were five in number: Robert died when two years old. John, born in 1855, married in California, where he still resides, being a bookkeeper in a mint in that State; he was a cadet in a military school in San Francisco from which he graduated. Mary, born in 1856, married John Prytchect. Annie, born in 1858, married Morris Jones, a native of Wales, and they now reside in Gage county, Neb., where they own a half section of land; they have a family of six children, Maggie, Miriam, Jennie, Owen, William, and May, the two eldest being married. Elizabeth, born in 1860, married Robert R. Hughes, in Iowa county, where they live on a farm; they have three children, Lena, Thomas and Maggie.

John Prytchect, the husband of the eldest daughter of our subject, was born in Wales July 16, 1844, coming to Wisconsin in 1868

and, settling on the Jones homestead after his marriage, he managed the latter as well as his own. His land comprises a whole section adjoining that of his father-in-law. Mrs. Prytchect died in 1889, and in 1895 Mr. Prytchect was again married, his second wife being Miss Ellen Thomas, the daughter of T. O. and Ellen Thomas, who came to this county in 1892; she was born in 1864 in Wales, where she received a good education. The children of the first marriage were: Thomas P., born in 1873, who married Elsie Evans; Margaret, born in 1875, who married Eugene Euloe; John, born in 1877, who married Adeline Suher, of Platteville; Robert, born in 1888; and Samuel, born in 1886, who died two years later. Mr. Prytchect is one of the leading stockgrowers of this section, owning much cattle and many fine horses, besides great numbers of fine hogs.

Although Mr. Jones began life in Wisconsin without a dollar, he has, by the exercise of energy, good judgment and thrift, become one of the substantial and moneyed men of Lafayette county. Fortunate transactions in real estate resulted prosperously for him, and although during his life he has seen much hardship, and worked industriously, he has now the reward. The people of the community where he has lived so long look upon him with respect, and he will long be remembered for the many acts of generosity and kindness which he has delighted to show to those less fortunate than himself.

STEPHEN VIVIAN, a well-known and popular citizen of Lancaster, Grant county, first came here in 1858. He was born in Cornwall, England, Oct. 20, 1825, a son of James and Elizabeth Vivian, who passed their lives in Cornwall.

The mother died when Stephen was three years old leaving himself and sister Mary, who was a young girl when brought to America by her brother, in 1848. She married, and at her death left a daughter. Mr. Vivian is thus the only member of his father's family living, as far as can be ascertained, although his father married a second time and had born to him a son.

Stephen Vivian learned blacksmithing in his native country, and in 1848 came to the United States, at once locating at Dodgeville, Iowa Co., Wis., where he engaged in lead

mining for one season. He then went to what was known as Franklin, now called Island. In the spring of 1849 he went to the Lake Superior country, and worked at his trade until 1858, when he came to Lancaster township, following farming until 1863. He then returned to the mining district of the North, and for twelve years was employed in the iron mines of Marquette county, Mich. In 1875 he came again to Lancaster township and resumed farming operations, but since 1885 his residence has been in Lancaster city.

Mr. Vivian was married, in 1852, to Miss Frances Harvey, who died in 1885, and in 1887 he married Miss Elizabeth Angwin, who was born in England and came to this country with her parents, Richard and Frances (Tippett) Angwin. They first located in Illinois, later removed to Michigan, and finally returned to Illinois, dying at Galena—both on the same day, Jan. 31, 1892. Mrs. Vivian was one of a family of eight children, of whom seven are still living, viz.: Mrs. Jane Bowden, Mrs. Martha Annette, Mrs. Salina Goldthrop, and Miss Eliza, all of Galena, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Osborne, of Michigan; Richard, who lives in Missouri; and Mrs. Vivian; the deceased, William, died Dec. 31, 1854, at the age of ten years.

In his political views Mr. Vivian is fundamentally a Republican, but at times he votes the Prohibition ticket. It can truthfully be said of Mr. Vivian, what can be said of but few men, that he has not tasted liquor for the sixty-five years since he signed the pledge, when a boy ten years old, and it may well be questioned whether he had tasted it prior to that age; and it can be added that he never used tobacco in any form. Mr. and Mrs. Vivian have a most pleasant home, which is the abiding place of true domestic felicity. They are consistent members of the Methodist Church, and are well known to and truly respected by every resident of the township and many others outside its limits.

BURTON SUMNER has been long identified with the growth and development of Grant county, of which, with occasional brief intervals, he has been a resident for nearly sixty years. He has entered upon the seventh decade of his life with rugged strength and unclouded intellect, hale, hearty and well-preserved in both mind and body. He was born in Erie county, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1839, a son of

Joshua and Anna Sumner, natives of New York.

Joshua Sumner, not wholly satisfied with his environment, came to Wisconsin on what may be said to have been a prospecting tour in the spring of 1843. Being satisfied with what he saw, and perceiving a bright outlook for the then sparsely settled territory, he selected a location at British Hollow, in the mining region of Southwestern Wisconsin. He sent word to his wife to meet him with their family, then consisting of six children (all yet living)—the youngest not being born until 1845—to accompany him to their new home in a country whose resources had yet to be developed, whose forests were to be felled, and whose virgin soil was to be reduced to subjection. In the autumn of that year (1843) the family started on the toilsome, tedious journey. They traveled by water to Chicago (then a mere muddy, straggling settlement) and thence by ox-team to their point of destination, the husband and father meeting them at Chicago. After a residence of twelve years at the "Hollow" the family removed to Hurricane. In that township is situated Mr. Sumner's farm, and at his home his father passed away in 1895, his mother having gone to her reward many years before. The children, four daughters and three sons, are Sarah, Elizabeth, Almira, Olive, Byron, Burton, and George W.

At the outbreak of the Rebellion Burton Sumner's veins were filled with patriotic fire, and in 1862 he enlisted in Company C, 25th Wis. V. I., commanded by the celebrated Col. (afterward Gen.) Jeremiah M. Rusk, who subsequently filled Wisconsin's gubernatorial chair. The record of the 25th is unsurpassed by that of any of the gallant regiments which left the State to fight, to suffer and to win renown in Southern bivouac and on Southern battlefields. At the time of its being mustered in the regiment was ordered to proceed from LaCrosse into Minnesota, which State was then being terrorized by Indian raids, and the men's first experience of actual danger came early in their term of service. The Redskins having been whipped into submission, the command proceeded to Columbus, Ky., and thence to Snyder's Bluff, on the Mississippi, where it constituted a part of the force deployed to prevent Gen. Joseph E. Johnston from attacking Grant in the rear or going to the relief of Pem-

berton, who was then hemmed up in Vicksburg. Climatic influence and bad water brought about an epidemic of malarial fever among the Northern troops, and Mr. Sumner was one of the large number thus affected. In fact, so general was the scourge that at one time only fifteen members of his company were able to report for duty, while the percentage of sick men in other companies was little, if at all, lower. After the surrender of Vicksburg the 25th was ordered to Helena, Ark., whence they returned to Vicksburg in time to take part in the famous raid on Meridian, Miss., joining Sherman's army at Resaca, and fighting in all the hotly-contested battles around Atlanta. Immediately after the engagement at Jonesboro Mr. Sumner was taken, broken in health, to the hospital at Marietta, Ga., returning to Atlanta about the time that Gen. Sherman set out for Savannah. Being unable, because of physical disability, to accompany his regiment, he—in company with many of his comrades—was sent home on a sick furlough. Having measurably regained his health he reported for duty at Madison, but owing to the interruption of communication with Sherman's army it was impossible to send the convalescents forward until three months had elapsed, the men meanwhile chafing at their enforced inactivity. Finally, news being received of the army's arrival at the Atlantic coast, he and his companions were at once sent forward, going through Hilton Head, N. C., to Broad River, where Mr. Sumner remained in the convalescent camp for a fortnight. He at length rejoined his regiment at Raleigh, and was received with a hearty welcome, Gen. Rusk himself taking the private by the hand and congratulating him on his return, saying, "We will have music now till you can't rest." The surrender of Johnston to Sherman put an end to further warfare in the Carolinas, and from Raleigh the victorious army proceeded on its long, toilsome march to Washington. The 25th participated in the grand review at the National capital, and was mustered out in June, 1865.

Mr. Sumner was married in 1866 to Irena M. Richardson, whose father, Harris Richardson, married Lucy Gordon, whose birthplace was in Connecticut. Mr. Richardson was born in New York, removed with his family to Ohio, and thence to Southwestern Wisconsin, settling at Hurricane, Grant county, at an early date in the county's history. He died there in

1860, and his widow in 1866. Mrs. Sumner is one of a family of five children, all of whom are yet living. She has borne her husband three children: Mary, George and Rosa.

Mr. Sumner, as may be readily believed from the story of his life, is a man whom his fellow townsmen hold in deservedly high esteem. Genial, generous, industrious and upright, his friends are many, and he is most thoroughly respected by those who know him best. Lancaster has been his home since he first fixed his residence there, with the exception of his period of military service and the seven years between 1876 and 1883, when he and his family resided at Lac qui Parle, Minnesota.

JOHN JOHNS, one of the leading stock dealers and farmers of Smelser township, Grant county, is a native of Smelser, having been born there Jan. 13, 1861, a son of Frederick and Mary (Heil) Johns.

The parents were born in Germany and St. Louis, Mo., respectively. Grandfather Johns died in Germany, and Frederick Johns' mother brought him to Smelser; he was the only child. They first settled in Jefferson, Hazel Green township, where Frederick Johns grew to manhood, and after his marriage he settled on a farm in Smelser, where he lived throughout life. He was one of the early cattle dealers of this section, buying and selling herds to the government and private dealers. Politically he was a staunch Republican, and in religion he was a member of the M. E. Church. He died in 1887, his wife two years later, in 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Johns had ten children: Caroline married Harmon Roush, and has four children, William, Mary, Lavinda and Lulu; Frederick is deceased; John is our subject; George married Lena Reese; Wesley married Lavinda Cullen; Peter married Laura Himan, and has had three children, Hazel, Maud and Benjamin; Joseph married Minnie Reese; Josephine, twin of Joseph, is deceased; William married Nettie Cullen; and Millie married Joseph Cullen.

Our subject was educated in the schools of his district, working upon the farm in the summer and going to school in the winter. Soon after he had attained his majority he rented a part of his father's farm, consisting of 800 acres in Smelser. In 1894 Mr. Johns purchased what is known as the Eastman prop-

erty. in Smelser, commenced shipping stock in partnership with Jacob Harris, and has developed the finest stock farm in Grant county, thousands of cattle being shipped by them every year to Chicago, in addition to outlying districts. In addition to horses and cows Mr. Johns raises a very fine strain of hogs, and the prices he receives, while they are not at all in excess of the value, are still regarded as "fancy" figures by those less fortunate.

In 1887 Mr. Johns married Miss Lavinda Heil, of Grant county, daughter of Frederick and Ann Heil, who was born June 30, 1867, in the town of Smelser, where she grew to womanhood, receiving a district-school education. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johns resided on the old farm until Mr. Johns commenced his stock shipping business, and upon his purchase of the Eastman property they moved thereto, and now have a beautiful home of about 200 acres, all nicely cultivated. To Mr. and Mrs. Johns have been born children as follows: Joseph L., Dec. 5, 1887; Herbert E., Feb. 14, 1889; Amy H., Sept. 19, 1891 (died Jan. 8, 1898); John McKinley, Nov. 5, 1896; Bertha, May 12, 1898; and Frederick E., April 18, 1900. Politically Mr. Johns has always been one of the staunch supporters of the Republican party, although he has never aspired to office, refusing steadily to be placed upon the town board. Religiously both he and his estimable wife were brought up in the M. E. Church. They are people of whom every one speaks well, and who are sincerely liked for their many admirable qualities.

**LIEUT. JOHN GRINDELL.** ex-soldier, furniture dealer, and brick manufacturer, of Platteville, Grant county, now retired from active business, was born in Ireland in 1828, and is the only survivor of the five children of Thomas and Jane (McMullen) Grindell, who in 1830 settled in Toronto, Canada, and there passed the remainder of their lives.

John Grindell when a boy learned the cabinet maker's trade in Toronto, came to Platteville in 1849, and in March, 1850, started for California overland, crossing the Missouri river May 1. He went by the way of Fort Laramie, and through the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains, and crossed the Humboldt river and Big Desert. At Salt Lake City the party ran short of provisions and were obliged to pay \$15 for a bucket of flour and propor-

tionately high prices for other necessities. They finally reached Hangtown, Cal., at the end of five months. Mr. Grindell spent two years in the mines, and was fairly successful in his search after wealth, but of the four men who comprised the party—Messrs. Gale, Gillis, Holmes and Grindell—he was the only one to live to return.

On his return to Platteville John Grindell, with his brother William, opened a furniture store in the place, which they conducted together for forty years, when William purchased John's interest, and the latter engaged in the manufacture of brick, which he still continues to control. During the Civil war Mr. Grindell raised a company of volunteers in Platteville for the Army of the Tennessee, and under his first term served one hundred days, as first lieutenant. He then re-entered the service, and continued in the army until the close of the war in the same rank. At the close of the war he returned to Platteville and re-engaged in business.

In 1852 Mr. Grindell married Miss Susan Cook, daughter of David and Maria Cook, of Wisconsin, but formerly of the State of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Grindell at once settled in Platteville, where he owned some real estate, and resided in the same dwelling from that time until 1885, when he erected a fine brick house on the site of the first one. Our subject has thus lived on the same spot over forty-eight years. To their marriage were born six children: Ada is the wife of T. L. Clary, a prominent lawyer of Platteville; John H., who is a marble worker in Platteville, married Miss Clara Kyle, and has three children, Roy, Ada and Donald; Albert, who married Miss Ina Dickinson, removed to California, where his wife died soon after arrival, and on his return, with his little daughter, Ina, he assumed charge of his father's brick works; David E. was educated in the State Normal School, married Miss Alice Davis, of Ohio, and is traveling in the theatrical profession (he has no children); Susan died when eighteen months old; Arthur B. is a student in the chemical department of the State University at Madison. The mother passed away Jan. 31, 1900, after a wedded life of forty-eight years.

In politics Lieut. Grindell has been a most active Republican, and in 1866 he was elected treasurer of his town. In 1880 he was made president of the village board, and he also

served as president of the village council, of which he was three times elected a member. In religion he is a Methodist, having joined that church early in life, and was a member of the building committee that had charge of the erection of the fine brick church edifice in 1877; he has also been a trustee for twenty-seven years, and has ever been a liberal contributor to the support of church work in all its departments. Fraternally he is one of the oldest Masons in Platteville, and was a member of the building committee having in charge the erection of the fine Masonic hall in 1882; he is also one of the oldest Odd Fellows in the city; and is a member of Sherman Post, G. A. R., of Platteville.

In February, 1897, Lieut. Grindell, by an accidental fall, so badly injured his right leg as to incapacitate him for active business, and he is now living in retirement, but not as a recluse. He has shown himself to be one of the most progressive and enterprising business men of the city, has acquired a competency, is regarded as one of Platteville's most substantial citizens, and bears a name that has never been tarnished by a breath of calumny.

HON. PHILO A. ORTON, of Darlington, Lafayette county, was born March 24, 1837, at Hamilton, N. Y., which was also the birth-place of his father, Philo A. Orton.

The Ortons come from old English stock, being descended from Thomas Orton, who settled at Windsor, Conn., in 1640. In 1800 Judge Orton's grandfather removed from Tyringham, Mass., to Hamilton, N. Y., which remained the Orton home until 1850, when his father migrated with his family to Wisconsin and settled at Beloit. In 1855 the family removed to Darlington, where the subject of this biography has since resided. His mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Collins, was born at Burlington, N. Y. The father died at the home of Judge Orton on July 12, 1872, and the mother at the same place a number of years later. The father of our subject was distinguished for his high integrity and sterling worth, and his mother was a woman of strong character. Their sons are all living, except Capt. Thomas Orton, of the 3d Wis. V. I., who fell at the siege of Atlanta July 25, 1864; and Lyman O. Orton, who died at Mishawaka, Ind., in 1899.

In 1851-52 our subject attended Beloit Col-

lege, and in 1857 was a student at Madison (now Colgate) University, in his native town of Hamilton, N. Y. It was his intention to follow the occupation of civil engineer, and his college course was adapted to that end, but the panic of 1857 completely paralyzed all efforts at railroad construction, in which he had expected to find employment. Therefore he gave up his original plans and turned his attention to law, beginning its study in the office of James R. Rose, at Darlington. He was admitted to the Bar in 1859, and has since continuously practiced law at that place, for more than thirty years being the senior member of the firm of Orton & Osborn, one of the oldest law firms in the State. Judge Orton, early in his professional career, gained an enviable reputation as a strong and conscientious lawyer, and so great was his success that before he had reached his thirtieth year he was regarded as occupying the front rank among Southwestern Wisconsin lawyers, a division of the Bar second to none in the State, and including at that time such bright minds as those of Strong, Dunn, Mills, Cothren, Crawford, and others of equal note. The uniform success which has attended Judge Orton has always been merited, being the fruit of thorough preparation and untiring effort. He delights in work, and never feels better than when fully occupied, and under a strain which weaker physical or mental natures could not endure.

The essential honor and integrity of Judge Orton's dealings with fellow attorneys, with clients, and with all with whom he comes into contact, has been a prime factor in securing for him his high professional reputation, and has contributed to the result equally with his superiority of mind. Before a jury Judge Orton is strong and eminently logical, presenting his arguments methodically, passing rationally from premise to conclusion, and often not only with convincing weight but with moving eloquence. Fluent in speech and correct in language, his extensive reading is frequently shown in excellent illustration. Before the court he is certain of respectful and attentive hearing, to which his legal attainments and his recognition of the true function of an advocate entitle him.

In 1862-63 Judge Orton was prosecuting attorney for Lafayette county, and from 1870 to 1874 he filled the office of county judge. During the Rebellion he was a war Democrat,

and remained in Democratic councils until 1880, being candidate for attorney general on the Democratic ticket in 1861; was Independent candidate for circuit judge in 1870; and the Democratic candidate for representative in Congress in 1876; though he had a flattering vote, his personal popularity could not overcome the Republican vote, and he was defeated. He has always taken an interest in the cause of good government. In 1880 he voted for Garfield for President, and since that time has acted with the Republican party. In 1898 he accepted the nomination for the Assembly branch of the Legislature, and was elected by a large plurality over James H. Clark, the Democratic nominee.

In 1874 our subject obtained a controlling interest in the Lafayette County Bank, which he held until 1882, when he organized the First National Bank of Darlington, of which he has always been president, being also president of the Benton State Bank, at Benton, Wis. He is a charter member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Colgate University; is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Darlington Chapter, and Mineral Point Commandery, and for several years was master of the Darlington lodge; he was deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of the State for two years.

Judge Orton was married Jan. 27, 1862, to Sarah M. Osborn, daughter of Capt. S. W. Osborn, of Darlington, and two children have been born to them: Susanne, a graduate of Rockford College and of the Woman's Medical College, of Chicago; and Robert E., now assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Darlington.

EZRA I HILO DOTY (deceased), one of the men to whom the present commercial importance of Janesville is due, was for many years closely identified with its best interests, and his death was deeply mourned, not only by his family but by the community at large.

Ezra Philo Doty was born in Peru, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1826, a son of Zuri Shaddai and Phebe Ann (Bostwick) Doty. The parents of Zuri Doty, Ezra and Anna (Mellens) Doty, were natives of Vermont, his birth occurring Sept. 28, 1760, hers Aug. 4, 1767. Ezra Doty, Sr., was a soldier of the Revolution, and afterward a captain in the provincial army. During the war of 1812 he also served his country bravely, and he died on June 24,

1840, while his wife passed away in 1813. The maternal grandfather of our subject, a Mr. Bostwick, was a resident of Pennsylvania, and died in that State from an accident, a tree falling upon him. In his family there were four sons and one daughter, all now deceased.

Zuri S. Doty, father of our subject, was born at Bennington, Vt., on July 23, 1804, and came to Turtle, Rock county, in 1841, settling near Shopiere, where he took up a large tract of land from the government, and resided some years. Later he removed to Janesville, and conducted a sash, door and blind factory and also a general store. As his means increased Mr. Doty erected several business houses, bought considerable land in the corporate limits of Janesville, and platted what is known as Doty's addition to Janesville. During his residence in Janesville Zuri S. Doty purchased on Oct. 10, 1853, the *Janesville Free Press* for his son, in conjunction with J. Baker, and the paper was conducted under the name of Baker & Doty until, on June 7, 1855, Mr. Baker became the sole proprietor. The *Free Press* was started on Jan. 6, 1853, by an association of Free Democrats, among whom the most prominent were J. M. Burgess, J. Baker, R. B. Treat, O. Guernsey, and E. A. Howland, with Mr. Baker as editor. About 1865 Zuri Doty moved to Madison, built and owned a number of houses, and engaged in various business enterprises, but later removed to Chicago, and resided in that city for several years. While on a visit to Madison he died, on April 16, 1885, aged eighty-one years, eight months and twenty-three days. During the time he resided in Janesville he was a justice of the peace, and was a very wealthy, influential and honorable man. Eleven children were born to this good man, five of whom are now living: Anna, wife of Peter Fryer, of Kansas City, Mo.; Milton H., of Brodhead, Wis., who rose from sergeant to the rank of captain during the Civil war; Martha A., wife of Courtland Stone, who now lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mary, widow of Edwin Boswick, of New Milford, Conn.; and Edgar H., of Chicago.

Ezra Philo Doty, the subject of this sketch, was brought to Turtle, Rock county, where he grew to manhood. Later he removed to Janesville, and was associated with his father in the sash, door and blind manufacturing business, becoming his successor; was the or-



ganizer of the Doty Manufacturing Co., and its treasurer until his death. The specialty of this company was the Doty washing machine.

On May 26, 1847, Ezra P. Doty married Miss Abigail Mary Austin, daughter of Ira and Permelia (Worcester) Austin, and five children were born of this marriage: (1) Henry (deceased) married Ella J. Lappin, daughter of Thomas Lappin, and had one son, who did not survive his first year; upon the death of the mother Henry married her sister, Mary Esther Lappin, and two children were born to them, Lawrence Lappin and Harriet Mildred. Henry Doty died June 2, 1894, aged forty-five, having been born June 5, 1849. (2) Alta Marie, wife of Charles Atwood, of Janesville, has eight children. (3) Edward P., who married Margaret Hullihen, daughter of Dr. Hullihen, of Janesville, has three children. (4) Minnie, deceased, wife of Dr. Charles E. Wintermute, had two children, Ruth Anna and Horace; the latter died, aged three months. (5) Anna S. is the wife of Charles Fifield, an attorney, formerly of the firm of Fethers, Jeffries & Fifield, now judge of the municipal court; they have three children, Minnie Eloise, Alta and Frances Fethers.

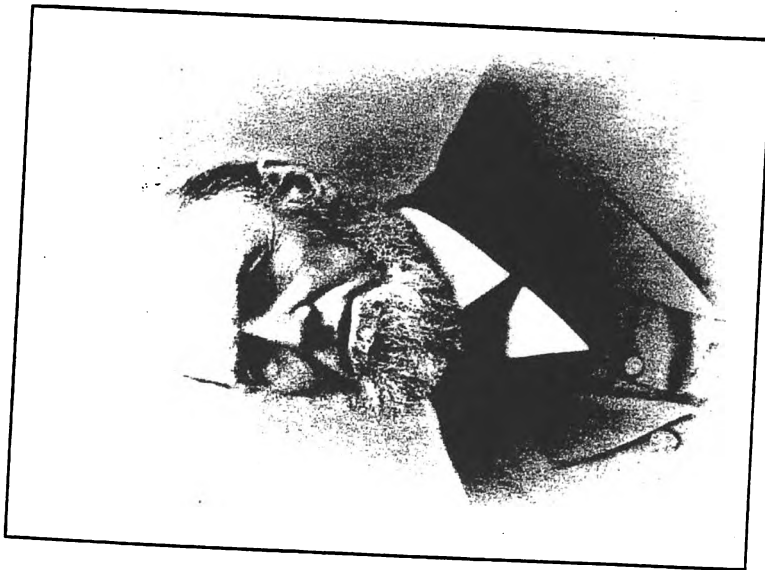
Mrs. Doty was born Sept. 6, 1832; she had a twin sister, Mary, who died in infancy; and a sister, Ann Eliza, now wife of Vinton L. Merrill, of Lebanon, Kans. The parents of Mrs. Doty were natives of Vermont, and her mother died at Phelps, N. Y., on April 15, 1845, aged thirty-eight, having been born on July 15, 1807. The father of this last mentioned lady, the grandfather of Mrs. Doty, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and also took part in the war of 1812. Ira Austin, father of Mrs. Doty, came West to Wisconsin in the early days of the State, settling in Janesville, but returned to Phelps, N. Y., and married Elmira M. Howe. Again coming West, Mr. Austin settled on a farm in Sauk county, but afterwards removed to Madison, where he and his wife kept a large boarding-house, he dying on Nov. 12, 1862, and she on June 21, 1895, in that city.

In religious belief Ezra P. Doty followed the Universalist faith, while his widow is an Episcopalian, and all of their children became connected with Christ Episcopal Church of Janesville. The political affiliations of Mr. Doty were with the Republican party, although he was not a politician. While in the prime

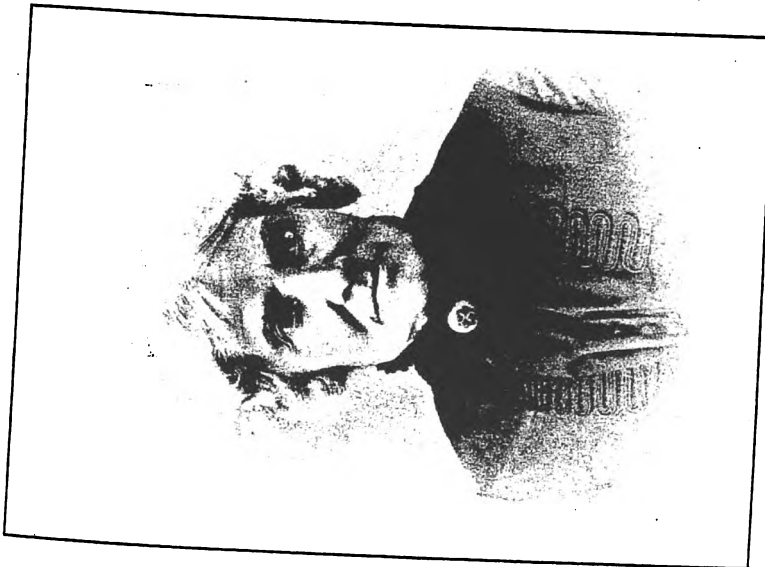
of life Mr. Doty was taken from his family, on March 7, 1869, aged forty-two years, eight months, and the death cast a gloom not only over his household, but over Janesville, where for so many years he had been so important a factor. Mrs. Doty still survives, a very charming and intelligent lady, who enjoys the respect and veneration of her family and a large circle of friends.

SAMUEL JARVIS CUCKOW was at the time of his death one of the venerable and most highly respected residents of Janesville, Rock Co., Wis. He was a native of England, where his birth occurred, in Rochester, Kent, Jan. 16, 1815, and was the second son of Elizabeth and Thomas B. Cuckow. The latter was born in England in 1787, and died at the home of his son, in the town of Bradford, Rock county, Nov. 24, 1874. Thomas came to America in 1818, but soon returned to England, taking his family back with him. Robert Cuckow, father of Thomas, died in 1838, aged seventy-one years; his entire life was passed in England.

Samuel Jarvis Cuckow was brought up and lived in England, where he learned the printer's trade. In January, 1836, he married Sarah Eliza Bridgeland, born at Boxley, England, in 1814, and came immediately to New York. To them were born two children in New York City, Mary A. and Thomas J. They returned to England in 1840. After that two more children were born, Eliza and Eleanor B. His wife died in July, 1849. Two years later, with his motherless family, Mr. Cuckow came to Wisconsin, and settled on the farm in Bradford, Rock county, which farm, and the additions thereto, he owned at the time of his decease. In 1885 he removed to Evanston, Ill., to live with his daughter, Mary A. Her death occurring a year later, he went to Janesville, Wis., where he continued to reside until the time of his death, March 5, 1901. For his second wife he married Eliza S. Filmer, born in England in 1815, and who came alone to New York from England. They were married in New York City in May, 1853, coming immediately to Wisconsin, where she died Aug. 18, 1900. Two children were born to them, Samuel F. and Ruth O. The latter died in 1893. Mr. Cuckow's life was a busy one, and yet he found time to take a keen and intelligent in-



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terest in all that pertained to the welfare of his adopted country, and he won for himself a high place in the estimation of those who knew him for his industry and integrity of character.

W. J. FUNSTON, D. D. S., of Platteville, Grant county, and an ex-soldier of the war of the Rebellion, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1840, and is a son of J. D. and Isabel (McKinley) Funston.

While our subject was still an infant his parents removed to Jefferson county, Ohio, where the mother died in 1850, when the father came to Wisconsin and located in Richland county. There he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1893. They were the parents of five children, of whom the Doctor was the eldest, and of whom two, besides him, are still living, viz.: Mary, wife of A. J. Campbell, a farmer at Milton Junction, Wis.; and Theodore F., of Galesville, this State. The latter served three years in the Civil war, and was honorably discharged for physical disability. He is one of the most respected citizens of Galesville, and has a wife and one child.

Dr. Funston received his preliminary education in the public schools, and began the study of dentistry when a young man with Dr. John McKinley, of Urichsville, Ohio. He was still a student when, in response to the call to arms, he enlisted, in August, 1862, in Company E, 52d O. V. I., Col. Daniel McCook, and took part, among other engagements, in the battles of Perryville, Ky., Stone River, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, Tenn. He was then detailed as adjutant's clerk, and filled that position until the cessation of hostilities. He was with Gen. Sherman in his Atlanta campaign, the historical march to the sea, at the siege of Savannah, at Chattanooga, and at the last battle of the war, Bentonville, N. C. The Doctor is alluded to by his companions in arms as a brave and faithful soldier, who never shirked or neglected his duty under any circumstances.

After the war had ceased and he had been honorably discharged, the Doctor returned to his Ohio home for a short time, then going West began the practice of dentistry in Plattsburg, Mo. After remaining there a short time he sold out and came to Wisconsin, in the spring of 1866, to visit his father, whom he had not seen for twelve years. Stopping a while

in Richland county, in the fall of 1866 he opened a dental office in Platteville, Grant county, and did a thriving business until 1873, when he went to California, visiting the cities of Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, Salinas City, and the Spanish Mission of Soledad. Returning to Platteville in 1874, he has since done the leading business in his line there.

In 1882 Dr. Funston married Mrs. F. E. Thomas, who was born at Alton, Ill., and came to Wisconsin with her parents. They have reared three children: Genevieve and Morna, students of the State Normal, of Platteville; and Nanon, a grand-daughter, an invalid. Religiously the Doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which they are both earnest and active workers, the Doctor being one of the directors and trustees. Politically he has always voted with the Republican party, but has never aspired to public office. Fraternally he is a charter member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., in which he has held the offices of adjutant and post commander; of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 6, of Platteville, of which he has been noble grand, and is also secretary of his lodge; and of Lodge No. 125, K. of P., of Platteville. He has been an officer in the fire department of his town for twenty years. Mrs. Funston is a member of the Rebekahs, auxiliary to the I. O. O. F. The Doctor and his estimable wife are among the most respected residents of Platteville, where his professional reputation stands on a par with that of any dentist in the county.

THOMAS LITTLE, one of the prominent and highly esteemed farmers of Janesville township, is a native of Scotland, born in Roxburghshire June 18, 1827, a son of John and Elizabeth (Blythe) Little, also natives of Scotland. The paternal grandfather of our subject died in Scotland. The grandfather on the mother's side, Thomas Blythe, had two children, one son and one daughter; was a farmer by occupation, and died well advanced in years.

John Little, the father, was a farmer early in life, but later became a contractor and lime burner, and came to America in 1853, settling in Janesville township, Rock Co., Wis., where he bought 200 acres of land and greatly improved it. Having lost his first wife, mother of our subject, in Scotland, in 1841, he married Isabella Irvin, who died in 1867, two years after the death of her husband, who passed

away in 1865, aged about seventy-six. Both he and his first wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had eight sons and one daughter, five now living: Thomas, John, James, Walter, and Andrew.

Thomas Little was reared in Scotland, attending the public schools, and engaged in farming and working in the public lime kilns. Upon coming to America, in 1853, he settled in Rock county, Wis., where he has since resided. Upon his father's death the property was divided, and his share was the 160 acres of land in section 28, Janesville township, upon which he now resides, and which he has brought to a high state of cultivation.

On Nov. 20, 1875, Thomas Little was married to Mrs. Sarah Little, widow of George Little, and daughter of Bartholomew and Elizabeth (Dixon) Spence, and two daughters have been born of this union: Elizabeth Grace, who is a teacher; and Anna Belle, at home. Mrs. Little had two sons and one daughter by her former marriage: John Thomas, who married Miss Aggie Brauns, resides in Chicago, and has one son, George Lester; Bartholomew Walker, who married Miss Ellen Brown, resides in Janesville; and Elizabeth died at the age of two years.

The grandfather of Mrs. Little died in England, and her father, Bartholomew Spence, was also a native of England, as was his wife. They came to America in 1848 and settled in Dunkirk, Dane Co., Wis., where Mr. Spence died in 1864, aged about sixty; and his wife died some two years later, aged sixty-two. These two worthy people were Methodists in religious faith. They had six children, two sons and four daughters, five now living: Joseph; Ellen, wife of Henry Thompson; Sarah, wife of Thomas Little; Elizabeth, wife of Walter Little; and Catharine, wife of Bartholomew Harwick. John is deceased. By occupation Mr. Spence was a farmer, and cultivated and occupied a fine farm in Dane county.

Politically Mr. Little is an Independent, voting as his conscience dictates, for twenty-seven or twenty-eight years served as supervisor, and for twenty years as clerk of the school board, his sterling honesty and faithful adherence to duty making him an almost perfect public official, with whom could be implicitly trusted the affairs of the several positions he filled. Mr. Little is the eldest of the

four brothers settled in Janesville township, all of whom are prosperous and highly respected. Although fully identified with the country of his adoption, Mr. Little entertains pleasant recollections of his native land, and is one of the best of its representatives among our Scotch-American citizens.

JOHN S. PEDLEY, in his lifetime one of the successful farmers and stock raisers of New Diggings township, Lafayette county, was a native of Yorkshire, England, where he was born June 6, 1842, a son of William and Alice Pedley.

Early in his life our subject was brought by his parents to America, here grew to manhood, and was trained to work on the farm, later engaging to some extent in mining. He purchased a farm in New Diggings township, and made his home there until 1883, when he sold the farm and purchased another in Aurelia, Cherokee Co., Iowa. There he lived for ten years, at the end of that time returning to New Diggings and purchasing his father's old home farm, one of the finest in the township, where he resided until death claimed him, in December, 1896. The large stone house and modern outbuildings give an air of solid comfort and substantial prosperity, and are the result of Mr. Pedley's careful management and natural business ability. A year after his death a new barn was erected, and his widow has displayed business ability quite unusual to her sex in the management of her husband's estate. In politics Mr. Pedley was always a Republican.

In July, 1873, Mr. Pedley was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Harker, daughter of Thomas and Rose (Metcalf) Harker. She was born in England in February, 1853, and was educated in New Diggings township, whither she had come with her father in childhood. Three children were born of this marriage: Luella, born in November, 1875, received her education in the Iowa schools; William, born in 1879, and Eva, born in 1883, are students at the home schools. Mrs. Pedley is a charming lady, of unusually high attainments, and wins many friends by her loving and lovable disposition.

Thomas Harker, father of Mrs. Pedley, was born in Yorkshire, England, in December, 1824, and his wife, Rose (Metcalf), was born in the same county some few years later. They

were married in England, and there Mrs. Harker died in 1858, leaving three children: (1) William, born in January, 1849, married Miss Jane Cottingham, and moved to Iowa, where his wife died, leaving five children, Walter, Willie, Joseph, Mamie and Jennie. For his second wife he married Miss Grace Finch, by whom he has two children, Harry and Lulu. He now makes his home in Preston, Grant Co., Wis. (2) Isabel, born in January, 1851, married Reuben Howell, and lives in Iowa. She has two children, Pearl and Emma. (3) Mary A. is Mrs. Pedley. In 1860 Thomas Harker brought his three motherless children to America and located in New Diggings township, Lafayette Co., Wis., where he purchased a farm and remained until, a few years previous to his death, he moved to Shullsburg. Returning to England, he wedded, that year, for his second wife, Miss Anne Bird, who still makes her home in Shullsburg. By this marriage there were seven children: Hannah, now Mrs. Robert Hall, of Darlington, Wis.; Jane, Mrs. Henry Kramer, of Shullsburg; Maggie, Mrs. William Douglas, of Shullsburg; Isaac, who married Alda Ewing, and lives on the old homestead; Lillie; Thomas; and Luella, who died in childhood. Mr. Harker passed away in April, 1896.

Both the Pedley and Harker families were members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Pedley, like his wife, had been a faithful member for over thirty years, and he was serving as steward and trustee at the time of his death.

THOMAS CARTHEW (deceased), formerly a successful miner in the town of Potosi, Grant county, was born in Cornwall, England, Aug. 8, 1817, and exhibited in his life and character many of the typical virtues of his race.

Mr. Carthew grew to manhood in his native country, where he received his education at the hands of the local teachers. When he was twenty-nine years of age he crossed the ocean to seek a home in the United States, located at White Oak Springs, Ill., and was a miner for some years. Wisconsin at that time attracted the attention of the vigorous and hardy, and Mr. Carthew came here and labored in the mines. In Wisconsin he married Miss Harriet Webster, and the young couple went to California along with the great stream of the adventurous and hopeful who were pour-

ing into the West in search of gold. In California his wife died, in 1853, leaving him one daughter, who is now living in the city of New York. Four years later Mr. Carthew came back to Wisconsin, and buying a farm of 160 acres near Rockville, Grant county, engaged in its cultivation. He was a hard-working and careful farmer, and accumulated a very handsome property. In 1869 he married Miss Mary L. Callaway, whose parents came from Cornwall, England, and first purchased a farm in Rockville, which they sold, then purchasing a farm at Blake's Prairie; her father died there in 1878. Her mother is still living, and is a resident of Lancaster. Mrs. Carthew was born Oct. 24, 1848, in Cornwall, England, but spent all her early life in Grant county, where she attended the district school and received her education. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Carthew settled at Rockville, where he engaged in farming, and made many handsome improvements on his place, having a choice farm. He died July 15, 1895, leaving a widow and three children. Mr. Carthew was a Democrat, though never an aspirant for office, and was a man of good standing and fine spirit. He led a long and useful life from the highest motives.

Thomas Carthew, the eldest son, was born Sept. 16, 1871, in Rockville, where he grew up, received a good education, and was a graduate of the Dubuque Business College, working for some time as a shipping clerk in that important Iowa city. In April, 1896, he married Miss M. Annie Chalder, daughter of George and Elizabeth Chalder, old pioneers of Grant county, and the young couple lived on the old Carthew farm until his death, April 11, 1900. His widow and two children—George R. and Violet E.—survive him, and are occupying the home. Mr. Carthew was one of the promising young men of the county, and had many friends who mourned his untimely death. He was absolutely conscientious and honest, was a dutiful son and a loving husband and father, called away all too soon.

Moses Carthew was born March 27, 1876, and grew up on the old farm, where he still remains, having charge of his mother's estate. He is a young man of character and ability.

Olive M. Carthew was born July 18, 1883, and is now a student at the Platteville high school.

Mrs. Carthew purchased in August, 1896,

the old Goodrich home, near Platteville, where she has a large farm, with fine buildings, constituting one of the choice and desirable estates of Grant county.

ABRAM PHELPS for a number of years prior to his decease lived retired from active life, and was one of the most venerable figures to be seen on the streets of Janesville. He lived at No. 155 Pleasant street, and though recently he bore but a small part in the work of the world, he was in his time an active and influential man, and won a high standing by industry, integrity, and an unblemished character.

The Phelps family, which is of English origin, and can be traced back more than a thousand years, was founded in America by three brothers who crossed the ocean at an early day and settled at Windsor, Conn.; one of our subject's ancestors was among the Puritan settlers of Massachusetts, and took a large part in the founding of the Nation. Mr. Phelps was born in Egremont, Berkshire Co., Mass., Dec. 27, 1811, a son of Zacheus and Rebecca (Grace) Phelps, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively. They had a family of seven sons and two daughters, and the gentleman whose name appears above was the last survivor. Zacheus Phelps was a farmer. He died in 1813, but his wife was a capable and energetic woman, and kept her children together until they were able to do for themselves. In 1830 Abram Phelps went to Michigan, where his brother Norman and sister Harriet were living, in Monroe county, and he made his home with them for a time, while he followed his trade of carpenter. He went back to Massachusetts after staying in Michigan about a year, and came West again in 1835, bringing his mother with him. In the fall of 1837 they moved to Freedom, Portage Co., Ohio, where his mother died in 1841, when about sixty-two years old. About this time Mr. Phelps traded his Portage county farm for one in Geauga county, Ohio, and moved there, making that his home for nineteen years.

On Feb. 1, 1838, Mr. Phelps married Miss Marietta Moore, daughter of Stephen and Martha (Dodge) Moore, and two sons were born to them, Milton, Moore and Frank W. Both served in the Civil war, Frank lacking one year of graduation from Meadville (Penn.) College when he enlisted; he died

from measles contracted while in the service, at the age of twenty-one, unmarried. Milton M. Phelps was graduated from Meadville College. He married Miss Henrietta Bain, and they had four children, all now deceased, Frank Bain, George Norris, John, and one who died in infancy. Frank B. married Miss Elizabeth C. DeGaine, and died four years later. George Norris was drowned when fourteen years old. John died when two years old. Milton M. Phelps was municipal judge in Janesville for six years. He was a lieutenant in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, and was acting adjutant of his regiment when he was shot through the lungs in the second battle of Bull Run. He was under treatment for sixty days and then returned to the front, but was not able to do duty, and was discharged on account of disability. He had an accident in Janesville July 21, 1898, colliding with the cars while riding a bicycle, and died Sept. 27. A very eloquent tribute of the Bar Association to his memory appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Abram Phelps survived all their family.

In 1866 Mr. Phelps came to Wisconsin, locating in Rock county, and buying a farm of 202 acres in Rock township, three miles from Janesville, where he built a fine house and other good buildings, and devoted himself to the cultivation of the soil until 1884. That year he rented his farm, and with his wife moved to Janesville, where he passed away March 31, 1901. For many years the cheery home at No. 155 Pleasant street has been a center of helpfulness. To many it has proved a blessed haven, made so by the practical Christianity which sweetened and glorified the lives of the aged couple who for more than sixty-three years have traveled hand in hand. Both devoted their lives to the service of Christ in their youth. He was a member of the Court Street Methodist Church, as is his widow, of which he was a class-leader, and he was always an active worker in the church, serving on the official board and doing anything he could to promote its prosperity. He and his wife were both members of the church before their wedding. The following is taken from an article which appeared in the *Janesville Gazette* of April 1, 1901: "Their religion inspired universal respect because it had withstood the test of unusual affliction, and because, in spite of great sorrow, they came to a lovely old age,



ABRAM PHELPS

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gracefully and graciously. When life seemed best worth living came the tragic series of deaths which shocked the entire community and swept away all family ties for the aged couple who were left to bear the great burden of sorrow. Mrs. M. M. Phelps died in December, 1897, and a month later her son followed. Judge Phelps lived on for a few months, and then came the collision of his bicycle with a railway train, and in September, 1898, he, too, passed on to the life beyond the grave. Within a year Mr. and Mrs. Phelps had seen their family pass away, yet deep as was their sorrow no word of complaint ever passed their lips.

"Misfortune again visited the home when, nearly two years ago, Mrs. Phelps fell and broke her hip. It was feared that she could not recover from the shock, but her mission had not yet been fulfilled, and she can now walk around the house with the aid of a crutch and cane. Three weeks ago Mr. Phelps was taken ill with heart trouble, and one week ago last Friday night he suffered a severe stroke of paralysis, which would have proved fatal immediately to a man of less marvelous vitality. Although he lay as if unconscious during the last week of his illness he retained his mental faculties, and was able to make himself understood. The voice of his beloved wife was always able to rouse him, and he never failed to respond to her good-night or good-morning greetings with a word or a hearty pressure of the hand. The end came very peacefully.

"Mr. Phelps was a lovable gentleman, cheerful and happy in his disposition, noble in character, and ever ready with a kindly word or an act of helpfulness. His life was ruled by the gospel of love, and he knew his guide-book, the Bible, so thoroughly that if he were given the substance of a verse of Scripture he could tell the exact book, chapter and verse where it could be found. Mrs. Phelps has no immediate relatives, except a half sister, but she finds great comfort in the sustaining presence of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Phelps, the widow of Frank Phelps, who has now cared for father, son and grandson in their last days on earth.

"The passing away of Abram Phelps marks the closing of a remarkable life. His death is one that touches with peculiar interest the hearts of many people because of the rare history of that life whose influence was so far reaching and ever tending to the uplifting of

mankind. Such a death must cause universal sorrow, but around it can center no gloom, only the triumphant confidence that for him and those who loved him death has no sting, the grave no victory."

Our subject was a Republican, and took a keen interest in politics, but never would consent to take anything but a local office, in which he might directly serve his neighbors.

Mrs. Phelps' father, Stephen Moore, was born in New Hampshire, on the Merrimac river, and her mother near Bath, Maine, the Moore and Dodge families being New Hampshire and Maine people, respectively. Stephen Moore was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was known as Major Moore; his father served in the war of the Revolution.

J. MARTIN BURGESS, the popular cashier of the Bank of Cassville, and justice of the peace and notary public, was born in Muskallonge, Beetown township, in 1847, and is a worthy representative of a prominent pioneer family of Grant county.

Henry Burgess, his father, was born in Kentucky Dec. 19, 1808, a son of William Burgess, who married a lady named Johnson, both also natives of that State, and early settlers of Bond county, Ill., where William Burgess opened up and improved a farm. There a stockade was built, to which during the Indian troubles of 1812 he took his family for protection. He was a member of the Mounted Dragoons, in the State militia, and was wounded in the shoulder by an Indian during an attack. He continued to make his home in Bond county, Ill., until his death, which occurred in 1853. His wife died some years previously.

Henry Burgess, the father of J. Martin, was reared and educated in Bond county, Ill., and in 1845 came to Potosi, Grant county, Wis., locating in Beetown township in the fall of the same year. He was engaged in mining until about 1853, when he purchased a tract of wild land in Cassville township, which he transformed into a well improved and highly cultivated farm. In early life he affiliated with the Democratic party, but on the formation of the Republican party, in 1856, he joined its ranks, continuing one of its staunch supporters until his death. In 1856 he was elected justice of the peace in Cassville township, and held that office continuously until 1893. In that capacity he performed his first

marriage ceremony Nov. 1, 1857, and during the succeeding years married 130 couples, the last being on March 14, 1892. He also served as chairman of the town board, and was town clerk for twenty years. Henry Burgess was twice married, the first time in Bond county, Ill., about 1832, to a Miss White, who died in that State. To them were born four children: William, a farmer, who died in Cassville, Wis., in 1858; John H., who enlisted in 1862 in Company C, 2d Wis. V. I., and died at Arlington Heights the same year; Elizabeth Jane, who died in Nebraska in 1896; and Mary Ann, who died in that State in 1894. Mr. Burgess was again married, in Wisconsin, in 1845, his second union being with Harriet Leanora Matthews, who died in March, 1885, while his death occurred May 5, 1895. The children born to them were Joseph Martin, whose name introduces this review; James T., principal of the high school at Sargents Bluff, Iowa; George P., postmaster and justice of the peace at Graham, Clayton Co., Iowa; and Harriet, who died at the age of three years. By a former marriage the mother had two children: Sarah, wife of Butler Throssel, chairman of the county board of Franklin county, Iowa; and Adaline, now Mrs. Bates, of Kingman county, Kansas.

Reared in Beetown and Cassville townships, J. Martin Burgess began his education in the district schools, and later attended the high schools of Cassville and Lancaster. For twelve years he successfully followed school teaching in Grant county, Wis., and Clayton county, Iowa, and for a time was in the employ of a railroad company. In June, 1899, he was made cashier of the Bank of Cassville, and is now filling that responsible position in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. In 1894 he succeeded his father as justice of the peace, and up to January, 1900, had married thirty-eight couples. He also served as town clerk a number of years, and is now notary public.

At Cassville, in 1872, Mr. Burgess was united in marriage with Miss Mary Woodall, a native of Dubuque county, Iowa, of which her parents, Obediah and Mary (McGinnis) Woodall, were pioneers. Her father died in Clayton county, Iowa, in 1893, having survived his wife many years. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess are active and influential members of the Baptist Church, in which he is serving as

deacon, and he was superintendent of the Sabbath school in 1899. Socially he is a prominent member of Cassville Lodge, No. 235, F. & A. M., in which he now fills the office of worthy master. He is one of the most popular and highly respected citizens of Cassville, and those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends.

REV. GEORGE W. ANDREWS, Union evangelist, who now makes his home in Milford, Dickinson Co., Iowa, is a representative of one of the early families of Lamont township, formerly a part of Fayette township, Lafayette county.

Charles Andrews, his father, was born in Crawford county, Penn., June 14, 1833, son of Robert Andrews. The family is of Irish origin, but came to America in Colonial days. As Robert Andrews died when his son Charles was but nine years of age, the latter was thrown largely on his own resources at a very early age. The mother, however, was a most excellent and capable woman, and reared her children to be honorable and useful members of society. She died at the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

In August, 1853, Charles Andrews, accompanied by his brother William R., left Pennsylvania and located in Wisconsin. They worked in different parts of the State before coming to Lafayette county, and in 1857 made their permanent settlement in the township of Fayette, now Lamont. William R. died at his home in June, 1900, leaving a family of four sons and four daughters. Charles Andrews purchased the farm in Section 23, of David Jolly, a well-known old settler, and eventually became possessed of four hundred acres, besides land in Iowa. He married Miss Jane McMannus, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Lafayette county with her parents, George and Sarah McMannus, in 1855. George McMannus died at the age of sixty-six, and his wife at the age of eighty-seven; they had but two children: George, who lived to be nineteen; and Jane, who became Mrs. Andrews. Charles Andrews was long a prominent and well-known citizen, honorable and successful in his business career, and ever held in high esteem as an energetic and progressive citizen. He was ever ready to help the unfortunate, and was greatly beloved by his friends. Socially he was identified with the Masonic

fraternity, the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P. His death occurred in January, 1899, and his wife, who survives him, lives at Argyle. They were the parents of four children: Rev. George W.; John H., a resident of Lamont township; Lizzie; and Willard.

Rev. George W. Andrews was born on the old homestead May 14, 1861. When he was eleven years of age his father removed from the farm to the village of Argyle, in order to give the children the benefit of an education. He was but twenty years of age when he was married, and immediately after marriage returned to the homestead farm in Lamont, and for two years engaged in agricultural pursuits. He then moved to his present home in Dickinson county, Iowa, where he has a fine farm. In February, 1891, Mr. Andrews was converted, and he has ever since labored with all the earnestness and enthusiasm of his nature to spread Christ's kingdom in the hearts of men. Since 1896 he has been engaged as a Union evangelist, and while the major portion of his work has been in the State of Iowa he has made some stirring appeals in the vicinity of his old home, in Wisconsin. He has been eminently successful in his religious work, his sincerity touching the hearts of his hearers and making his appeals more convincing.

Mr. Andrews married Miss Luella Jane Goodman, daughter of Henry and Lavina Goodman, who emigrated from Cornwall, England, in 1856, and were early settlers of the township of Wiota, Lafayette county; they now make their home in O'Brien county, Iowa. The children born to this union are six in number, three sons and three daughters: Charles G., Lela May, Lavinia J., William C., John H., and Lenore Andrews.

M. T. CAMP, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Platteville, Grant county, was born at that place in 1847, and is a worthy representative of one of its prominent pioneer families. His father, William Camp, came here in early manhood, and was married in Platteville to Miss Sarah Gillman, a native of Illinois, who came to Grant county in 1832 with her parents, Charles and Lucinda Gillman, whose last days were spent in Platteville. M. T. Camp had a brother, John, who served three years in the Civil war as a member of the 10th Wis. V. I., and one year in the 44th Regiment.

Responding to his country's call for aid during the dark days of the Rebellion, Mr. Camp enlisted, at Platteville, in November, 1863, for three years or during the war, and was mustered in at Madison, Wis., as a member of Company C, 7th Wis. V. I., which became a part of the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Camp participated in all the engagements in which his command took part, including the battles of the Wilderness, Laurel Hill and Spottsylvania. When the war ended he received an honorable discharge, in July, 1865, and returned to his home in Platteville. He is now a member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R. Politically he is a stalwart supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party.

On Dec. 25, 1867, Mr. Camp was married, in Platteville, to Miss Margaret Edwards, a daughter of William Edwards. They are widely and favorably known, and have many friends in the community where they reside.

GEORGE C. WILKINSON, who since 1901 has made his home in the town of Benton, Lafayette county, inherited from his father those sterling characteristics of heart and brain that have made him a successful farmer and miner, as well as a popular and respected citizen. He was born in Benton township July 8, 1868, son of George and Isabella (Allinson) Wilkinson, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire, England.

George Wilkinson was born April 30, 1831, and came to America in early manhood, having when he landed a monetary capital of five dollars, with which he intended to commence life on the Western frontier. He had a limited education, but natural business tact won for him the success that literary training often fails to accomplish. For two or three years after his arrival he worked on farms in New York State, and then came West. His first farm was in New Diggings, Lafayette Co., Wis., but after a year of farm work in Wisconsin he turned to mining. In August, 1864, Mr. Wilkinson wedded Miss Isabella Allinson, who was born in March, 1846, daughter of Thomas and Jane Allinson, who were natives of England, and early settlers of Lafayette county. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Wilkinson purchased the old Allinson home, Thomas Allinson having died, and for the remainder of his

life lived in the stone house early erected by his father-in-law, and which is still standing, in a good state of preservation. Mrs. Wilkinson died Sept. 23, 1877, and Mr. Wilkinson on Jan. 29, 1896. He was a member of the Church of England, while she was a devout Methodist, her father, Thomas Alkinson, having been a local preacher for many years, and the founder and builder of the stone church now in use at New Diggings. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, we have the following record: (1) Sarah A., born in July, 1865, was graduated from the Hazel Green high school, was for several years assistant teacher in the Lancaster (Wis.) high school, and for two or three terms in Bloomington, Wis. In 1889 she married Joseph A. Williams, now a practicing lawyer at Plain View, Neb., and has three children, Isabella, Anna and Hillis. (2) Thomas, born in August, 1866, resides on a part of the old homestead, where he has erected new and modern buildings. In 1893 he married Ella Beck, of Benton, and has one son Fred, born Aug. 17, 1894. (3) George C. is next in the order of birth. (4) Hannah J., born Oct. 8, 1869, was educated in the Hazel Green high school, and in June, 1894, wedded Edward Williams, of Hazel Green, now residing on Main street, Madison, where he is engaged in the drug business. (5) Joseph E., born Nov. 28, 1871, a promising young man, died in June, 1897. (6) Robert E., born in May, 1875, is engaged in the butchering business in Benton. (7) Eugene A., born in August, 1877, was educated in Brett College, in Iowa; he is now a furniture dealer in that State.

George C. Wilkinson, the subject proper of this review, was educated in the district schools of the neighborhood, and in Whig, Grant county, where he lived with Robert Wilkinson after the death of his mother. Until his father's death he worked on the old home farm, having learned the details of farm work in the hard school of experience. He then took up mining, in which he has been quite successful, making quite a fortune working his own mines, which bear his name. He has given good evidence of his business ability and good common sense in the management of his own affairs, and personally has won for himself the respect of the entire community.

On Feb. 2, 1898, Mr. Wilkinson was mar-

ried to Miss Margaret A. Teal, born in 1868, daughter of Joseph and Annie Teal, and educated in the Shullsburg and New Diggings schools. Mr. and Mrs. Teal came to Wisconsin from England, and were well known people, esteemed for their many virtues. Mr. Teal died in 1871, leaving three children: Joseph, of New Diggings; Mary, wife of Horatio Bale, of White Oak Springs, Lafayette county; and Margaret, wife of our subject. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Teal has again married, her second husband being Thomas Clegg, by whom she has three children, Fannie (now Mrs. Charles Vickers), Minnie and Thomas, all of New Diggings. Mr. Wilkinson follows in the footsteps of his father in his political faith, voting the straight Republican ticket, and in religious belief both he and his wife are Methodists. The family has always borne an honorable name, to which the present generation bids fair to add new laurels.

FRANK BAIN PHELPS (deceased) was born at Montville, Geauga Co., Ohio, July 21, 1865, and the following November was brought by his parents to Janesville, Wis. His early training was received in the public schools of that city, and he spent one year at Lawrence University, Appleton. He then attended the University of Wisconsin, graduating in 1887. His course in the University was along scientific lines, but he took much interest in newspaper work, and was connected with the student publications. Soon after his graduation he was appointed city editor of the *Green Bay Gazette*, and displayed such ability in this work that he was called from Green Bay to Hancock, Mich., to take editorial charge of the *Hancock Journal*. Here his knowledge of civil engineering and the theory of mining proved of great value to him. He became exceptionally well versed in Wisconsin and Michigan mining matters, and his letters to the New York trade journals attracted so much attention that he was offered an editorial position on the *Engineering and Mining Journal* of New York. While in this position he gained a very thorough knowledge, from a newspaper standpoint, of the coal trade and the metal markets.

Mr. Phelps next joined the staff of the Dow-Jones News Agency, which brought him more directly into contact with the great financial centers, and enabled him to gain a wide experience in business and financial matters.

Afterward he became financial editor of the *New York Recorder*, a position he held for two years, and until the paper was discontinued. He then joined the staff of the *New York Commercial Advertiser*, as chief of its Wall street bureau, retaining this position, and displaying remarkable ability in meeting its varied and critical demands, until ill-health necessitated his retirement from all newspaper work, in the winter of 1897. That spring he came to Janesville, and remained here a few months without apparent improvement. He went back to New York, and died there Jan. 7, 1898. He had a short but brilliant career, and his vital powers burned quickly out with a splendor all their own. His life was sincerely led, his purpose high and noble, and his duties well performed.

MILTON MOORE PHELPS: *A Memorial* Adopted by the Rock County Bar Association, and filed in Court April 23, 1900.—On the 27th day of September, 1898, Milton Moore Phelps passed into the larger life, after an earthly pilgrimage extending over a little more than fifty-nine years, thirty-three years of which time were passed among us as a resident of our city, and a member of our Bar. All who immediately knew this man, as was the fortune of the writer of this Memorial to know him, knew that in his home, among his friends, and wherever he found persons who were willing to give an unprejudiced and candid hearing to all sides of the question, he was the most gentle, considerate, and loving and sweet-spirited of men. The integrity of his character was his leading quality. None excelled and few equalled him in this respect. No one who knew him ever doubted the rugged honesty of his nature.

He never stooped to trickery, he never resorted to hypocrisy, he was absolutely free from the pretension of deceit. His nature was frank, open, cheery. He was sincerely attached to his friends, and absolutely loyal to them. He was Democratic in his ideals and actions, and entirely free from dogmatism. He was not a genius, and yet he had a well-rounded and evenly-developed intellect. He was not a great lawyer. He was safe and sound and industrious, one who never disgraced his profession, or his brother members at the Bar. He was a man of force, he enjoyed business, and liked to be a producer of things. After all man's title to remembrance by his

fellow men must rest upon his virtues rather than upon any vagaries of intellect, sometimes designated genius. We are oftentimes compelled to define and illustrate qualities by comparison. And not only a fair but a good way to judge the qualities men generally denominate virtues is by comparing them with the same qualities in those illustrious individuals whose names and fame grow more luminous as the years go by, and whose characteristic virtues have been preserved to us by the printed estimates of competent friends. And if we shall find that the qualities of our friend whose memory we seek here to perpetuate, and the record of whose virtues we would fain preserve by placing it among the archives of this court, differ only from those in degree rather than quality or kind, we have a right to congratulate ourselves that it has been our privilege to have been associated with our brother professionally and officially for so many years.

We have been often struck in noticing how closely those qualities in our brother correspond with those justly described by his eulogists to the Father of his Country. We make bold to copy a few statements from Sparks' and Lee's eulogies of Washington in order that the similarity may be observed.

"His moral qualities were in perfect harmony with his intellect; duty was the ruling principle of his conduct, and the rare endowments of his understanding were not more constantly tasked to devise the best methods of effecting an object, than they were to guard the sanctity of conscience. No instance can be adduced in which he was actuated by a sinister motive, or endeavored to attain an end by unworthy means. Truth, integrity and justice were deeply rooted in his mind, and nothing could rouse his indignation as soon, or so utterly destroy his confidence, as the discovery of the want of these virtues in any one in whom he had trusted. Weakness, follies, indiscretions, he could forgive; but subterfuge and dishonesty he never forgot, rarely pardoned.

"He was candid and sincere, true to his friends, and faithful to all, neither practicing dissimulation, descending to artifice, nor holding out expectations which he did not intend should be realized.

"As a husband, son and brother, he was tender and affectionate. Without vanity, ostentation or pride, he never spoke of himself or

his actions unless required by circumstances which concerned the public interest. If he had one passion more strong than another, it was the love of country. The purity and ardor of his patriotism were commensurate with the greatness of its object. He was second to none in humble and endearing scenes of private life; pious, just, humane, temperate, sincere, uniformly dignified and commanding, his example was edifying to all around him, as were the effects of that example lasting. To his equals he was condescending; to his inferiors kind; and to the dear object of his affections exemplarily tender. Correct throughout, vice shuddered in his presence, and virtue always felt his fostering hand, and the purity of his private character gave effulgence to his public virtues."

Judge Phelps was born Jan. 13, 1839, at Freedom, Portage Co., Ohio, in the Western Reserve, the oldest son of Abram and Marietta Phelps, both of whom survive him. His boyhood and early manhood were spent amid stirring scenes connected with the anti-slavery excitement, which took an acute form in the Western Reserve. The name of his birthplace suggests a love of liberty, so that when the scenes preceding the Rebellion had culminated in the fire on Fort Sumter he was ready to don a uniform and start for the front. In 1861 Mr. Phelps was just finishing his college course at Meadville, Penn., and upon graduating at once enlisted in the Pennsylvania Reserve. And from that time until June, 1863, serving as lieutenant and adjutant, he confronted the enemy's guns, only omitting from that time sixty days, when he was at home recovering from a gun-shot wound. His service in the army was one of conspicuous gallantry. He participated in several important engagements of the war, and his person was six times hit by Rebel bullets. At the second disastrous battle of Bull Run, while the forces confronting in this part of the field in which Mr. Phelps was serving were becoming broken up and disorganized, and at the moment when he had succeeded in rallying a considerable force composed of men from different broken and flying regiments, he partly turned around to lift a fallen comrade, when he himself received a Rebel bullet which passed entirely through his lungs. Though desperately wounded in a manner that would mean death to most men, his excellent constitution and exemplary habits en-

abled him to rapidly regain sufficient strength so that in a little less than sixty days he was again upon the battlefield, and participated in the battle of Fredericksburg, where, from exposure and lying on wet ground, the old injury was so aggravated that he was reluctantly compelled to take his discharge.

On June 16, 1864, he was married to Henrietta Bain, the daughter of the Rev. John Bain, at Franklin, Venango Co., Penn., and in 1865 they removed to the city of Janesville, and Mr. Phelps entered at once upon a successful practice of law, which practice was continuous, except as interfered with by the performance of his judicial duties. Mr. Phelps during his residence here served his county and city in several different judicial capacities, among them being justice of the peace, public administrator, and at the time of his death he had been for nearly six years judge of the municipal court for Rock county. In the performance of his judicial duties he was ever honest, painstaking, impartial, and faithful. And while he was kindly sympathetic with unfortunates who were brought before him, he ever tried to administer the law so as to deter people from committing offenses, and to protect the public in all personal and property rights. Mr. Phelps had no sisters, and but one brother, and he died in the year 1863 from disease contracted in the army. During their married life there were born to Mr. and Mrs. Phelps four children, two of whom died in infancy, and the youngest of the survivors, Norris Phelps, was drowned when he was fourteen years of age. The last year of Judge Phelps' life was one of peculiar afflictions. In the month of December, 1897, his beloved wife, after a protracted illness, passed to her eternal reward. On the 7th day of January following his only son, Frank, followed his mother, but leaving a widow, Elizabeth C. Phelps, who supplied the place of a dutiful daughter to Mr. Phelps after his wife and son had been taken from him, and her loving kindness and faithful care mitigated the suffering of his last days. And he had the satisfaction of knowing that she would be left to perform in his stead the loving duties to his aged parents which he had fondly expected to be permitted to perform.

The apparent cause of Mr. Phelps' death was the result of colliding with a train while riding a wheel. Those who knew him and his family were inclined to connect that injury

with the death of his wife and son. Brave and strong, he had faced death in many ways; on the battlefield, and in behalf of the needy and the weak, he had met his full share of accidental injuries. He seemed almost superior to death from physical causes. His domestic life had been one of felicity, and so strong was his life intrenched with the light of home, wife and children that, when they were taken away, the steady prop of his life was gone. Such was his nature that he would not bend, and could only break.

Up to within a few short months of his death his thoughts, energies, were concentrated upon his family, and they were here and with him. The mind was alert and vigilant, quick to care for them, and, for their sake, for himself. Then all was changed. Their abiding place had been transferred to another and better world. The home scenes that knew him here would know them no more forever. And, while Mr. Phelps would not shrink a duty or evade a responsibility, and would bravely fight the battle of life to the end alone if need be, it is not too much, we think, to say that the calamities which had broken the heart of this brave soul somewhat dimmed the alertness and activity of his consciousness applied to mere earthly or physical conditions, and that it was want of alertness which resulted in the injuries which terminated his earthly career.

And so here to-day we pay our last tribute to the man we all honored, and whose life and character honored us. One by one we followed this loving family to their last resting-place here on earth. We mingled our tears with his, as one by one the jewels of his life were taken from him. So now that love has conquered death, we will rejoice with him in the grand reunion with the loved ones in that land where sorrow and death and separation shall never come.

[Signed]

WILLIAM SMITH,  
Chairman of the Committee.

C. H. WANAMAKER, a prominent blacksmith of Platteville, Grant county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born in Southington Center, Trumbull Co., Ohio, April 30, 1846, a son of H. L. and Hannah A. (Chatfield) Wannemaker (as the name was then spelled), and a grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth (Sechler) Wannemacher (which was the original spelling of the name). From

Pennsylvania, their native State, Jacob Wannemacher and wife moved to Trumbull county, Ohio, where they died. By occupation he was a shoemaker. His brother, Jonas Wannemacher, came to Grant county, Wis., from Pennsylvania in 1846, and located in Liberty township, where from the wild land he developed a farm. He died in Crawford county, this State. Of his large family the following are still living: Samuel, a resident of Crawford county; Jonas, Timothy and Nelson, all of Colorado; and Emily, Mrs. Dennis, of Grant county, Wisconsin.

H. L. Wannemaker, father of the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Berks county, Penn., Sept. 18, 1822, but was reared and educated in Ohio, where he learned the trade of blacksmith. In Trumbull county he was married, in 1843, to Miss Hannah A. Chatfield, a native of Connecticut, and a daughter of John and Eunice (Percy) Chatfield, who were also born in that State. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, and a veteran of the war of 1812, moved to Ohio at an early day, and in 1854, came to Platteville, Wis., where he died in 1869. His wife's death occurred in Missouri, in 1868. In 1849 H. L. Wannemaker came to Grant county, Wis., and he walked all the way back to Trumbull county, Ohio, to bring his family here the following year. They located in Platteville, where the father worked at his trade until 1853, in which year he went to California, returning in 1857 to resume blacksmithing. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted, for three years, in Company E, 25th Wis. V. I., and was with Sherman on the march to the sea and in the Carolina campaign. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged in 1865. In 1875 he left Platteville and moved to Golden, Colo., where he and his wife still reside. Of the five children born to them, C. H. is the eldest; Walter L., the second, entered the Union army in 1864, and died in Colorado in 1894; Z. H. is a resident of that State; Nellie R. is married, and resides in Golden, Colo.; and Ruby R. is now Mrs. Crowe, of Denver.

From the age of four years C. H. Wannemaker has been a resident of Platteville, where he was educated, and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father. He was also one of the boys in blue during the Civil war, enlisting at Columbus, Ky., in April, 1863, for three



years or during the war, and becoming a member of Company E, 25th Wis. V. I.; he was mustered into the United States service at Helena, Ark., and assigned to the 16th. and later to the 17th, Army Corps. He participated in the battle of Resaca, and all of the engagements of the Atlanta campaign. At Decatur, Ga., July 22, 1864, the company lost two more than half its number. Mr. Wanamaker was taken prisoner Nov. 1, of that year, and confined at Cahaba, Ala., for five months before being exchanged. While at Vicksburg, in 1865, he was transferred to Company K, 12th Wis. V. I., and he was honorably discharged in June, 1865, at Madison, Wis., as a prisoner of war. Returning to Platteville, he started work at his trade, and is to-day one of the leading blacksmiths of the city.

On May 10, 1868, in Platteville, Mr. Wanamaker married Miss Eliza Webster, who was born in L'Anse, Mich., in 1850, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Trebilcock) Webster. The father was a native of Cornwall, England, and on his emigration to America first settled in Pennsylvania, but later moved to the upper peninsula of Michigan, locating at L'Anse prior to 1850. By occupation he was a miner. About 1851 or 1852 he came to Platteville, Wis., where he died in 1889. After the death of his first wife, which occurred in 1855, he married her sister, who still resides in Platteville. Mr. and Mrs. Wanamaker are the parents of five children, namely: Alice, wife of John Webb, of Platteville; Mildred, wife of W. E. Hough, of Janesville, Wis.; T. Webster, a resident of Green Bay; C. L., who has charge of the electric light plant at Stevens Point; and Vera, wife of H. M. Dunn, of Milwaukee.

Mr. Wanamaker is a supporter of the Republican party, and takes an active interest in political affairs. He was one of the organizers and charter members of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., in which he has held office, and he is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

JOHN HAYES, one of Muscoda's leading citizens, enjoys the distinction of being among the few survivors of those who participated in the great naval battle between the "Kearsarge" and the "Alabama," he having served as coxswain on the former, and had charge of one of the guns which sent the Confederate craft to the bottom of the English Channel.

Mr. Hayes was born July 20, 1832, in Newfoundland, a subject of Great Britain, and is a son of John and Mary (Walker) Hayes. The family originated in England, but for several generations representatives thereof have made Newfoundland their home. Our subject was one of four children, three sons and one daughter, and lost his mother when only five or six years old, so he scarcely remembers her. Being apprenticed to the trade of cooper, John Hayes served his full time, but soon after shipped on a British merchantman, his inclinations tending toward seafaring life. In 1856 or 1857 he made his last trip on an English vessel, sailing from London to New York. Leaving that service, Mr. Hayes went from New York to Philadelphia, and entered the American naval service, shipping on the United States vessel "Saranac," which was ordered to the Pacific coast. Remaining in the naval service for about two years, he and his mates were relieved, and, returning to New York, Mr. Hayes entered the merchant service, and engaged in coasting along the Atlantic seaboard.

In November, 1861, feeling that his adopted country had need of his services, Mr. Hayes, leaving the merchant service, re-entered the United States navy, and was assigned to the "Ohio," at Charlestown harbor. However, when the "Ohio" was at Boston, the "Kearsarge" was also in that harbor, and a carefully picked crew being selected. Knowing Mr. Hayes' record, the officers of the "Kearsarge" had him transferred from the "Ohio" to their vessel, and he remained one of its crew until 1864. As is well known, the "Kearsarge" was fitted up and sent out expressly for the purpose of destroying the "Alabama," which had been such a menace to the commercial interests of the United States. The vessel belonged to Farragut's command, but possessed a roving commission, and the search was a long and exciting one—through the straits of Gibraltar; along the coast of Europe; thence to the Azores. Finally, while cruising along the coast of Holland, Capt. Winslow, the officer in command, received information that the "Alabama" was lying in the harbor at Cherbourg, France. Acting promptly upon this information, which was sent by the United States consul at Cherbourg, the "Kearsarge" was soon at the end of its long quest. Underestimating the "Kearsarge," the "Alabama" immediately sent a

challenge, which was promptly accepted, and on June 19, 1864, the "Kearsarge" steamed out of the harbor, beyond the neutral line, closely followed by the "Alabama." Just as the commanding officer of the latter began to think that the "Kearsarge" was trying to escape, she suddenly turned and approached the enemy, and then was fought one of the most important battles of the sea ever recorded in history. This memorable event is by some historians regarded of more importance than the engagement between the "Merrimac" and the "Monitor." The "Kearsarge" not only overcame the "Alabama," but, as is well known by every student of our history, sank this formidable vessel, and freed the high seas of an enemy which had swept from the nations' highway all merchant ships belonging to the commerce of the United States that it could approach. Indeed, this victory was regarded as being such an important one, with reference to the commerce of the country, that the Chamber of Commerce of New York City contributed a large sum of money to be presented to the officers and crew of the gallant "Kearsarge." Of this sum Mr. Hayes' portion was fifty dollars, accompanied by a beautiful certificate of acknowledgment of the part he took in the battle. Mr. Hayes was captain of a thirty-two-pound gun in this engagement, which he operated very effectively.

After his discharge from the "Kearsarge," Mr. Hayes re-enlisted in the navy, going on the recruiting ship "Ohio," but was soon after selected as one of the crew of the "Wauchussetts," which cruised along the coast of South America. In the spring of 1865, soon after the assassination of President Lincoln, the steamer "Hartford" (Admiral Farragut's former flagship) and the "Wauchussetts" were ordered to China. This was a long and interesting trip, the vessels touching at the Cape of Good Hope, St. Helena, Manila, Hong Kong, and other important points. At Hong Kong Mr. Hayes was transferred from the "Wauchussetts" to the "Hartford." During the trip the captain and first and second officers died, and a commander was selected from the "Hartford." The two vessels returned to Hong Kong, and the "Wauchussetts" was soon afterward ordered home, but Mr. Hayes remained with the "Hartford," and sailed for Japan early in 1868. Just before the "Hartford" started on its homeward voyage Admiral Bell, with several of the

crew, took a small boat to go to shore, to attend to some final business, but unfortunately the boat capsized, and the Admiral and several of the crew were drowned, although Mr. Hayes and others, on board the "Hartford," hastened to their rescue. In August the "Hartford" arrived in New York, and the crew was soon after paid off, at the Brooklyn navy yard, thus closing Mr. Hayes' long and eventful service in the United States navy.

After a short stay in Boston Mr. Hayes came West and located in Milwaukee, following his calling on the Great Lakes, but after his marriage he came to Muscoda, and bought land in Richland county. In 1869 Mr. Hayes was married to Celia Johnson, and three children were born of that union: John H., a resident of Richland county; Louisa, wife of David Hardin, a resident of Iowa; and Simon, of Pittsburg, Penn., now engaged in railroad-ing. The latter was a soldier in the late war with Spain, and participated in the siege of Santiago, as a member of Company A, 17th United States Infantry.

On Aug. 10, 1878, Mr. Hayes lost his first wife, and on Dec. 28, 1878, he married Mary Nelson, the lady who now graces his home, and who was a warm friend of the first Mrs. Hayes. She was born in Christiania, Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have a delightful home, where they dispense hospitality and enjoy the comforts of life. Mr. Hayes is very entertaining, and can talk for hours of the stirring events he has witnessed, and in which he has participated. He is both popular and influential in the community where he has resided so many years. Few men have rendered their country as efficient service, both in war and in peace, as has Mr. Hayes, the subject of this biography.

JOSEPH BLACKSTONE, half-owner and manager of the creamery at Shullsburg, Lafayette county, is one of the foremost citizens and enterprising business men of the town. He was born in December, 1839, in White Oak Springs, same county, where his father was one of the prominent pioneers.

John W. Blackstone, his father, was born in Madison county, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1796, son of Stephen F. and Elizabeth (Baker) Blackstone, both of English descent. He received his early education in the public schools of that county, and later entered Hamilton College, New York,

being graduated therefrom in the class of 1819. For three years he studied law, was admitted to the Bar at the end of that time, and commenced practice. Being possessed of an adventurous spirit, however, the glowing tales of the West interfered with his interest in his legal work, and he resolved to personally investigate the wonders of the Northwest. He passed two years in Canada before locating in Wisconsin, and in 1827 reached Lead Mine, going the following year to Mineral Point, where he remained two years, and then moved to New Diggings. In 1835 he purchased a farm near White Oak Springs, long since known as the "Judge Blackstone Farm," and that became his home until his death, which occurred in 1868. He became a prominent factor in the development of that region, and was always looked upon as one of the leading spirits in any enterprise for the good of the community. During the Black Hawk war he held a lieutenant's commission in Capt. Clark's company, under Gen. Henry Dodge, and proved himself an intrepid soldier. In 1838 he became a member of the Territorial Legislature, which convened at Madison in November, of that year, and according to the Blue Book of Wisconsin was made Speaker of the Assembly. In 1833 Mr. Blackstone was married to Miss Catherine Tomlinson, who died in 1866, the mother of seven children: (1) Theodore E., born in New Diggings, in 1834, was educated in the Platteville schools, and studied medicine. He opened a drug store in Shullsburg, but after three years engaged in farming, until his removal to a ranch in Montana, where he died in 1891. He married Miss Mary E. Hardy, of Platteville, who was born in Pottsville, Penn., and they became the parents of nine children, Ernest W., Harry R., John G., David, Mary D., Daisy, Katie, Mintie, and Josie. (2) John W., born Dec. 22, 1835, former editor of the *Shullsburg Local*, is one of the leading lawyers of the town. (3) Isabel, born at White Oak Springs, died in early womanhood. (4) Joseph is the fourth in order of birth. (5) Augustus for a time farmed the old homestead, but later moved to Shullsburg, where he engaged in the hardware business for some years, and then retired. He married Miss Mary Jane Richardson, of Platteville, and has two children, Adelbert and Bertam, the former of whom is a lawyer at Waukesha, Wis., and the latter a photographer

at Platteville. (6) Eugene died in early manhood. (7) Janette, born in White Oak Springs, in 1868 married H. A. Beckwith, who was born in Vermont, and they now live on a farm in White Oak Springs. Eight children have been born to them, Frank, Charles L., Joseph W., Ethel, Harry, Blanche, Maud, and David.

Joseph Blackstone passed his early years on the home farm, enjoying superior advantages in the way of cultured and educated parents, who encouraged him in every way to make the best use of the talents with which nature had endowed him. He secured a good education in the old Platteville Academy. In 1862 he enlisted in Company K, 20th Wis. V. I., was sergeant-major of his regiment for a time, later was elected lieutenant of Company B, and served under Gen. Grant. His first engagement was at Prairie Grove, Ark., which ended disastrously for the young soldier, as he was wounded there, so seriously that he still at times suffers intensely from the effects. The wound healed at the time, however, and he rejoined his regiment, participating in a number of engagements with bushwhackers in Missouri, the siege of Vicksburg, and other battles in that section. His regiment was sent to Brownsville, Texas, for nine months, and thence to the siege of Mobile, Ala., whence after some time they were stationed at Galveston, Tex., and there, on July 14, 1865, mustered out of the United States service.

Upon his return from the war Mr. Blackstone engaged in farming, locating on his fine farm at White Oak Springs, where he erected a fine modern house and large barn, and made many other valuable improvements, proving himself a most progressive agriculturist. In 1885 he purchased real estate in Shullsburg, and there erected a commodious home, finely finished in hard wood, and furnished with every modern convenience.

Since locating in Shullsburg Mr. Blackstone has engaged in the creamery business with his son-in-law, W. H. Look, his business ability manifesting itself in his unvarying success.

In January, 1867, Mr. Blackstone was united in marriage with Miss Emma Pool, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Bastian) Pool. She was born in January, 1848, and was educated in the Mount Morris Seminary, in Illinois. To their marriage have come four

sons and two daughters: (1) Nettie, born in September, 1867, was graduated in 1884 from the Shullsburg high school. She married V. H. Look, a dry-goods merchant of that city, who was also engaged with his father-in-law in the creamery business, and they have two children, Frederick W. and Florence. (2) Dr. Wilfred R., born in November, 1868, was graduated from the Shullsburg high school, and later entered the Atlanta (Ga.) Dental School, whence he was graduated in 1897; he is now a leading dentist in Shullsburg. In 1900 he wedded Miss Effie Oates, a graduate of the Platteville Normal, and for two years a popular teacher in the Shullsburg high school. (3) Herbert Lee, born in August, 1870, was graduated from the Shullsburg high school, and is now a resident of Butte, Mont., where he holds the position of freight solicitor for the Great Northern Railway Co. He married Miss Freda Baum, of Minneapolis, Minn. (4) Eva M., born in 1873, was graduated in 1892 from the Shullsburg high school. (5) Joseph R., born in 1874, was graduated from the home high school, and for two years engaged in teaching there, at present being a conductor on a railroad in Anaconda, Mont. (6) Samuel L., born in January, 1877, like the rest of the family graduated from the home high school, and is now a telegraph operator in Sibley, Iowa.

In his political affiliations Mr. Blackstone has always been identified with the Republican party, and he has held a number of offices in the gift of his admiring townsmen, among them being that of chairman of White Oak Springs. After the incorporation of Shullsburg as a borough he was elected the first mayor of the town, and also chairman of the board of the city, and for two years was chairman of the county. For a number of years he has been a member of the school board. In religious belief the family are all Congregationalists, and Mrs. Blackstone has ever been found at the front in any Christian work. Socially our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Post No. 96, G. A. R. The name of Blackstone is synonymous with enterprise and progress, and the people of the town take it for granted that Mr. Blackstone will always be ready—and certain it is they will always find him so—to do his utmost to advance the moral and material interests of the town, county, or State.

Francis and Elizabeth (Bastian) Pool, parents of Mrs. Blackstone, were both natives of England. They emigrated from England in 1839, being among the old pioneer families of Jo Daviess county, Ill., and later located in White Oak Springs, Wis., remaining there until they erected the home near that of Mr. Blackstone which proved to be their last earthly residence. Both died the same year, 1881. Their children were as follows: (1) Hannibal, of California, married Miss Sophie Adams, and has seven children. (2) Robert enlisted in the 96th Ill. V. I., in the Civil war, and attained the rank of captain; he was seriously wounded in one of the engagements, and was then retired, taking charge, as conductor, of a military train. After the war he returned to Galena, Ill., where for eight years he served as sheriff of Jo Daviess county. He married Miss Amelia Lowe, who bore him three children, Alice, Zera and Robert. He removed to Portland, Oregon, where his death occurred in 1898, from the effects of his old wounds, and his family now reside in Grant's Pass, Oregon. (3) John, now a resident of Grant's Pass, Oregon, is a miner. He wedded a Miss Farr, of Galena. (4) Frank also became a member of the 96th Ill. V. I., and died five months later, at Harrodsburg, Ky. (5) Philippa now makes her home in Shullsburg. (6) Jennie E. died at the age of eighteen, her early death cutting short a life of great promise. (7) Emma is the wife of Mr. Blackstone.

EDWARD P. DOTY, miller and grain dealer of Janesville, Rock county, was born in Janesville Sept. 27, 1857, a son of E. Philo and Abigail M. (Austin) Doty, natives of New York State.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Zuri Shaddai Doty, was a native of Vermont, who came to Rock county in the early days, settling at Turtle; he afterward removed to Janesville, where he engaged in conducting a sash, door and blind factory. Later he removed to Madison, where he died aged about eighty-one years. His family was a large one, and a number of its representatives reside in Janesville. The Doty family dates back, in America, to one of the "Mayflower" crew. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Ira Austin, was a native of New York, of English descent, and had two children. In the early days he

came West, resided in Madison, and died there, advanced in years.

E. Philo Doty was a young man when he migrated to Rock county, settling at Turtle, and after some years' residence in that town removed to Janesville, and engaged in conducting a sash, door and blind factory until he embarked with his brothers in the manufacture of the Doty washing machine. Later this business was merged into the Doty Manufacturing Co. In 1869 E. Philo Doty died, aged nearly forty-three years, but his widow still survives. In religious faith he was a Universalist, and Mrs. Doty an Episcopalian. Five children were born to them, two sons and three daughters, three now living: Alta M., wife of Charles Atwood, of Janesville; Edward P.; and Anna S., wife of Judge Charles L. Fifield, of Janesville.

Edward P. Doty has lived all of his life in Janesville, securing his education in the public schools of that city. When about fifteen he went into business with his brother Henry, milling, but twenty-five years ago embarked in business for himself, and for fifteen years was in partnership with Pliny Norcross; the partnership was dissolved Oct. 15, 1900.

On Jan. 13, 1881, Edward P. Doty married Miss Margaret V. Hullihen, daughter of Dr. James and Sarah (Kramer) Hullihen, and one son and two daughters have been born of this union: Kramer, Josephine and Margaret. Mrs. Doty is a member of Christ Episcopal Church of Janesville. Politically Mr. Doty's affiliations are with the Republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Doty reside on the corner of Conrad and Oakland avenue, where they have lived for the past seven or eight years.

HON. WILLIAM G. WHEELER, a distinguished member of the Bar of Janesville, is a son of Hon. Guy and Ann L. (Snell) Wheeler, both of whom were born in New York. Mrs. Wheeler's family settled in Wisconsin three years before her husband, the respective dates of their location being 1839 and 1842.

In 1844 Guy Wheeler settled on a farm of 240 acres, two and a half miles southeast of Janesville, and on this tract he still resides, honored by the community and beloved by his friends. His family consisted of two sons and two daughters, of whom three are yet living: Marion W. is the wife of A. C. Dow, of Chicago, Ill.; Ralph H. is a successful phy-

sician in the same city; and the third is Hon. William G. Wheeler, whose name appears as the subject of this sketch. Cordelia, the second child, died in her fourteenth year. Hon. Guy Wheeler is one of Rock county's most influential citizens, broad-minded, keen-sighted, and public-spirited. He was one of the founders of the county agricultural society, and for many years its secretary. The meeting to organize the township of La Prairie was held at his house, and he was chosen the first town clerk. The township was so named at the instance of his brother Samuel, who is now one of the leading citizens of Rochester, Minn. Guy Wheeler was a member of the Wisconsin Legislature in 1864.

Hon. Guy Wheeler married a daughter of Asa F. Snell, who was the father of ten children. Mr. Snell and his wife were New Yorkers, and settled at Fort Atkinson, Wis., in 1839. He was a prosperous farmer, and was elevated, by the suffrages of his fellow citizens, to various offices of trust, the duties of which he discharged with rare acumen and fidelity. He died at the age of about sixty years.

The paternal grandfather of William G. Wheeler, Justus P. Wheeler, was born in Lanesboro, Mass., and was descended from Welsh ancestry. He was a patriot of pronounced devotion, and served with gallantry throughout the war of 1812. He came West in 1840, settling in what is now known as La Prairie township, Rock Co., Wis. As is his son Guy, so was he, a man keenly alive to every vital interest of the people among whom his lot was cast. His life was a long and useful one, and not devoid of honor. The Rock County Agricultural Society chose him its first president. He was a man of superior classical education, having graduated from Williams College. He held deep and earnest religious convictions, and was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Janesville, having taken a prominent part in founding the M. E. congregation in that city.

The early life of Hon. William G. Wheeler was much the same as that of other boys of his day and generation who grew up upon Wisconsin farms in the early history of the State. He was born in the township of La Prairie, Rock county, Nov. 11, 1861, and the district schools and the Janesville high school gave him his early education. At the age of twenty years, in 1881, he began the study of law, his



William G. Whaley



preceptors being Messrs. Winans & Fethers. He was admitted to the Bar in 1884, and from Oct. 1 of that year until June 6, 1885, served as deputy in the office of the circuit court clerk. On the date last named he was himself appointed clerk of the circuit court, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the previous incumbent of the office, A. W. Baldwin. His term expiring in January, 1887, he began the active practice of his profession in the following May, and has been remarkably successful. In 1892 he entered the firm of Dunwiddie & Goldin, the name of the new co-partnership being Dunwiddie, Goldin & Wheeler. Three years later this firm was dissolved by the election of Mr. Goldin as clerk of the circuit court, and on June 19, 1899, the partnership between Messrs. Dunwiddie & Wheeler came to an end through the elevation of the senior member of the firm to the circuit court bench. From 1891 until 1895 Mr. Wheeler filled the office of district attorney, bringing to the discharge of his arduous duties a well-trained legal mind, a ripe experience, and unquestionable integrity. Among many noteworthy prosecutions which he successfully conducted while in this incumbency may be mentioned the cases of the State *versus* D. G. Cheever and the State *versus* Matthew R. Ashton. The trial of Ashton, who was charged with the murder of a woman consumed thirty days. The case ranks among the *causes celebres* of the Northwest, and so skillfully was the web of evidence woven around the guilty man, by the astute and careful district attorney, that a conviction and life sentence were secured. In 1897, and again in 1899, Mr. Wheeler represented his district in the Wisconsin Legislature, and during the last session filled the responsible post of chairman of the committee on Judiciary. During his first term in the Assembly he nominated Hon. John C. Spooner for the United States Senate, and in 1899 was a supporter of Mr. Quarles. On Jan. 11, 1901, he was appointed United States attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, which position he now holds.

Mr. Wheeler is personally one of Janesville's most popular citizens, cordial, genial and generous. He is, as may be imagined, prominent in both social and political circles, and is a member of Oriental Lodge, No. 22, K. of P., and of the B. P. O. E. He was until recently a member and chairman of the

commission to organize a park on the St. Croix river, to be known as the Inter State Park of the Dalles of the St. Croix.

On Nov. 19, 1889, Mr. Wheeler married Miss Jessica M. Jackman, a daughter of Hiram and Harriet M. (Coatsworth) Jackman. Mrs. Wheeler is a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM HENRY TRIPP, a venerable resident of Rock township, Rock county, has come to a serene and beautiful old age, with the memories of a long and useful life behind him. He is a true type of the American farmer: not afraid of hard work, willing to labor and wait, careful and frugal, and yet generous and open-handed. He has lived to enjoy the results of industrious and well-spent years, and to gain and hold the confidence and respect of all who know him.

Mr. Tripp was born in Scranton, Penn., Feb. 18, 1821, and is a son of Stephen and Nancy (Benedict) Tripp, natives of Rhode Island and New York, respectively. Isaac Tripp, his grandfather, was a native of Rhode Island, where his ancestors had lived since 1610, was a farmer, and lived to the age of seventy-three. He served in the Revolutionary war. He was the father of twelve children. The following appeared in a Scranton (Penn.) paper of Dec. 12, 1900:

"It has been ascertained by diligent research by one of the Tripp family that their name originated in the following manner: About the middle of the Thirteenth century a party of Danes overran England and found a lodgment in one of the strong-walled castles for which the country was noted. An English general of the family by the name of Howard, and a few brave followers crossed the moat, scaled the walls of the castle and drove out the Danes. The king asked the general, 'How did you accomplish the herculean task?' The answer was, 'We tripped over the moat, tripped over the wall, tripped up the enemy and drove them out.' Then the king said, 'Thy tripping was a grand and glorious trip,' and he knighted the general forthwith, and said, 'henceforth thy name and the name of thy posterity shall be Tripp through all the coming ages.' And Tripp it was, and is, and will be to the end of time."

Stephen Tripp, our subject's father, moved to Pennsylvania with his father in 1776, the



family settling in the Lackawanna Valley; they arrived fifteen days after the promulgation of the Declaration of Independence. There were only two white families in Providence at that time. They were obliged to go to Wilkes-Barre even for salt and other necessities, and the first store in the Valley was kept in the front part of Stephen Tripp's house, by Cox & Carpenter. Mr. Tripp once traded 200 acres in the "Notch" for a set of whiskey stills. He followed farming. His old homestead on the west side of the road on the hill in Hyde Park (Scranton), is still standing; the newest portion was built over eighty-six years ago. There he resided until his death, in 1841, at the age of sixty-five years. He was a man of affairs, and held the office of justice of the peace, and various other local positions. His wife reached the age of eighty-three. They were Baptists in religious faith. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Tripp, Horace married (first) Almira Stone, of Abington, and (second) Caroline Kempton; Harriet married Samuel Church; Hannah married Herman Dailey; Martha died in infancy; Samuel married (first) Sally Brown and (second) Polly Hobbs; Martha (2) died in infancy; Nehemiah married Margaret Inman; Polly (Mary) married (first) James Hartley and (second) Isaac Robbins; William Henry is our subject; Fanny married Lewis Armstrong. Only two survive, Polly and William Henry. Mrs. Polly (Tripp) Robbins was born March 11, 1819, in a portion of the old Stephen Tripp homestead built about one hundred years ago. Her first school teacher was Samuel Church, who afterward married her sister, Harriet. In 1861 she married James Hartley, of Glenwood, Penn., who died in 1870, and in 1874 she married Isaac Robbins. She is now living quietly in Scranton, at the home of Charles J. Church, exceedingly well preserved in mind and body.

Joshua Benedict, father of Mrs. Nancy (Benedict) Tripp, and our subject's maternal grandfather, was born in New York, of English descent, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-three. He, also, was a soldier in the Revolution. He was the father of three sons and four daughters.

William Henry Tripp was reared on the farm near Scranton, and farming has been the occupation of his life. It is a noble calling, and if loyally followed may serve to bring out

the noblest faculties of a man's soul, and it has been a kindly mistress to this venerable Rock county farmer. He had a farmer boy's advantages in the district school, and, being of a thoughtful and observant disposition, has acquired a very fair knowledge of men and the world as he has gone through. His period of life has covered some of the most important chapters of the world's history, and he fully understands the significance of what he has seen as it was becoming history.

Mr. Tripp was united in marriage, Jan. 14, 1844, to Miss Delilah Thomas, a daughter of John and Eliza (Osborn) Thomas. Three children were born to their union: Theodore F., George B. and Hattie H. Theodore F. enlisted in Company C, 35th Wis. V. I., served at the front two years, and contracted disease from which he died, at home; he was only nineteen when he enlisted, and is remembered as an opened-faced and manly young man. George B. married Ida Clark, and they have had two children, Mary L. and Minnie. Hattie H. married J. B. Porter; they live in the town of Porter, Rock county, and have a family of four sons, J. K., Rockwell, Wallace and Liel. Mrs. Tripp is a Methodist, and is a lady of excellent character and standing. Mr. Tripp belongs to Blue Lodge No. 14, A. F. & A. M., in Janesville; Janesville Chapter No. 5, R. A. M.; and Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T., and is highly esteemed among his fraternal associates. He is an ardent Republican, and he raised the first banner bearing the names of McKinley and Roosevelt in the late Presidential campaign, hoisting same within twelve hours after their nomination, in Philadelphia. It was 6x14 feet in dimensions, and floated from a 55-foot flag-staff at his home. Mr. Tripp hoisted a flag at half-mast on the closing day and hour of the Nineteenth century, and had it at the mast-head on the morning of the Twentieth century. Mr. Tripp has held various town offices, was chairman of the town board two terms, and was a member of the General Assembly in 1857, being the youngest member of that body with one exception. He served in the Legislature with the late Senator Philetus Sawyer, and ex-Gov. David H. Waite, of Colorado, who is known as "Bloody Bridle" Waite. At the time of his friend Sawyer's burial, Mr. Tripp was unable to attend the funeral and he hoisted his flag at half-mast. Our subject has served as trustee for the Institution for the Blind twenty-

one years, proving himself one of the most capable officials associated with that noble institution, and has been appointed by six different governors of the State. He was a charter member of the Central Wisconsin Bank, was its first vice-president, and a member of its first board of directors. When it became a National bank he retired from the active management.

Mr. Tripp came West in 1851, with his wife and eldest son, then six years old, and bought his present farm, then comprising 200 acres, but now reduced to fifty acres. It is four miles from Janesville, on the Hanover road. On this place he has made his home forty-nine years, and has witnessed the development of what was then a wilderness into a most charming and attractive country.

With the Tripp family is associated the romantic history of Frances Slocum, a distant relative of the subject of this narrative, who was taken captive by the Delaware Indians Nov. 2, 1778, four months after the Wyoming Massacre, when she was only five years old, and was not found until sixty years later. She had married a chief of the Miami Indians, and they came West and lived near what is now Peru, Ind. There she died, and was buried. Her grave is now marked by a very appropriate monument, costing seven hundred dollars, which was unveiled May 17, 1900, in the presence of three thousand people, two of whom were from Wisconsin—Mr. Tripp and Mrs. E. C. Potter (of Whitewater). The unfortunate captive had reared a family of children, and had become an Indian in every sense of the word except her blood. The monument was unveiled by two great-great-granddaughters of Frances Slocum, Victoria and Mabel Ray Bondy.

**JESSE S. JONES**, dairyman and farmer of Platteville, Grant county, is a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of Wisconsin, and highly esteemed in the community in which he makes his home.

Jesse S. Jones was born in Orange county, N. Y., Dec. 21, 1823, a son of Anthony and Dorothy (Smith) Jones, and grandson of Anthony Jones. Our subject's parents were both born and died in Orange county, N. Y. They had nine children, four still living: Mary A., now Mrs. Jackson, a resident of Orange county, N. Y.; R. D., a well-to-do farmer of New

York State; James W., a prominent farmer of Grant county, Wis.; and our subject; five are deceased.

Jesse S. Jones came to Wisconsin in 1847, settled in Iowa county, and followed farming and mining until 1850, when he settled at New California, Grant county, and engaged in the real-estate business. Later he became a merchant, continuing in that line for four or five years, and afterward became extensively interested in the lead mines in Grant and Iowa counties. Under President Buchanan he was appointed postmaster of New California, serving for some years, also served as town clerk for several terms, being the first clerk of Clifton township, served on the county board several years, and then as treasurer of the county. In 1866 Mr. Jones sold his other interests and purchased a farm adjacent to the city of Platteville, on which he erected a large, comfortable home. This property has been so much improved, in every way, since Mr. Jones came into possession of it, that it is now one of the finest in the county. For a number of years Mr. Jones has made a specialty of breeding fancy blooded horses and cattle, and also owns and operates a fully equipped dairy, furnishing the city of Platteville with the best quality of Jersey milk and cream, his herd of Jersey cattle being one of the best in the State. In addition to his Jersey cattle Mr. Jones owns a fine herd of Galloway stock, the magnificent Royal George Mogan, a full-blooded horse known to breeders all over Wisconsin, and the celebrated Pelham Tartar. Handling none but pure blooded stock, Mr. Jones has become famous as a stock dealer, and his horses and cattle always command fancy prices.

On Oct. 9, 1850, Mr. Jones married Miss Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, who was born Oct. 18, 1832, in Iowa county, Wis., daughter of F. C. and Fannie (Sparks) Kirkpatrick, pioneers of Wisconsin, formerly of Georgia. To this union were born four daughters and one son who grew to maturity: Agnes, born in Grant county in 1852, was well educated, and afterward taught in Grant county; she married Lewis P. Shears, and settled in Iowa, where she died in 1883, leaving one son and one daughter—Ernest, of Chicago, and Agnes, adopted daughter of Mr. Stine, of Belmont, Lafayette Co., Wis. Eva, educated at the State Normal, married Dr. George W. Lee, and now resides at Black Earth, Wis.; they

have one son, Glen, of Chicago. Dorothy, educated at the State Normal, married H. J. Smiley, a plumber, of New York City, later of Chicago, now of Platteville; they have no family. Elvira, also educated at the State Normal, is the widow of John A. Ruble, of Beloit, and has one son, Jesse J. Ruble, who resides with Jesse S. Jones at his home in Platteville. Jesse S., born in 1866, married Leora Bell, of Platteville, who was born, reared and educated in that city, a daughter of Archie Bell, an attorney, and one of the prominent men of Platteville, now deceased; they have two children, Eva and Benjamin; Jesse S. Jones, Jr., is an ice dealer, and owns his home in Platteville. On Oct. 9, 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Jones celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their married life.

Politically Mr. Jones has always been identified with the Republican party, but since coming to Platteville has taken no active part in politics. In religious matters Mr. and Mrs. Jones are consistent members of the Congregational Church, and greatly interested in the work pertaining thereto. They are both very worthy people, kind-hearted, genial, and pleasant, and are very widely known throughout the entire county.

**DEXTER D. MAYNE**, superintendent of the city schools of Janesville, Rock county, was born in Beetown, Grant Co., Wis., May 14, 1863, son of Nicholas and Mary (Treloar) Mayne, both of whom were born and bred in Cornwall, England. They were the parents of five sons and three daughters, and five of their children are now living: Mary, wife of Rev. A. S. Newcomb, of Beloit, Wis.; A. Finley, of Omaha, Neb.; H. Watson, of Linn Grove, Iowa; Dexter D.; and Charles M., of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Nicholas Mayne was a clergyman in the Methodist Church, and in later life attached himself to the Congregational body. While still with the Methodists he served as a missionary to the Chippewa Indians in the Bad-Ax country. As a Congregationalist he did the greater portion of his clerical work in Grant county, Wis., and was highly respected, both for his learning and for his profound devotion to his calling. He died in 1891, aged seventy-one years, his wife in 1898, aged seventy-three years. His father died in England in middle life, leaving two sons. Our

subject's mother, Mary Treloar, was the youngest of a large family of children—sixteen. Her father, a miller by occupation, died in England at an advanced age. Her mother's maiden name was Tabb.

Dexter D. Mayne was reared in Grant county, attended the local public schools, and was graduated from the Normal School at Platteville in 1883, at which time he was already an experienced and successful teacher. Leaving school, he became principal at Fenimore. For five years he was principal of the high school at Elkhorn, and four years at Fort Atkinson. He is now serving his eighth year as superintendent of the Janesville city schools and principal of the high school. Superintendent Mayne has conducted Teachers Institutes for four seasons in Wisconsin, and was manager of Teachers Summer Schools for three years. He organized the Sectional Teachers Associations for Wisconsin in 1889, and filled the office of president of the Southern Wisconsin Teachers Association for two consecutive terms; served as president of the City Superintendents and Supervising Principals Association for two terms; was director of the National Educational Association for Wisconsin for one year; and was assigned places on the program at its Los Angeles meeting, and on the National Superintendents program at Columbus.

Superintendent Mayne and Miss Nella G. Coman, of Spring Prairie, Wis., daughter of James and Ann (Gray) Coman, were united in marriage Dec. 14, 1887. To this union have been born two sons, James Coman and Mac Hudson. Mr. and Mrs. Mayne belong to the Congregational Church. He is a Mason, belonging to lodge, chapter and commandery, and is affiliated with Oriental Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

**JOHN I. MORRIS**, a retired farmer of the town of Harrison, Grant county, has been a resident of the county for nearly half a century, and represents an old and solid family of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He came to Wisconsin when it was largely a wilderness, and has lived to see it become one of the fairest States in a noble Union. The forest and the prairie now afford homes to a multitude of happy and contented people, and the grand generation of which Mr. Morris and a few others are lingering members accomplished the

transformation with long and exhausting labor. May their last days be beautiful.

John I. Morris was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1830, a son of Richard and Katie (McFall) Morris. The father was born in New Jersey, and the mother in Trumbull county, Ohio. They were married in Trumbull county, and there lived for some fifteen years, at the expiration of which time they went farther East, and settled on a farm in Mercer county, Penn., living there seventeen years. In 1855 they came West to Grant county, Wis., where John I. had preceded them, and had already been established one year in Harrison township. William Morris, another son, had already secured eighty acres of government land, at fifty cents an acre, and on this land the father and mother settled, and remained during their lives. He died in 1881, and she survived him ten years, dying in 1891. They were good Christian people and members of the Presbyterian Church. He was originally a Whig, and on the formation of the Republican party cast in his lot therewith, and voted its ticket as long as he lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris were the parents of nine children, whose record may be briefly given: (1) Lavina Morris, born in Ohio in 1828, is now the widow of Geradius Malone, of Platteville, and has one living daughter, Sarah. (2) John I. Morris was second in the family. (3) William Morris, born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1831, married Mary A. Mapes, of Platteville, and now resides on his farm; he has seven children, Homer, Nancy, Roseann, George, Lydia, Lucy, and Bessie. He was a member of Company C, 6th Wis. V. I., and served throughout the Civil war, participating in many important battles and skirmishes sufficiently large to be called battles in any lesser war. (4) Charles Morris, born in Ohio in 1834, was also a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in the 10th Wis. V. I., which regiment was under Gen. Sherman much of the time, and followed him on the great march from Atlanta to the sea. He never married, and is now residing at the Soldiers' Home, in Milwaukee. (5) Mark and (6) Luke Morris, twins, were born in Ohio in 1837. Mark is unmarried, and lives in Platteville. Luke married Sarah Hubbard, and lived in Platteville a number of years. He is now deceased. Mrs. Luke Morris has three children, Joseph, Burton and Jessie. (7) Thomas Morris, born in Mercer

county, Penn., in 1840, came West with his parents, and married Miss Eliza Cummings. They settled on a farm in the town of Harrison, where he died in 1893, leaving a widow and three children on the farm, Eva, Nettie and Ellsworth. (8) Mary J. Morris, born in Mercer county, Penn., in 1844, married Frank Lothine, and they live on a farm in Harrison township, where they are rearing a large family, Everett, Minnie, Henry, Thomas, Lester, John, Olive, Edward, and one whose name is not given. (9) Margaret Morris, born in Pennsylvania in 1850, married David Parish, who was a soldier in a Wisconsin regiment during the Civil war, and was confined fourteen months in Libby prison. He died in Harrison township in 1891, leaving a large family—James, of Platteville; Lucy, now Mrs. Conrad Ricey, of Harrison township; Mamie, Mrs. Henry Connell, of Ellenboro township; William; Ada, Mrs. James Connell; Cora, Mrs. Ben. Connell; Arthur; Jesse; and Logan.

John I. Morris acquired his education very largely in the district schools of Ohio and Pennsylvania, where he spent the earlier years of his life. When he was able to handle the lines he was put to work teaming, and was engaged in hauling goods from Pittsburg into Mercer county. In 1854 he came West to Crawford county, Wis., having married Miss Delia Byers, of Mercer county, in May of that year. The young couple settled on a farm which they secured from the government, and remained in Crawford county three years. In the spring of 1857 they came to Grant county, and started afresh. That year the young wife died, leaving him one son, Andrew, born in Crawford county in April, 1855. Andrew Morris is now a Grant county farmer; he married Miss Wildie Ballard, and is the father of three sons, Ellsworth, Harry, and Earl.

John I. Morris was a soldier in the Civil war, having enrolled in Company C, 6th Wis. V. I., which regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and our subject was in a number of heavy engagements, having many narrow escapes from being killed. On one occasion a Rebel ball broke the stock of his gun, and left his arm crippled for seven days. When the war was ended, and he was set free from the service, Mr. Morris returned to Wisconsin. In March, 1870, our subject married Miss Annie Zigler, of Platteville, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Zigler, both of whom died

in Germany. Mrs. Morris was born in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1846, and came to this country in 1867, in company with her sister Margaret. Their brother, George Zigler, had preceded them, coming in 1855, and he bore arms for his adopted country during the war of the Rebellion, serving in the heavy artillery. He married Miss Mary Spies, and is a prosperous farmer of the town of Ellenboro, Grant county. They have three children, Eliza, Albert and Walter. Margaret Zigler married Lawrence Voss, after her arrival in this country, and he died leaving her a widow with three daughters, Emma, Mary and Minnie; Mr. Voss was a soldier in the Civil war. Mrs. Voss subsequently married William Carl, by whom she had two children, Henry and Louisa. He died, and she married Christ Hartlip, to whom she has borne one daughter, Annie; they live in Lancaster. Mrs. Morris has one other sister, Mary, who married August Walter, and lives in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania.

After his second marriage Mr. Morris brought his wife to the old home, which has been their residence to the present time. He is a Republican, and religiously he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. "Uncle John Morris," as he is familiarly called, is one of the honored old pioneers of Wisconsin. He is a man of sterling qualities, a type of the Christian gentleman, whose whole life has been lived on a generous and helpful plane.

ANDREW J. BRANT was born in Prussia July 9, 1843, son of Joseph and Dorathia Brant, both born in Prussia, where Mrs. Brant died in 1848. Mr. Brant married a second time before leaving for the United States, in 1852.

The family came to New York, and made their way to Rockford, then to Galena by wagon, and from there to Hazel Green, Wis., where Mr. Brant purchased a tract of wild land. He did not live many years after his settlement in Wisconsin. By his first marriage he had six children, four sons and two daughters, the latter dying in infancy. The only child of the second union, Theresa, died in Hazel Green when a young girl. Of the four sons mentioned, (1) Christopher Brant, born in Germany in 1838, completed his education in the Grant county public schools, and married Miss Burghardt, of Mineral Point, where they lived

for some years, and where she died, leaving three children, Lizzie F., Henry A. and William. Mr. Brant later married Miss Amelia Beacher, of that city, and to this union one daughter, Veronica, has been born. He is a farmer. For a number of years he was manager for one of the Mineral Point smelting firms. (2) Adam Brant, born in 1841, enlisted during the Civil war in Company E, 9th Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war; he was in many hard-fought battles, and was once taken prisoner. After the war he came to Wisconsin, and married Miss Mary A. King, settling in Missouri for a time, and he is now living in Oklahoma; he has a family of eight children, Charles, Frank, Godfrey, Joseph, Dora, Mary, Gertrude and Maggie. (3) Andrew J. Brant, the third child, is our subject. (4) Valentine Brant, born in 1845, crossed the Black Hills for his health, and remained there thirteen years. He came back to Wisconsin, and died at the home of his brother Andrew in April, 1883.

Andrew J. Brant was a boy of nine years when his father came to Wisconsin. A district-school education was given him in Hazel Green, and he was a lead miner until the breaking out of the Civil war, enlisting at that time in Company C, 7th Wis. Volunteers, under Capt. Naysmith, of Platteville. The regiment was sent east, and served under McDowell and Pope, in the brigade of Gen. Gibbons, being transferred to Battery B, 4th U. S. Artillery. During the battle of Sulphur Springs our subject lost his right hand, and was the first man to be injured after their transfer. Mr. Brant was taken to the freight car hospital, and was without attention for several days, the Rebels having temporarily broken the communication with Washington. He was sent to Philadelphia, and was detailed to hospital duty until his discharge, in 1864.

Mr. Brant came back to Wisconsin, and was a miner until his marriage, in 1872, to Miss Caroline Raup, who was born in Illinois in 1855. Frank and Caroline Raup, her parents, were born in Germany, and emigrated to Grant county in 1856. Mrs. Brant received her education in the local schools. After their marriage our subject and his wife settled in a home near the one in which they lived until recently, not far from the village of Louisburg, and in 1884 he put up a fine modern home. A short time ago Mr. Brant sold his

Wisconsin place and purchased one in Dubuque, Iowa, at No. 861 West 14th street.

Mr. and Mrs. Brant are the parents of four children: (1) Frank J., born Sept. 8, 1875, was educated in the State Normal at Platteville. He married Miss Mary B. Wagner, of East Dubuque, and has one son, Clarence. (2) John A., born in 1879, died in September, 1882. (3) Michael C., born Nov. 7, 1881, was educated in the public schools. (4) Miss Theresa K., born May 24, 1884, was educated in the public schools and St. Clara's Academy, at Sinsinawa, and is at home. Mr. Brant has always been a Republican, was a member of the town board, constable, roadmaster, and a member of the school board. The Brants are all members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Brant's mining experiences have been very successful, and he has, in company with Conrad May, taken from one mine over a million and a half pounds of clear lead.

AUGUSTUS C. MUNGER, an enterprising and popular grocer of Janesville, Rock county, has acquired a handsome competence by his attention to business, his readiness to accommodate, and his strict adherence to sound and conservative business principles.

Mr. Munger was born in Palmyra, Wis., Nov. 19, 1849. His parents, Levi and Martha (Thayer) Munger, natives of New York and Massachusetts, respectively, had a family of five sons and two daughters, four of whom are now living: William Henry, of Palmyra; Augustus C., whose name introduces this article; and Charles W. and Della (Mrs. Andrew Rood), both of Palmyra. The father, who was a farmer, came to Wisconsin in the early 'forties, and located on a farm of 160 acres within three miles of Palmyra, which he speedily made productive. At the time of his death he owned a half section of land where he first settled in the State. He reared his children on this farm, which was their birthplace, and here he died in December, 1895, at the age of seventy-five, after a long and useful career. His widow still survives, and is a resident of Palmyra. She and her husband were members of the Methodist Church, which he served in an official capacity. He was a Republican, and at different times had filled several township offices. His father, Alvero Munger, was born in New York, and in the early days moved to Ohio, where he continued to live, dying there

at the age of eighty-five. He had ten children. Eli Thayer, the father of Mortha Thayer, was a native of Massachusetts, but moved to Michigan in its early settlement. He was a farmer, and lived to be eighty years of age; his wife attained the great age of ninety-four. They had twelve children.

Augustus C. Munger lived on the home farm near Palmyra until he reached the age of eighteen years. He secured his education in the district school, and attended the Normal at Whitewater, Wis., until he was ready to teach. After following that profession for seven winters, he embarked in business as the proprietor and manager of a general store at Emerald Grove, where he remained for eight years. In 1883 he came to Janesville and opened a grocery store, to which he has given his close personal attention up to the present time. He has done well, and it would be difficult to find a better class of patrons than those he has secured.

Mr. Munger and Miss Jeanette Ketchpaw, a daughter of George and Lucinda (Parker) Ketchpaw, were married Nov. 2, 1875. She is the mother of four children: Percy L., Charles, Leon D. and Mabel. Percy L. is traveling salesman for L. A. Budlong & Co., Chicago, his territory being Wisconsin and southern Minnesota. Charles is in his father's store as clerk; he was married to Cecelia Gatelev Nov. 8, 1898, and has two sons. Mr. Munger is a Republican, and fraternally is a member of the M. W. A. He lives at No. 6 Clark street, where his home has been for the last ten years.

JUDGE JAMES S. WADDINGTON, well known in Lafayette county, came to Wiota in the fall of 1840. He was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1831, son of Aaron Waddington, who was a drover, and made the first trip with a drove of cattle from Illinois to Philadelphia about 1839. His mother was Eliza Saxton, a native of New York State, who died when James S. was but four years old.

The early death of the mother resulted in our subject being reared in the family of his great-uncle, John Z. Saxton, of Fredonia, N. Y. In 1840 they came to Wiota, then a village known on the frontier as "Hamilton's Diggings." After two years in Wiota they located in Belvidere, Ill. About 1848 Mr. Saxton moved to Argyle, Lafayette Co., Wis.,

where his wife, Mary, died, and he subsequently married a Mrs. La Follette, and then moved to a farm in Dane county, where his own death occurred. Though he had no children of his own, he reared and educated twelve, of whom his nephew, James S. Waddington, was the youngest.

After the location of his uncle in Argyle Mr. Waddington returned to Illinois, where he was employed as a clerk for one year. At the end of that time he returned to Wisconsin, and clerked for Asa Saxton, a merchant of Argyle, continuing in that position until, at the age of twenty, he began for himself, buying his employer's stock, and for a time had as his partner John Z. Saxton. He was successfully engaged in business for many years, and finally sold out to L. A. Rossing, who is still at the old stand. Judge Waddington then erected another building, and began banking as an individual. In 1895 his banking firm became J. S. Waddington & Son, and it is one of the most popular business institutions in that part of the county. His long and upright life here, where the people all know his sterling integrity and sound business principles, gave him a firm foundation for his banking enterprise.

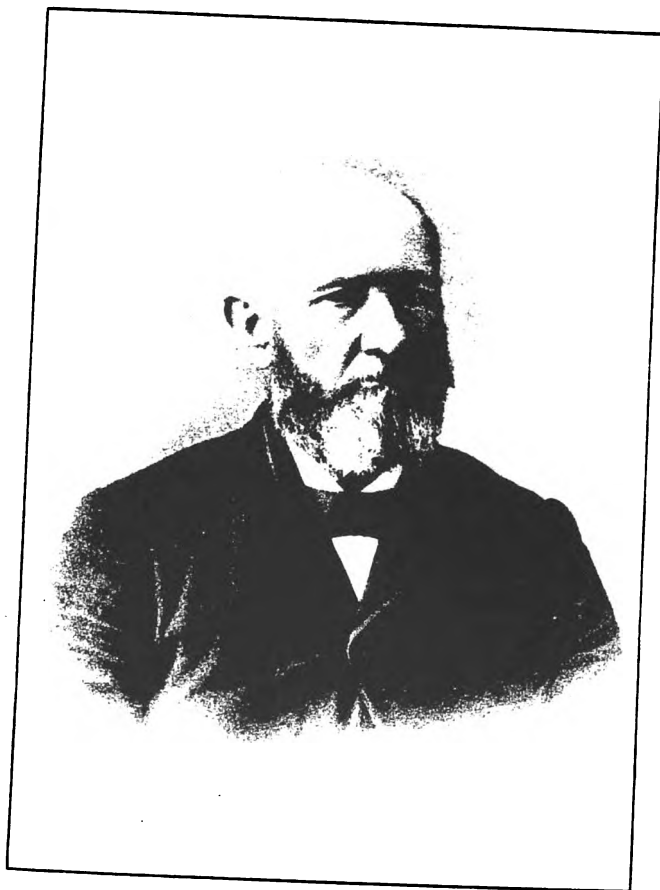
Judge Waddington had a brother, L. B., younger than himself, who was reared on a farm in New York State, came West, and taught a term of school in Argyle, and for a time was in partnership with his brother, the Judge. He played an important part in public affairs, having held the offices of treasurer and sheriff; was later employed in the adjutant general's office, at Madison, and held that position when his death occurred, a number of years ago.

Judge Waddington married Miss Helena Lars, and by this marriage became the father of eight children, four sons and four daughters: L. B.; Lillian, wife of Walter Jenks, of Freeport; John S., who died at the age of forty; Mary, Mrs. Young, deceased; Frank A., his father's assistant; Alice; Elmer C., in the grocery business in Argyle; and Nellie, deceased. In politics Judge Waddington has always been a Republican, and was elected to the office of judge; he has studied law, and is a well-informed man, but has never been admitted to the Bar. Fraternally he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Argyle. Chapter at Darlington, Commandery at Mineral Point, and Consistory at

Milwaukee. He is one of the highly-esteemed citizens of his community, and his sound judgment and wise counsel are often sought by his friends and neighbors, whose faith he has ever attempted to justify.

SAMUEL CLARK VAN GALDER (deceased) is well and favorably remembered by all who are familiar with the history of Rock county and La Prairie township. He came here at a very early day, helped to reclaim the wilderness, and did much to aid in the general development of Rock county. He was a kindly and open-hearted man, upright in his disposition, and honorable in his every action.

Mr. Van Galder was born in Ohio March 22, 1835, a son of Jacob and Rhoda (Wilson) Van Galder. They had eleven children, only one of whom is now living, Oscar, of Janesville. The father ran an ashery in Ohio, and was also a dry-goods merchant in Akron. In early life he learned the cooper's trade. In 1848 he came to Wisconsin, buying a half-section of land in La Prairie township, Rock county, which came into the hands of his children after his death, a few years later. Samuel C. Van Galder received eighty acres in Section 32 of that town, and added to this from time to time until he owned 400 acres at the time of his death. He had worked assiduously on his land, and it was a highly cultivated and productive farm long before his demise. On Aug. 1, 1858, he married Miss Eliza Heald, a daughter of Lewis and Harriet (Olney) Heald, and six sons and two daughters were born to this union: Alice E., Clark F., Louis A., Charles R., Lester G. and Grace E. (twins), and Ernest H. and Irving S. (twins). Alice E. has been twice widowed; by her first husband, Frank Graves, she had one son, Glen, and by her second, John Howard, she had three sons, Harley, Clark and John. Clark F. died aged twenty years and eleven months. Louis A. married Nellie Bostwick, and they have two living children, Edwin and Floyd; they live in O'Brien county, Iowa. Charles R. is a farmer on part of the old homestead farm; he married Miss Viola Crotzenburg, and is the father of two children, Merl and Dorothy. Lester G. died in March, 1899, aged twenty-six years and eleven months; he married Miss Bessie Little. Grace E. died when two years old.



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Ernest H. was six years and eleven months old when he died. Irving S. and his mother live together on the old home place; he is still unmarried, and carries on the farm.

Samuel C. Van Galder was reared in Ohio, and went with the family to Michigan, coming with his parents to Wisconsin in 1848 and locating in La Prairie township, where he lived until his death, in October, 1894, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was a man of more than ordinary strength of character, and had been called upon to fill several local positions by his fellow townsmen. He was supervisor for a number of years, and also a member of the school board. He was a Republican, and always took an active and intelligent interest in public affairs.

Mrs. Van Galder's parents, Lewis and Harriet (Olney) Heald, were both natives of the State of New York. They had four sons and four daughters, and five of their children are still living: Mrs. Eliza Van Galder; Margaret, wife of William Lewis, of Rockford, Ill.; David, of Beloit; George, of Shopiere, Rock county; and Joseph L. Mr. Heald was a farmer, and he came to Rock county, Wis., with his wife and three children in 1845. He located in La Prairie township, on eighty acres of government land, and devoted his remaining years to its cultivation and improvement, dying in La Prairie township in 1888, at the age of seventy-seven. His widow still survives, aged eighty-two years, her birth having occurred Oct. 9, 1818. Mr. Heald was justice of the peace for many years, and was also on the board of supervisors. His father, Thomas Heald, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mrs. Heald's father, Thomas Olney, was born in New York, and was an early settler in western Pennsylvania, having his home in Fairview township, Erie county. Mrs. Heald is still strong and healthy, with a bright intellect and a fine memory for one of her years. She has seen the development of Rock county from a wilderness, and in conversation recalls many valuable and interesting memories of that early day.

ARIEL K. BAYLEY, long and favorably known in his section of Grant county in his connection with stock and dairy farming, was born in the town of Massena, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., in 1830, son of Ariel K. and Lucinda (Kezar) Bayley, both natives of the old

Empire State. The father was born in 1797, and the mother a few years later.

Our subject's grandfather, Elijah Bayley, was born in 1771, married Amanda Fisher, who was born in 1777, at Rutland, Vt. Elijah Bayley settled at Massena, on the St. Lawrence river, in the town of Massena, St. Lawrence county, where he followed lumbering all his life. His son (1) Ariel K. was the eldest of ten children, of whom are mentioned: (2) Ezekiel Fisher was drowned in the St. Lawrence river when a young man. (3) Betsy, born in 1800, married a Mr. Sheak, and moved West to Davenport, Iowa, where she died, leaving four daughters. (4) Loren was killed on the St. Lawrence river. He left one daughter, who is living in Iowa. (5) Hosea was drowned while rafting on the St. Lawrence. (6) Olive, born in 1814, married A. Palmer, and came West to Platteville, Wis., where they both died years ago, leaving a family of five children. (7) Fisher, born in 1823, came to Platteville, and in company with a Mr. Marsh established the first weekly paper published in that place. In 1849 he sold out his paper and started to cross the Plains, but was taken sick with cholera, and died at St. Charles, Neb. (8) Elijah, born in 1811, came West with a team to Rock Island, Ill., when a young man, and on reaching that point traded his team for some real estate. As a school teacher he received twenty-five dollars a month in that city, and after a year in the school room he went to New Buffalo, Iowa, and was a merchant for a time. Selling out there, he traveled through Texas, selling goods from house to house, accumulating in this way a large quantity of Texas script, for which years after he received dollar for dollar at Washington, D. C. Soon after he moved to Platteville, Wis., then a mining camp, and started a general store in 1836. Mr. Bayley prospered in this last venture, and became very wealthy. He married Caroline Bevins, daughter of Dr. Bevins, of Platteville. She died before her husband, who was killed by a vicious bull on Christmas Day, 1879. Two daughters were born of this marriage, both deceased—Nora, who was the wife of David B. Jones, of Chicago, and Miss Annie, who died at Clifton Springs, N. Y., where she was stopping for the benefit of her health. Leslie, Elijah Bayley's only son, died when a young man.

Ariel K. Bayley, our subject's father, mar-

ried, in New York, Miss Lucinda Kezar, who died in that State, leaving two children, Ariel K. (whose name introduces this article) and Charles. The latter came West with his uncle, Elijah Bayley, for whom he clerked a number of years in his store at Platteville, Wis. Charles Bayley married a young lady from LaCrosse, where he lived a number of years, and then went to California for the benefit of her health. While there she died, and Mr. Bayley returned to Wisconsin, marrying for his second wife Miss Emma North, of Oshkosh, Wis. Soon after their marriage they settled in Oakland, Cal., where he was killed by the kick of a horse in 1899. No children were born to the first marriage of Charles Bayley, but to his second union were born the following: Leslie, Emma, Annie, and Harvey. Leslie is a gunner on board the United States battleship "Oregon," and was in the harbor of Manila at the time of his father's death.

Ariel K. Bayley, the father of the Lima farmer and dairyman, married for his second wife Miss Cornelia Gear, and they came West to LaCrosse in 1858. Mrs. Bayley died in 1872, and Mr. Bayley made his home with his son at Lima until his death, in 1880. To this second marriage was born one daughter, Henrietta, a native of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where she is now living; she married William Wright, and they have one daughter.

Ariel K. Bayley, whose career is the subject proper of this writing, was educated in the public schools of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and while growing up worked with his father, who was a sailor on the lakes and the St. Lawrence river. When he was eighteen years old he shipped from Kingston to Oswego, and from there to Milwaukee and Chicago. The young man made his way through the country to Galena, and walked from there to Platteville, Wis., where his two uncles, Elijah and Fisher Bayley, and his grandmother were living. Here he found work, and plenty of it, first by the month on the farm of Henry Phillips, near Platteville, and then for some years lumbering and steamboating on the Mississippi. While engaged on the river he made his home at Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Bayley and Miss Hester Burnside, of Davenport, Iowa, formerly of Ohio, were married in 1857, and located at Platteville, Wis., where they lived for three years while he was working for his uncle Elijah. In 1860 Mr.

Bayley purchased the William Buell farm, in the town of Lima, Grant county. The place had received some small improvements, and under Mr. Bayley's energetic management it has been brought into a fine condition, with ample buildings and modern equipments, including a large Pennsylvania barn. Here the home of Mr. Bayley and his family has been established and maintained for more than forty years, and here this estimable couple have reared a family of seven children: (1) Millie, born in October, 1860, married Lee H. Cobb. For some years they lived in Iowa, and in 1900 came back to Grant county to rent and occupy the old homestead of the Bayley family. They have one daughter, Gladys, who was born in Iowa. (2) Carrie, born in Grant county in 1862, married Henry Barrett, and lives in Pocahontas county, Iowa. They have a family of six children, Leslie, Pearl, Francis, Burt, and Ira and Inez (twins). (3) Ernest A., born in 1864, married Augusta Kirkpatrick, and lives on a rented farm in Clifton, Grant county. They are rearing a family of three children, Viola, Lee, and Ariel, the third of the family to bear that name. (4) Pearl, born in 1866, married Miss Mary Miller, of Lima, Grant county, and resides on his farm, which adjoins the old homestead. They have two children, Jennie and Frankie. (5) Luella, born in 1868, married William Munden, and has her home in Pocahontas county, Iowa. She is the mother of five children, Maud, Roy, Carrie, Ora, and Hester. (6) Agnes, born in 1870, is the wife of Lee Dennis, of Lima, Grant county. (7) John, born in 1875, is living at home, and is unmarried. Mr. Bayley's children were all educated in the public schools of Grant county. Agnes had a course at the Normal School at Platteville, and was a teacher in the Grant county schools for a number of years.

In politics Mr. Bayley has been a Republican, and he has been a member of the town board some years. In religion he and his wife were reared in the Congregational Church, with which they have always been associated. Mr. Bayley came to Wisconsin when Platteville was but a hamlet and the surrounding country a wilderness. A vast improvement has been wrought in the Northwest in his lifetime, and he has been in no unimportant sense a factor in the progress toward a higher civilization that has been achieved. He has been

a prominent factor in the social and industrial life of the town of Lima for forty years. Although denied the benefit of a liberal education when young, he is a close student of affairs, and is a liberal and broad-minded man. A generous spirit and an upright character have made him hosts of friends.

**RALPH LIDDLE**, deceased. Among the quiet, refined and educated ladies of Platteville, Grant county, is the representative of a family well and favorably known through parts of Grant county as late as 1895, of which she is now the only surviving member.

The parents of Miss Elizabeth A. Liddle were Ralph and Hannah (Nicholson) Liddle, both natives of England, who came to the United States in 1848 and settled in Big Patch, Wis. There they remained until 1856, when removal was made to Ipswich Station, in Lafayette county. At that place Mr. Liddle purchased a large amount of land and erected comfortable and commodious buildings, living there until the time of his death, which took place in 1877, his wife passing away in 1881. A man of good education, he was called upon to serve in many of the local offices, and filled them most efficiently. In his politics he was a Republican, and he was an active member of the M. E. Church, his former connection, in England, having been with the Episcopal Church. Eight children were born to these parents, but only three grew to maturity. George died on the farm when he was developing into young manhood. John, born in Grant county in June, 1857, grew to manhood, and upon the death of his father undertook the management of the farm, where he remained until his death, July 4, 1895; this was a blow to his only sister, who was thus left quite alone in the world, all her relatives having passed from earth. We have often heard that "death loves a shining mark," and in this case it seemed true, for the death of John Liddle took out of life a noble character, whose influence for good still remains with those who knew his life. Faithful to duty, devoted to his sister, helpful in a thousand ways to those who needed assistance, his was a life that shed blessings wherever he was. From 1894 he had been connected with the Elk Grove M. E. Church, although he had long been an attendant on religious services, and, when it became apparent that his span of life

was nearly ended, he was ready to say farewell, his only regret being that his beloved sister must be left alone. Early in life he had become a member of the Order of Odd Fellows, and in his life carried out the fraternal principles inculcated by its teachings.

Miss Liddle was born in the old homestead, received her early education in the district schools of Elk Grove, and later graduated from the Platteville Business College. In 1897 she moved her residence to Platteville, where she lives in partial retirement. Her father had accumulated sufficient means to enable her to choose her life, and she is well known to be liberal, kind and charitable.

**JAMES CLINE**, a part of whose farm is in the town of Lamont, but whose residence is just across the town line, in Fayette, being situated in Section 16, of that town, is the youngest member of a numerous and well-known family of Lafayette county. His father was George Cline, and his mother's maiden name was Margaret De Mars. John Cline, the grandfather of James, was a native of Germany.

George Cline was born Nov. 20, 1796, in Crawford county, Penn., where he was reared, and he bore arms in the American army during the war of 1812. After his death his widow drew a pension on account of his services in that conflict. George Cline died in Pennsylvania Nov. 8, 1844. He was the father of eleven children, of whom seven were living in January, 1901. Adam D. Cline, one of the sons, belonged to the 33d Wis. V. I., and died in the service; he fell mortally wounded at the siege of Vicksburg, in 1863, and died soon afterward. Fanny died in Darlington, Lafayette Co., Wis., Dec. 17, 1884. All the children who attained adult years became residents of Wisconsin between 1850 and 1852. The eldest of these is (1) John, of Darlington, whose biography will be found elsewhere. (2) Sarah Ann is the wife of Robert Henry, and lives in South Dakota. (3) Noble D. is a resident of Lamont. (4) Mary is the wife of Silas McManners, of Dumont, Iowa. (5) Jacob and (6) George are twins, the former a resident of Burlington, Kans., and the latter of the town of Fayette, Lafayette Co., Wis. (7) James is, as stated above, the youngest member of the family. The brothers John, George and Adam were the first of the family

to come from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin, making the journey, then much more formidable than now, in 1850. The others, including the aged mother, came in 1852. Mrs. Cline made her home with her son James until her death, Dec. 7, 1884.

James Cline was born in Crawford county, Penn., Dec. 24, 1836, and was a sturdy lad of sixteen years when he first appeared in Lafayette county, Wis. Here he made his home, and his residence in the county has never been broken. In 1863 he established himself on his present farm, and for nearly forty years has been engaged in its tillage. His wife, formerly Miss Mary Mumford, is also a native of Crawford county, Penn., where she was born in 1858. Her parents, John and Mary (Hazen) Mumford, never came to Wisconsin. Her mother died many years ago, and her father, who wore the Union blue in a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war, is still living in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Cline is the only one of her father's family to come to Wisconsin. She is one of three children born to her father's first marriage, all now living: William Mumford, of Corning, Cal.; John Mumford, of Marion, Ind.; and Mrs. Cline. Her father was married a second time, and became by that union the father of three children, Frank, Harry and Luella.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline have two daughters and one son living: Mabel, Bessie and James Blaine. Their eldest child, Myrtle, died in infancy. Mr. Cline has a fine farm, and is regarded as an honorable and substantial man, a reputation his son bids fair to sustain.

D. L. COLSON, who now owns a fine farm in Watterstown township, Grant county, is one of the leading representatives of the agricultural interests of his section of Wisconsin. He was born in Maine in 1827, a son of Samuel and Clarissa (Littlefield) Colson, also natives of Maine.

Jonah Colson, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Maine, where he lived and died. The maternal grandfather, Daniel Littlefield, also spent his life and died in the same State, having been born there. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Colson migrated, in 1856, to Oconto, Wis., and later to Grant county, where the father died, in Lancaster, aged eighty-six; the mother died at Mount Hope, aged seventy-one. Fourteen children were born to these

parents: Alvin, who died in Maine; Adalaid, now Mrs. Lowell, of Maine; Chrycinda, who lives at Black River Falls, Wis.; Stephen, who died in Maine; D. L., our subject; Melinda, Mrs. John Lowell, of Maine; Abigail, Mrs. Reed, who died in Maine; Elizabeth, Mrs. Bowden, who died in Maine; Granville, who came to Wisconsin, and died aged twenty-one; Sarah, who died in Oconto, aged seventeen; Samuel, deceased in infancy; and others that died in infancy unnamed.

Our subject was reared in his native State, and received a fair education in the public schools of Maine. Coming West when a young man, in 1853, to Oconto, Oconto county, he engaged in the lumber business. Later he removed to Black Earth, and then to Lancaster, Grant county, about 1867. His next change was to Mount Hope, where he opened up a fine farm, which he improved. He then located at Hickory Grove. Finally, in 1898, the farm known as the Wilson property, comprising 487 acres, in Watterstown township, came into the market. Mr. Colson purchased it, and has since made his home in the township, improving the already excellent buildings, adding to the stock and otherwise increasing the value of the property.

In 1868 Mr. Colson was married, in Mount Hope, to Miss Irene Hazen, born in Wisconsin, a daughter of Amos and Louisa Hazen, natives of Chautauqua county, N. Y., who came to Grant county early in the history of the State. Mrs. Hazen died at Mount Hope in 1897; her husband still survives, residing at Mount Hope. To Mr. and Mrs. Colson have been born: Lena (now Mrs. William Ousley, of South Dakota), Ida, George, Vernie, Warren, Asa and Adolph.

Mr. Colson is a Republican in politics, being an important factor in local affairs, and is a man of prominence, not only in the community in which he resides, but throughout Grant county. Prosperous, popular, highly esteemed, he certainly deserves highest mention among the well-to-do farmers of southwestern Wisconsin.

JOHN JONES, one of the most influential and prominent citizens of Patch Grove township, Grant county, dates his residence here from April 21, 1867.

Mr. Jones is a native of England, born in Northamptonshire June 15, 1836, a son of

Thomas Jones, who spent his entire life in that country. In the fall of 1853 Mr. Jones left his native land, taking passage to New York. His start to America was quite an eventful one. The sailing-vessel "Kossuth," on which he took passage, was partially wrecked, and, becoming unmanageable, was towed into Queenstown by a passing vessel. Cholera also prevailed on board, and a number of deaths occurred. Mr. Jones left the vessel at Queenstown, before the officials came on board; had he remained he would have been placed in quarantine with the rest on the vessel. From Queenstown he returned home, having forfeited his passage money. In August, 1854, he entered the service of the East India Company, went to Bombay on the clipper "York," thence to Hyderabad, Scinde, where he was stationed for one and a half years, and whence he was removed to Kurrachee, Scinde, being appointed station clerk there. He remained there until the mutiny broke out, when he volunteered to go to Kolapur, S. M. C., where he was also appointed station clerk, and held that office until the English Government annulled the company's charter. Being unwilling to serve the English Government, he was sent to Belgaum to join his regiment, the 2d Bombay European Regiment of Light Infantry, and thence marched with a detachment to Goa, waiting until the ship "Herefordshire" came into the harbor (*en route* from Bombay to London) and took them on board. Mr. Jones entered the service for twelve years, but in 1859 England gained full control of the company, and different arrangements were made. While in India he learned the Hindoostanee language, and witnessed all the horrors which resulted from the famous mutiny, such scenes as blowing sepoys from the mouths of guns, etc., etc. Mr. Jones has in his possession a medal conferred upon him by the English Government for his services in India, being entitled to the same by virtue of his service with the East India Company, though the government took control of the company before the expiration of his term.

Mr. Jones arrived in England Jan. 1, 1860, and entered the employ of the London & Northwestern Railroad Co., with which he remained until his emigration to the United States, in 1867. On his arrival in Grant county, Wis., he located at Bradtville, where he made his home for a number of years, and then moved

to his present residence, in Patch Grove. For several years he devoted his energies to the occupation of carpentering, but for some time has been engaged in the pension business. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man, and has met with well-merited success in his undertakings.

In England Mr. Jones was married, July 14, 1860, to Sarah Dale, and on his removal to America brought with him his wife and three children, namely: Mary Elizabeth, Charlotte Jane, and Hannah (since dead). One daughter and four sons, all living, were born in this country. Mr. Jones is a gentleman of culture, who is well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day, and is highly esteemed as a worthy and progressive citizen of his adopted county.

GEORGE A. MARSHALL, of Darlington, who has for many years been a prominent member of the legal fraternity of Lafayette county, is a native of the "Old Granite State," and was born at Northumberland, Coos county, Feb. 17, 1836.

The Marshall family is an old and honored one in the annals of New England. The original ancestor came from England in the seventeenth century. The paternal grandfather of our subject was an officer in the Continental army in the Revolutionary war. Among his ancestors on his father's side was Gen. Israel Putnam, and on his mother's, Dr. Benjamin Franklin.

In 1852 the parents of Mr. Marshall sold their farm of 500 acres in New Hampshire and removed to Saint Johnsbury, Vt., and there passed the last years of their lives. They reared a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters.

Mr. Marshall was prepared for college in the academy at Johnson, entered the University of Vermont in 1857, and was graduated in 1861, with a standing of fourth in the largest class which the University had up to that time graduated. He came West the same summer, and studied law at Sheboygan, Wis., where he was admitted to the Bar June 9, 1862. After practicing five years in Galena, Ill., he removed to Darlington, which has since been his home. In politics he has always been a Republican, though never a politician; he was never a candidate for a political office. He has filled the positions of district attorney,

county surveyor, and superintendent of schools. Socially our subject is connected with several civic societies. In 1863 he joined the Odd Fellows, and has often been a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He is also a Freemason, and was a charter member of the Darlington lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Marshall possesses high literary attainments, and has contributed to various papers and magazines articles, which have received special attention on account of their literary merit.

Mrs. Miriam H. Marshall, wife of our subject, was a daughter of Albert Gallatin Cutler, of Highgate, Vt., and a descendant of James Cutler, who came from England in 1634 and settled at Watertown, Mass. Her grandfather, Hodges Cutler, was a soldier in the war for independence, and lived to the age of one hundred years. Both grandfather and father were physicians; a brother, Hiram C. Cutler, having been graduated in medicine at Dartmouth College, came to Wisconsin in 1856, and became one of the most eminent physicians in the State. He died at Mineral Point in 1892. Few men are more sincerely mourned than Dr. Cutler; benevolence and unselfishness were his most prominent characteristics. Mrs. Marshall is a lady of culture and refinement. She was educated at the Ladies' Seminary, of Burlington, Vt., then one of the leading institutions of the kind in the East.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall includes but two children: Mary Florence and Francis Cutler. The former is a graduate of the Darlington high school, has taken several degrees in the Chautauqua University course, has traveled extensively, is a fine musician, has studied law and assisted her father in his business, and was the first woman to be appointed a notary public in Wisconsin.

Francis Cutler Marshall was graduated from the high school of Darlington, and in 1886 won an appointment to West Point in a competitive examination. He was graduated with honor in 1890, being first captain in the cadet battalion, and was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Eighth Regiment, U. S. Cavalry. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant Jan. 5, 1897, in the Sixth Cavalry, saw service in the South in the war with Spain, went with that regiment to China in 1900, and took active part in the expedition for the relief of the legations in Peking. For gallant conduct in action near Tien Tsin,

China, Aug. 19, 1900, he was recommended for promotion by Gen. Chaffee; and on Feb. 2, 1901, he was promoted to a captaincy, and assigned to the Fifteenth U. S. Cavalry. On Sept. 5, 1894, Lieut. Marshall was married to Miss Sophia Morton Page, a daughter of Gen. John H. Page.

HON. H. D. YORK, an old and prominent lawyer of Grant county, who has his home in Hazel Green, is widely known as a thoroughly honorable and upright man. Mr. York was born in Chenango, N. Y., March 25, 1823, a son of Jeremiah and Catherine (Pendleton) York, both natives of North Stonington, Conn., the father born in 1802, and the mother the year following. Jeremiah York was the son of Capt. Jeremiah York, a gallant officer of the war of 1812, who lived and died in Connecticut. James York, the remote ancestor, and the founder of the family on these shores, was born in England in 1608.

Jeremiah York, the father of H. D., settled in Chenango county, N. Y., after his marriage, following farming until his death, in April, 1873. Mrs. York died in 1836, leaving three children: (1) Hiram, born April 5, 1821, married and settled in Allegany county, N. Y., where he followed lumbering for many years. During the latter part of his business life he was engaged in banking at Wellsville, where he died. He first married Sarah Johnston, who left two children—Catharine, wife of Clarence L. Parker, of Ithaca, N. Y.; and Marv, Mrs. E. F. Joyce, of St. Augustine, Fla. Mr. York married again, Harriet Palmer becoming his wife. She died in 1887, leaving three children—Sarah, now the wife of D. O. Batterson, present bank inspector of the State of New York; Fannie, wife of John L. Langdon, who resides on the Hudson; and Edward, an architect in New York City. (2) H. D. is the subject proper of these lines. (3) Catherine, the only sister of our subject, was born in Oxford, N. Y., in 1826, and is the wife of Sanford P. Stillman, of Rhode Island, who is living a retired life. They have three children, Dwight R., Fred A., and Howard Y. Howard lives in New York, Dwight and Fred in Rhode Island.

Hon. H. D. York was educated in the district schools and at the old academy in Oxford, N. Y., and grew to manhood on his father's farm. When a young man he was a teacher

two years in his native State, and two years in Pennsylvania. On the first day of October, 1843, Mr. York arrived in Grant county, Wis., coming via Buffalo to Milwaukee, and from there to Platteville and Hazel Green. Here he began life as a lead miner, and also taught school. In 1845 he was made manager for the extensive farming and mining operations of Mrs. Abigail Curtis, and held this responsible trust for several years. Mr. York and Miss Mary E. Tyler were married in 1854. Mrs. York was born in Summit county, Ohio, daughter of Augustus and Elizabeth (Hanchett) Tyler, both of whom were natives of New York. In 1846 they came West, and settled in Hazel Green, where the father was a hotel-keeper and a farmer for the remainder of his life. During his last years he owned and conducted a hotel in Platteville. Mr. Tyler died in 1875; his aged wife, after spending fifteen years in Oregon and California, returned to Grant county in 1900, and is now living with Mrs. York. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler had nine children, of whom we have record of the following: (1) Mary, the wife of Mr. York, was the eldest in the family. Born in Ohio in 1834, she obtained her education largely in the public schools of Grant county, where for several terms she was a teacher. (2) Flora A. is the wife of C. H. Nye, of Lancaster, present superintendent of schools for Grant county. (3) Kate, born in Michigan, is now the wife of J. L. Nye, a photographer of Platteville. (4) George, born in Hazel Green, is now a resident of Salt Lake City. (5) Martha is now Mrs. Job Garretson, of California.

After his marriage Mr. York went into the drug business in Hazel Green, continuing therein for some eighteen years. During that time he purchased a farm one mile north of Hazel Green, where he resided eight years. In 1877, disposing of his interests in the drug store and farm, he moved back into the village, to a very pleasant and convenient home which he had occupied some twenty years before. Mr. York still retains the small farm that he purchased a half century ago, and while engaged in the law practice finds time to look after its needs. Mr. York took up the practice of law quite late in life, but found, from personal association and acquaintance with his professional brethren, warm friends with helping hands ready to assist along uncertain lines till the road became more familiar.

To Mr. and Mrs. York have been born one son and one daughter: (1) Dwight S., born in Hazel Green, in November, 1855, was a student in the State Normal at Platteville. In 1888 he married Mrs. Edith (Fisher) Mills, a native of New York, reared in Lancaster, Wis., and they reside in Milwaukee, where he is engaged in business. They have two children in their family, Mira E. and Harry H. (2) Ruth A., born in 1861, is a graduate of the State Normal at Platteville, and for a number of years has been a very successful teacher in the public schools of Evanston, Ill. Both Mr. and Mrs. York have ancestral lines that run back to the American Revolution and the war of 1812, and have reason to be proud of their forefathers.

Mr. York was elected to the General Assembly in 1850, and in 1853, and again in 1858, serving three terms with honor and distinction. He has from time to time been elected to local offices in the town of Hazel Green. As town superintendent of schools of Hazel Green he laid out, under statutory requirement, the first school districts of his town.

**THOMAS NORTH.** Among the pioneers of Wisconsin, who during the 'forties peopled the forests of this then inhospitable region, were many who by their migration laid the foundation for future success. The hardships undergone were severe, the rewards commensurate to those possessing patience, fortitude and strength.

The North family of Edgerton, Rock county, was founded in Wisconsin in 1847. In that year Thomas North, Sr., the father of our subject, was an English farmer, who was approaching the half century mark in years, without having attained that financial success which brings comfort and ease. A tide of English emigration had set in toward the distant wilderness of America, and Thomas North joined it. He was the son of William North, a farmer, and had married Ellen Hopkins, who died in England about 1832, leaving three children, two of whom, Thomas, our subject, and William, of Cottage Grove, Wis., are living. For his second wife the father married Jane Biggin, by whom there were no children. After his migration to America, in 1847, Mr. North settled in Albion township, Dane Co., Wis., where with his two sons, Thomas and William, he bought eighty acres of land. Their indus-



try won, and the holdings grew, first by the purchase of 126 acres, and later by the addition of another tract, of 176 acres. Here the father and two sons farmed in common for some years, then divided the property. The father in religious faith was a devout Episcopal Methodist, and for a number of years was a local preacher. In politics he was a Republican, and in Albion township he was assessor for several years. He was a highly respected citizen, and died in 1868, aged nearly seventy-one years.

Thomas North, our subject, was born in Derbyshire, England, Oct. 28, 1828, was reared a farmer's boy, and received a common-school education. Coming to America with his father in 1847, he shared generously in the toil essential to success in the new land, and when a division of the property was made came into possession of a tract of 160 acres in Albion township, Dane county, and Sumner township, Jefferson county. This he farmed, and by purchase subsequently increased to a well-tilled and valuable farm of 255 acres. Mr. North lived in Albion township until 1864, then removed to Sumner township, Jefferson county, where he resided until 1894. In that year he retired from active farming, erecting the handsome home in Edgerton which he now occupies.

Mr. North married July 4, 1852, Miss Sarah Brailsford, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Biggin) Brailsford. Mrs. North came to America with her parents in 1845, when a girl of ten years. Her father was an Englishman, but prior to his emigration to America had spent eleven years on the estate of Baron Rothschild, in France, and there three of his children were born, Mary, Hannah and Sarah, the last named on Oct. 23, 1834. After his emigration to America, in 1845, Joseph Brailsford located in Albion township, Dane county. Here his wife died in 1856, aged fifty-two years, and for his second wife he married Miss Margaret Pepper. Later he removed to Tyn-dall, S. Dak., where he lived, a farmer, to the age of about eighty-two years. Of his seven children by the first marriage, two, Mary and Ann, survive. The four children by the second marriage are all living: John, James, George and Henry.

To Thomas and Sarah (Brailsford) North were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, as follows: (1) George Henry

died in infancy. (2) Mary Jane married Samuel Wileman, and died in 1894, leaving six children, Emily Jane and Thomas, Sarah, Charles, Arthur, and Edith. (3) Sarah Ellen died aged four months. (4) Thomas W., a Methodist Episcopal minister, now stationed at Milton, Wis., married Josie Wales, and they have four children, Beulah, Hazel, Vincent and Laura. (5) Charles Edwin, who studied medicine, died in Chicago, Ill., aged twenty-four years. (6) Sarah Ann, wife of James Wileman, of Edgerton, has two children, Lilly and Louie. (7) David Willard, a resident of Edgerton, married Sarah Elizabeth Nelson, and has three children, Theodora, Jessica and Herschel. (8) Ellen Melissa married Rev. Lucius Augustus Whitcomb, a Free Methodist minister, who was principal of the Evansville Seminary for several years, and now resides in Evanston, Ill.; they have five children, Ethel, Grace, Pearl, Lawrence and Willard. (9) Emily Elizabeth married Archibald Templeton, and is living at Madison, Wis.; they have one child, Hugh Longville. (10) Fred Arthur married Lilly McCarthy, and has two children, Charles and Thomas Wilford; they live at the home farm in Sumner township.

Mr. North is a prominent member of the Albion Prairie M. E. Church, in which he is class-leader, trustee and Sunday-school teacher. His wife, who passed away Oct. 14, 1900, also united with that church; her remains rest in Albion Prairie cemetery. Politically Mr. North is a Prohibitionist. For a year he served as supervisor of Sumner township, but has not aspired to office. He is a conscientious Christian, a patriotic citizen, a sympathetic friend and neighbor, and the many most estimable traits of himself and family have given them the affection and high regard of a wide acquaintanceship.

PETER J. MOUAT is editor and publisher of the *Janesville Recorder*, which paper he has controlled for more than a decade, bringing to its management sound practical business sense. Both his parents, Jeremiah Mouat and Robina (Halcrow), were natives of the Shetland island, Mainland, settling in America in 1855. The father was for many years a merchant in his native land, also following the sea as a fisherman, with its always uncertain results and sometimes great hazards. Both he and his wife were staunch Presby-



*Peter J. Marshall*



terians, as well becomes those of Scottish birth and ancestry. They were the parents of ten children, four sons and six daughters, two of whom are deceased. Those yet living are Laurence; Peter J.; Thomas J.; John J.; Robina, who married Malcolm Harper, of Magnolia township, Rock county; Margaret C. and Elizabeth A., who are unmarried and live in Chicago; and Jessie H., a teacher in the schools of Minneapolis. On coming to America Jeremiah Mouat settled on a farm in Rock county, Wis., afterward residing in the city of Janesville until his death, in 1887, at the age of seventy-nine years. His widow still survives, at the age of eighty-five, her home being in Chicago.

Peter J. Mouat was born in the Shetland home June 15, 1854, being scarcely a year old when his parents crossed the ocean. The first sixteen years of his life were passed upon the farm, and he obtained a good fundamental English education in the schools of Rock county and Janesville graded schools. It was not until the winter of 1874-75 that he really began to battle with the vicissitudes of life, beginning his business career as a shipping clerk in the wholesale grocery and tea house of Roe Brothers, in Chicago. Not finding his position and surroundings wholly to his liking, he returned to Janesville in the spring of 1875, was clerk and bookkeeper for five years, and for the next five years was manager of the Janesville Vinegar and Pickling Works. During this period he bought the Publishers Commercial Union, a mercantile agency for reporting the commercial standing of newspaper advertisers. The venture was original and new, proved successful, and in 1886 Mr. Mouat disposed of it to a Chicago stock company, in which he held an official position for a year, being himself located at Chicago. In the spring of 1888, however, he once more found his way to Janesville, and for twelve months held the position of assistant postmaster. Not long after resigning this office he became connected with the Recorder Printing Co., as manager, and subsequently became owner of a majority of the company's stock. At present he is both publisher and editor, and under his judicious business management the plant has become a valuable one. He is a Democrat in politics, and his paper ably and strenuously supports Democratic doctrines and policies. In the councils of his party his voice is potent and

his influence pronounced. For two years he was a member of its State central committee, while he has long held the position of chairman of the Democratic city committee of Janesville. Personally he has never sought office, yet his well-known interest in educational matters, joined to his conceded well-recognized qualifications for the position, has led to his filling a seat on the board of education for many years, serving as president of that body one year. He has also filled the office of vice-president of the Janesville Business Men's Association, and is at present vice-president of the Rock County Loan, Building & Savings Association, and one of the directors. Mr. Mouat is a genial gentleman, popular with all. He is a member of the Janesville Country Club, the Sinissippi Golf Club, and the Caledonian Society; also belongs to Oriental Lodge, No. 22, K. of P.; the Press Club of Chicago, and the Wisconsin Press Association.

On Dec. 24, 1879, Mr. Mouat married Miss Charlotte E. Wilkie, whose native State is New Jersey. Their union has been blessed with three daughters, Lillian Sturges, Margaret Frances and Charlotte Gertrude. Mrs. Mouat is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

**WILLIAM D. ROBERTS**, deceased. Although no longer of earth, William D. Roberts is not forgotten. His life of Christian charity and continued generosity and kindness cast an influence over the community in which he passed many busy years, and his memory is affectionately cherished. Although no loud praises have been sung, in public places, many homes have been made happier, many discouraged and drooping fellow countrymen have been cheered and comforted by the unostentatious piety of this good man.

William D. Roberts was born in North Wales in 1807, and grew to manhood in his native region, not coming to America until 1832, after which he was almost immediately employed in the coal mines near Pottsville, Penn. The next year he married Jane, the estimable daughter of William H. and Anna Jones, both of whom were born in Wales, and had come to the United States in 1830. Some years later they removed to Iowa county, Wis., where he purchased land and made his permanent home, our subject following a few years after. When Mr. Roberts and his wife began

their farming life in Wisconsin, they faced the same difficulties which very many of their neighbors found awaiting them. toil, deprivation and limited resources, but both were ambitious, and by the exercise of economy and industry overcame all disadvantages, so that at the time of his death, in 1890, our subject was able to leave his bereaved widow every comfort of life. His estate comprised 160 acres in Belmont township, Lafayette county, which he had placed under cultivation and had well stocked, and sixty acres in Iowa county.

The Roberts family was not a large one, and has now no representative. Mrs. Roberts has three surviving sisters, Mrs. John Thomas and Mrs. Owen Hughes, both of Lafayette county, Wis., and Mrs. Ann Edwards, of Chicago. So esteemed is this estimable lady in the neighborhood that her friends make up for any want of kindred.

Mr. Roberts during life was attached to the Republican party, and was active in all measures looking to good local government. Both he and his wife were known for their charities, his generosity making possible the building of two churches in Iowa county. A Calvinist in belief, he was still tolerant of the opinions of others, being so just a man in the opinion of his neighbors that he was very often called upon to settle disputed points among the citizens in his community.

**JAMES MULROONEY**, who is numbered among the early settlers of Wisconsin, is a native of the Emerald Isle, having been born in 1818, about twenty-five miles from Dublin, a son of William and Honora Mulrooney, who never came to America, but lived and died in Ireland. In this family there were five sons—John, James, William, Thomas and Patrick—and one daughter.

After attaining to years of manhood James Mulrooney married Mary McGary, in 1847, and a few days thereafter the young couple embarked from Ireland for America, on a sailing-vessel, landing after a long and stormy passage at Quebec; they were on the water seven weeks and three days. After a few weeks spent in Quebec Mr. and Mrs. Mulrooney started for Whitehall, N. Y. Their means being almost exhausted, Mr. Mulrooney worked at whatever he could find until he obtained employment on the Whitehall & Saratoga Railroad, for which he worked many years. In a few

years he was sent by the company to Castleton, Vt., which was the eastern terminal town of the road, and there he remained three years, making his term of service with this road eight years altogether. Having been a faithful employe, the railroad company would have gladly retained him for a longer period, but Mr. Mulrooney had saved some money, and wished to invest it in Western land; therefore he and his wife started for Wisconsin. By hard work they managed to reach Grant county with one thousand dollars in gold (which Mr. Mulrooney had concealed in a belt around his body) and ten dollars in bills of the kind then known as "wild cat" money. Locating in Mount Hope township, Mr. Mulrooney invested in land, first purchasing 160 acres, to which he added, from time to time, until he became one of the large land owners of Mount Hope township. Clearing of land, a half century ago, required much hard and persistent work, for farmers of that day possessed none of the modern appliances. The only way to remove trees was to dig about the roots until they were exposed; then cut them off with an axe, hitch oxen to the branches of the tree, and pull the roots out of the ground. James Mulrooney brought two yoke of cattle with him, as did a neighbor, and by working together these two men were able to accomplish more than by clearing their land alone. Many interesting stories of the hardships of those early days, and the difficulties labored under, are told by Mr. Mulrooney. At one time he was sadly in need of a plow, and journeyed to Lancaster to purchase one, but upon arrival discovered it was impossible to get what he wanted, and he continued to Platteville, where a man named Potter dealt in plows. However, Mr. Potter had so many orders on hand that he could not let our subject have one at once, but told him if he would stay until Saturday he would furnish him with a sixteen-inch plow. As an extra inducement, Mr. Potter offered the hospitality of his own home to Mr. Mulrooney, which was accepted, and, it being Monday, the latter settled down to enjoy his stay in town. On Thursday there was a circus in town, which attracted the attention of many, and resulted in benefit to Mr. Mulrooney. Mr. Potter had by this time obtained an eighteen-inch plow, which had been promised to a man with the condition that he call for it by twelve o'clock. Being attracted by that circus, however, the man failed to keep his appointment, and Mr.

Mulrooney secured the plow, which he took, although it was a little heavier than he had wished. By working together, turn about, Mr. Mulrooney and his neighbor succeeded in clearing about twenty acres on each farm, and then our subject continued the work on his own farm until it was one of the best cultivated in that locality.

After working hard and faithfully to assist her husband in his struggle for success, Mrs. Mulrooney died, in March, 1861, mourned by her husband and children. On April 12, 1899, Mr. Mulrooney was again called upon to suffer the loss of a wife, the partner of his second marriage, whose maiden name was Bridget Flaherty, passing away on that date. She was a most excellent woman, and her death is deeply felt, especially by her husband, who greatly misses her loving companionship. Nine children were born to Mr. Mulrooney by his first marriage, and three by the second, but the majority of them have passed away. The surviving children are: Elizabeth, wife of James Cull; and Miss Mary, his youngest daughter, who with his little adopted son, John, cares for their father at his home in Fennimore.

Although he has now passed his four-score milestone, Mr. Mulrooney is still hale and hearty, enjoying the esteem of all who know him, and reaping the fruits of his years of toil, and he and all his family are consistent members of the Catholic Church.

ANDREW EASTMAN, a retired pioneer and a hero of the Black Hawk war, who has his residence in Lancaster, Grant county, was born in Ohio March 10, 1818, a son of Moses and Elizabeth (Courtwright) Eastman, the former of whom was a native of the State of New York, and the latter of New Jersey.

In June, 1821, Moses Eastman migrated with his family from Ohio to Indiana, and two or three years later removed to Illinois. In 1827 he came to Grant county, Wis., spent one winter at a place then called Hardscrabble, and the following spring crossed the county line into Lafayette county, and settled on land purchased from the government. This land he converted into a valuable farm, which became the permanent homestead of the family, and on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1863, at the age of seventy-six years. His widow survived a number of years, and died at the age of eighty-four. They

were the parents of six sons and eight daughters, several of whom died young.

Andrew Eastman was about nine years of age when brought to Wisconsin by his parents, and he was reared among the wild scenes of frontier life. Although but fourteen years old at the breaking out of the Black Hawk war he volunteered as a soldier, was equipped with a musket, and now draws a pension for his services, being perhaps the youngest ex-soldier on Uncle Sam's pension roll. He still remembers the condition in which Grant county existed nearly three-quarters of a century ago, when, attracted by the rich mines of the southern part, and at Mineral Point and Galena, Ill., the early pioneers had begun settlement, for the country, even in close proximity to the mines, was but sparsely inhabited. Many of these pioneers would engage in mining for a short time, and would then enter the cheap government lands and devote their time and energy to the clearing off of the timber, and to carving out homes for themselves from the wilderness. Most of these honest, robust and courageous settlers have passed away, and their places are now occupied by descendants who enjoy all the luxuries of modern times.

On Jan. 15, 1840, Mr. Eastman married Miss Louisa Maria Goodrich, who still lives to share with him the competency their mutual labor has won. She was born in Delaware county, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1825, a daughter of Hiram and Elmira (Burdick) Goodrich, who in 1829 migrated from New York to Wayne county, Penn., and thence to Indiana. There the family suffered greatly from sickness. Mrs. Eastman's grandfather Burdick had died in New York, and the grandmother accompanied her daughter Elmira and her son-in-law Hiram to Pennsylvania and Indiana, dying in the latter State, as also did a brother of Mrs. Eastman. Owing to the sickness prevailing in the Hoosier State Mr. Goodrich moved his family to Linn county, Iowa, and it was there Andrew Eastman found and married the daughter, Louisa Maria, since which time this couple have lived in Lafayette and Grant counties—a period of over sixty years. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich also came to Wisconsin shortly after the marriage of their daughter, locating in Lafayette county, where Mrs. Goodrich passed away. Mr. Goodrich later returned to New York State, there remarried, and went

to California, but died on the day of his arrival in the Golden State.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Eastman has been blessed with eleven children, all of whom attained mature years excepting the eldest, a daughter who died when three years old; Lucius Albert, the eldest son, was killed in the second battle of Bull Run, in 1862; another son, Lemuel Davidson, also a soldier in the Union army, died in hospital in Springfield, Mo., the same year; the other eight still survive, and are named as follows: Andrew Jackson, Eva D. (Mrs. Dean), Francis Marion, Oliver Campbell, Henry Ellsworth, Louisa Elizabeth (Mrs. Beverly Pritchard), Esther Ann (Mrs. George Patton), and Luella May (Mrs. John Reukauf).

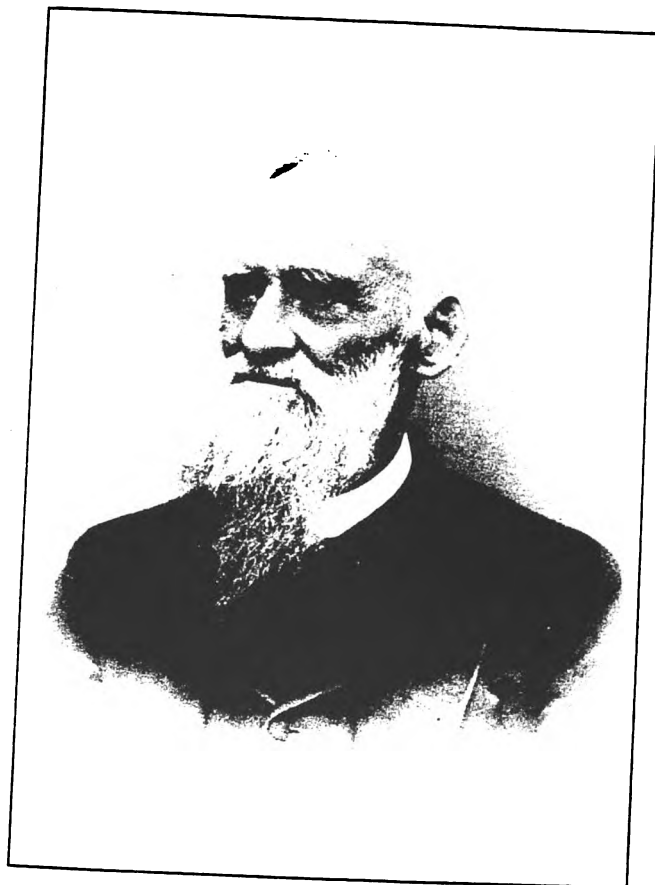
Mr. and Mrs. Eastman have for thirty years been members of the Methodist Church, and lived strictly up to its teachings. The duty that devolved upon them in rearing their large family has been faithfully performed, as well as every duty to society. They are still enjoying a fair degree of health, and are passing their declining days in comfort at their home in Lancaster, venerated and beloved by all who know them.

GUSTAVUS STONE, a retired manufacturer of Beloit, Rock Co., Wis., has been a resident of that city for more than fifty years, and in that long period of time has been closely identified with the industrial growth of the city to a marked degree. He is a man of much character and unusual ability, and in every enterprise to which he has set his hand he has manifested all the marks of a genuine man. He occupies a pleasant home at No. 205 West D street.

Mr. Stone was born in the town of Canton, Norfolk Co., Mass., Aug. 27, 1821, a son of Jonathan and Eliza (Upham) Stone, both natives of Massachusetts. They had two sons and two daughters, and three of their children are now living: Eleanor, wife of Charles H. Parker, of Beloit; Gustavus; and Horace, of St. Louis. Jonathan Stone, who was a physician, came to Belvidere, Ill., in 1839, practiced his profession for some years, and then became absorbed in business enterprises of various kinds. He engaged in farming, ran a sawmill, operated a stone quarry and lime kiln, all on his own premises, and died there in 1862, at the age of seventy-seven.

His first wife, the mother of Gustavus Stone, died at an early age. Both she and her husband were Unitarians. Many years afterward Dr. Stone was married to Ann P. Blackman, and they had three children, all of whom are now dead. The widow is still living. He was a Whig and became a Republican on the formation of the party. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was such a rigid temperance man that he cut down the apple trees in his orchard that the fruit might not be made into cider. Daniel Stone, his father, was a native of Framingham, Mass., of English descent, and was also a physician. He lived to a good old age. His wife died when eighty-eight years old. They were the parents of eleven children. Amos Upham, the father of Eliza Upham, was a native of Massachusetts, of English descent, and is remembered as a man of more than usual character and standing. He was a tavern-keeper, and lived to old age.

Gustavus Stone was reared in Massachusetts until he was about eighteen years old. He attended the public school, and a private school, and after his removal to the West, in 1839, was a student in an academy at Belvidere, Ill. Mr. Stone was a teacher of a private school in Kentucky, not far from Louisville, for a year, and then he returned to Belvidere, and lived on his father's farm some ten years. He made his first appearance in Beloit on the last day of the year 1849, and for some twelve months worked by the day in the machine shop of Barker & Love. At the expiration of this period of time Mr. Stone and his brother-in-law, C. H. Parker, formed a partnership for the purpose of manufacturing field hoes. They leased the Barker & Love factory, on the east side of the race, and constructed all the machinery their undertaking required, such as trip-hammers, press, dies, forms, furnaces, grindstone arbors, forges, emery wheels, etc., although their entire capital did not exceed \$100 at that time. They did a good business, and were on the highway to prosperity, and in 1854 began the manufacture of grain sickles and mowing-machine knives, obtaining large contracts for these goods from reaping and mowing machine manufacturers in various States, East and West. In this same year Messrs. Love & Orton manufactured fifty reapers and sent out men to sell them, but with poor success. Then



*Gustavus Stone*





each member of the company went out, and returned very much discouraged at the gloomy outlook, with the harvest near at hand. Mr. Orton came to Mr. Stone with tears in his eyes and said: "Stone, I am a ruined man if you can't save me; for I have everything in the world I own invested in these reapers; and I believe you are the man to help us out." Mr. Stone agreed to make the effort, and did sell nearly their entire stock before the commencement of the harvest. With this stimulus and experience, Mr. Stone decided that Parker & Stone had better engage in the manufacture of reaping machines; and so told Mr. Parker. And his reply was, "I am afraid you will ruin us for life." But the attempt was made, and in the month of April Mr. Stone contracted with different mechanics for doing the work, bought stock on credit to be paid for on a specified time, and all arrangements were made for the completion of the reapers. Mr. Stone went out among the farmers, and sold nearly all of them for cash, payable on delivery. This enabled them to settle their indebtedness before maturity, the largest amount being to Fisher, Bundy & Cheeny; and when the money was presented Mr. Fisher made this remark: "Stone, what does all this mean? We were never treated so before; the debt is not due." All of their other indebtedness was settled in a similar manner, which gained for Parker & Stone the utmost confidence of the public for their integrity, and gave them unbounded credit.

Some time after this departure their factory burned, bringing a severe loss upon the progressive firm. They rebuilt, however, on a larger scale, a structure now owned by the Besley Co., and the building north of the old iron works, and part of the grounds occupied by the Beloit Lumber Co., are part of the site of their extensive buildings. In the latter part of 1860 the foundry was destroyed by fire, with a large loss of valuable patterns and machinery. Parker & Stone, nothing daunted by this heavy loss, rebuilt, and continued business until 1878, when they suspended operations, and were succeeded by L. H. Parker and Fred Dennett, who about two years later moved the plant to Milwaukee. Through the efforts of Parker & Stone was given to the farming community the twine binder, one of the greatest labor-saving machines the world has ever known, and it is in the history and

development of the Appleby Twine Binder that Mr. Stone's inventive genius is most conspicuously seen. The Marsh Harvester had supplanted the self-raking reaper, and was itself displaced by the wire binder, to which many serious objections were raised by farmers, threshers and millers. These objections were entirely overcome by the inventors and perfecters of the twine binders, which took the place of the wire binder. About 1872 John F. Appleby called at the office of Parker & Stone, and submitted a model for binding grain with twine. A contract was speedily entered into, whereby Parker & Stone were to furnish capital, etc., for the perfecting of Mr. Appleby's idea, a feature of which had to be abandoned, and Mr. Stone's idea substituted therefor. With this change and various experiments, covering a period of about six years, the twine binder became, in 1878, a success, and from Parker & Stone the McCormick, Deering and other harvesting machine companies purchased the shop right. But to Mr. Stone alone is due the credit for the "stick-to-itiveness" which perfected and left to the farming community the greatest labor-saving machine of the country—the twine binder. At the time Parker & Stone entered into the agreement to develop the twine binder the business of manufacturing reapers was on the wane all over the country, they being superseded by wire binders and other machinery, which required less manual labor to harvest the grain, and did the work more rapidly, and with greater economy—a combination of causes that cut off the demand for reapers. The Beloit Reaper, about this time at the height of its greatest success, was one of the most popular machines in the Northwestern States, having many excellent features, unobtainable in other reapers, which were the inventions of Mr. Stone, and for which he obtained letters patent.

In 1853 Mr. Stone married Miss Sarah A. Bartlett, daughter of Tristram and Hannah (Pulsifer) Bartlett, of Newburyport, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are the parents of six children, Ella Frances, Waldo B., Emma H., Edgar H., Clarence M. and Alonzo. The last named died at the age of fourteen months. Ella Frances married Harry L. Sherman, of Beloit, and has three children. Horace H., Elsie, and Lytle. Waldo B. married Miss Minnie Bartlett, and is an attorney in Chicago.

Emma H. married Manning T. Hackley, of Chicago; they have two children, Levant and Bartlett. Edgar H. married Lorena Gustin; he is a solicitor. Clarence M. is a traveling man, and lives in Chicago; he married Ella Pigney, of South Dakota, and has three children, Doris, Marshall and Lloyd.

Gustavus Stone united with the Masonic fraternity over thirty years ago, and belongs to Beloit Commandery. Over fifty years ago he joined the Odd Fellows, and was affiliated with them many years. He has been a Republican since the formation of the party, and represented the Third ward in the city council for two or three years, but was compelled to resign on account of the pressure of business. He never sought any public position, but was urged and entreated in the early '70s. by many of the prominent men of the city, to run for mayor, they claiming him to be the strongest and most popular man in the city, but he declined all solicitations.

Mrs. Stone's father was born at Newburyport, Mass., and her mother in New Hampshire, of English ancestry. They had nine children, and only a son and daughter are now living, John Bartlett, of Rockford, Ill., and Mrs. Stone. Her paternal grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and later in life became a farmer. He lost his life when over eighty years of age, by being thrown from a horse. Mrs. Stone's maternal grandfather, Major Joseph Pulsifer, was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife belonged to a wealthy family; she lived to be over eighty years of age.

HENRY BARNES, a retired farmer of Shullsburg, Lafayette county, was born in Leicestershire, England, Nov. 7, 1823, a son of Thomas and Ann (Hossen) Barnes, and a grandson of John Barnes, all natives of the "tight little isle." Thomas Barnes and wife were the parents of ten children, all now deceased except our subject: John, Mary, Susan, William, Ann, Elizabeth, Sarah, Eliza, Lucy and Henry.

Henry Barnes received his education in the neighboring schools of his native town and earned his livelihood at various employments until he was twenty-seven years of age, when, in 1850, he boarded a sailing-vessel for New York. He came to Wisconsin the same year, and engaged in mining for some time. He then

purchased a tract of wild land from the government, and determined to take up farming as his life work. At first he erected a small house, which a number of years later was replaced by a commodious dwelling, with all modern improvements. He cleared this farm, and made all needed improvements as the years passed by, until he had one of the finest farms in the county, 200 acres in extent, making his home thereon for over forty years. In 1890 he rented this place, and, purchasing a home in the town of Shullsburg, moved there to pass the balance of his life at ease. His property has all been acquired through his own efforts, and he now, in the evening of his life, finds himself possessed of an abundant competence, and is ranked among the substantial citizens of his town.

In September, 1852, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Parr, a daughter of William and Sarah (Norton) Parr, who were natives of Leicestershire, England. Five children of William Parr came to America: Sarah, wife of John Roddam, of Shullsburg; Mary, wife of Michael Boddy, of Illinois; William, who now resides in British Columbia; Edward, who first located in California, and now makes his home in British Columbia; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Barnes. Mrs. Elizabeth (Parr) Barnes was born in 1821, and grew to womanhood in England, where she obtained a good education, and was for a time engaged successfully in Sunday teaching there. In 1851 she came to Wisconsin, where her culture and refinement have drawn around her a choice circle of friends. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes: Sarah A., born in Shullsburg in 1859, married James Mills, who died in 1880, and in 1883 she married William Mills, a farmer; she has two sons, Henry and Walter, by her first marriage. Mary E., born in 1861, married Thomas Brown, who now manages the Barnes homestead, and has eight children, Marie (born in 1877, who now makes her home with her grandparents in Shullsburg, and lightens the burdens of their increasing years with her loving ministrations), Annie, Henry, Grant, Mary, Myrtle, Sherman, and an infant, unnamed. Lucy, born in 1864, died at the age of twenty-five.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Barnes an unfaltering adherent and he never fails to keep thoroughly posted on party

work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have been attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, Mrs. Barnes being particularly interested in the Sabbath-school, in which she was for many years a teacher.

**DELFORD B. BRUNSON**, of Fennimore, is a representative of one of the well-known pioneer families of Grant county. He is a son of Ira W. Brunson, whose name was identified with the history of the county from the time of his entrance until his death, Nov. 15, 1884, at the age of eighty years.

Ira W. Brunson was born at Sing Sing, N. Y., May 3, 1805. His father, Asa W. Brunson, a stone mason, lost his life in the Hudson river by drowning, the accident occurring while he was operating a ferry across the river. The widow removed with her family to Danbury, Conn., and there Ira W., at the age of fifteen, became an apprentice to the trade of hat making with John Foot, living with him until he was nineteen. His mother died in 1824, and the young man left home and worked at his trade in various places, bringing up at Utica, N. Y., where he attended school for six months. In 1827 Mr. Brunson became a resident of Columbus, Ohio, where he worked at his trade for several years. In 1835 he gave up hat making, and in the spring of the following year, accompanied by his brother Alfred and Henry Patch, left Columbus, and floated down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi on a keel-boat to Prairie du Chien. Here Mr. Brunson spent some time, going back to Ohio late in the year to close up his business, and move to Wisconsin. He left Columbus on his way to the West in 1836. The journey was a wild and perilous one, and was attended by many difficulties. At Fort Wayne the snow was fifteen inches deep, and at South Bend the ground was bare. At Michigan City it was once more deep snow, and at Chicago bare ground. He crossed the Rock river at Rockford, on the ice. From Freeport to Mineral Point the way was very difficult. As night fell he asked for lodging at a farmhouse, and was directed to a mill three miles away. He found an abandoned saw-mill, and no house was to be seen anywhere. He spent that night in the woods, and turning his horse loose to browse on the grass that reached above the snow he made a path between two trees, and spent hours in walking

up and down. Becoming drowsy, he sat down and rested his head on his saddle. He took a chew of tobacco, which he swallowed. This roused him so that he resumed his weary march, and at last the sun rose. With his compass he found his bearings, and about eleven o'clock he found the mill and the house to which he had been directed the night before, but had missed in the gathering shadows. He was taken in and cared for by the hospitable lady of the house. Fed and refreshed, he resumed his journey, and reached Mineral Point at last, thoroughly worn out, but glad and thankful that his long journey was completed.

Mr. Brunson went into the mercantile business at Cassville, in company with Mr. Sellers, in 1836, but shortly after removed to Lancaster, where he opened the first store in the city. In 1837 he was elected collector of taxes for Grant county, serving until 1840, when he took a farm in the town of Mt. Hope, Grant county, residing there until his death. He was three times married, first time, in 1829, to Margaret Benton, of Bladen, Ohio, daughter of Samuel and Aurelia Benton. She died in 1833. In 1840 he was married, in Crawford county, Wis., to Miss Henrietta Foster, a daughter of Henry and Julia Foster. In 1847 he was married to Miss Almina Benton, a sister of his first wife, who died in October, 1896. Two children were born to the first marriage: Mary Young, widow of William Humphrey, of Patch Grove; and Alfred, a resident of Sibley, Iowa. To the second marriage were born Benjamin F., of Kenton, Ohio; Emily M., widow of William Bailey, of Bloomington, Grant county; and Ida E., who became the wife of Eugene Anger, and died in October, 1896. By the third marriage were born Aurelia F., wife of Andrew Abram, of the town of Mt. Hope, Grant county; Delford B., of Fennimore; Almina, a teacher in Milwaukee; and Jennie, wife of Frank Roach, of Fennimore. The father was a man of more than average ability, and had decided views on the issues of the day. He improved a naturally bright mind by reading and observation, and was one of the best informed men in his community, was well versed in the law, and had a fine memory. He was honored by many local offices, though he never sought public position, and was once a candidate for the State Senate. His party, however, was so far in the minority that he could not pull through. He was a genial and

courteous gentleman, and had a generous disposition. Mr. Brunson was a Methodist, and fraternally a prominent Mason. He was devoted to the order, and was accustomed to attend its sessions up to a very advanced age.

Delford B. Brunson, of Fennimore, is the youngest son of his parents, and their only son now living in Grant county. He was born on the Mt. Hope homestead Nov. 15, 1858, and there remained for thirty years. In 1888 he located in the village of Mt. Hope, and for five years was engaged in the buying and shipping of live stock. In 1894 he moved to Fennimore, where he is still engaged in the same business. Mr. Brunson has been twice married, Miss Effie Fox becoming his first wife. She was a daughter of Isaac B. Fox, of Mt. Hope, and died Aug. 14, 1895. His present wife was Miss Lisetta Biedermann. Two children were the fruit of the first marriage, Jennie and Clair. There is a daughter, Frances, by his second marriage. Mr. Brunson is one of the leading business men of Fennimore. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and was elected to the Legislature in November, 1900.

JAMES MILLS, M. S., M. D., a prominent and successful physician and surgeon of Janesville, is a native of Rock county, and was born on the 25th day of July, 1852. His father, Peter Mills, one of the early settlers of the county, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, Feb. 7, 1818. He was reared in his native land, and there learned the miller's trade. He was the son of Peter Mills, born in Abernethy in 1761. On the 7th day of November, 1841, he was united in marriage with Miss Jane Peacock. In 1849 he emigrated with his family to America, locating in Rock Prairie, in Rock county, Wis., where he engaged in farming. His children were four in number: Mary, the eldest, born May 3, 1843, is the wife of Alexander McGregor; Peter, born Jan. 18, 1846, enlisted during the Civil war as a member of the 13th Wis. V. I., Feb. 17, 1862, and died at Fort Henry, Tenn., Dec. 16, 1862; Margaret, born Nov. 27, 1850, died in infancy; James, subject of this sketch, is the youngest. The latter was but four days old when his father died, on the farm in Rock Prairie, July 29, 1852, from cholera, at the age of thirty-four years. Though his decease occurred thus early in life, he was naturally of a robust constitu-

tion, possessing great strength and powers of endurance. He was well educated, refined, industrious and highly esteemed. His wife, after the death of her husband, succeeded, by hard work and careful management, in carrying on the farm and in providing for her family in a thoroughly Christian home. In 1858 she married John Henry, and they resided on the old homestead, where a daughter, Margaret Jane, was born to them March 10, 1863. The last named is the wife of Robert J. Hadden, and their home is on the old farm. The Doctor's mother died Feb. 2, 1891, at the age of sixty-nine years. She was a devout Christian, and an active member of the United Presbyterian Church of Rock Prairie. She possessed those sterling qualities which characterize her race, and was beloved by all who knew her for her many kind deeds. John Henry departed this life March 17, 1891.

Dr. Mills grew to manhood on the old homestead in Johnstown. He worked on the farm with unceasing industry, the only relaxation being his attendance at the district school during the winter months. In 1869 he entered Milton College, where he attended several terms. His ambition did not slumber, and, finding himself partly dependent upon his own energies to secure an education, he began farming for himself during the summer, attending the college during the winter. In 1875 he taught school in the old school house where he first attended. He still pursued his college course, and for several terms was one of the assistant teachers. Milton College graduated him in 1879, and conferred upon him the degree of Master of Science in 1890. Immediately after leaving this institution he began his medical studies in the office of Dr. Henry Palmer (now deceased), of Janesville, and in 1880 he entered the Chicago Medical College, now the Medical Department of the Northwestern University, by which college he was graduated in 1883. During his last year there he was appointed assistant surgeon of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., which is a strong proof of the ability he possessed as a student, and which afforded him a wide experience in surgical practice. This position he held for one year.

A few days after receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine he received his appointment of assistant physician in the Insane Hospital at Elgin, Ill., where he remained two



*James Mills*



years. His practice there afforded him valuable opportunity for acquiring knowledge concerning the treatment of the insane. Desiring to still further extend his medical researches, and to widen his experience before entering upon general practice, he resigned his position and went to Scotland, taking a course in the Edinburgh Medical University. On the completion of his course he received a diploma from the Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital. Here his advantages for gaining skill in the attendance upon patients, at their bedside and in the operating room, were extensive. Going thence to London, he spent several months making observations in surgery at St. Thomas and King's College Hospital, under Sir James Lister and other eminent surgeons; also in Soho Square Hospital, devoted to the treatment of the diseases of women; in Brompton Hospital, applying remedies for diseases of the chest; and in Sir Morrell McKenzie's Hospital. He enjoyed exceptional advantages in this school, where he learned the methods used by many of the most noted and eminent physicians and surgeons in Europe, and where he gained instruction that has since proved of inestimable value in his practice. Leaving London, the Doctor spent some time in Paris, pursuing the same course, and visiting the principal hospitals. In 1885, prior to his leaving Scotland, he became a member of the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society, a long-established and famous organization.

In the month of August, 1885, Dr. Mills returned from the old countries, and began at once the practice of his profession in Janesville, where he has since resided. Both as a physician and a surgeon he has attained an enviable reputation: his energy and superior ability soon placed him in the foremost rank of his profession. He has a large and lucrative patronage, derived chiefly from the better class of people in both the city and the country. He is a thorough scholar and a perfect gentleman, and has the unquestioned respect and good-will of the community. Everything he undertakes bears the unmistakable impress of energy and sound judgment. Well-equipped as the Doctor is, careful and painstaking as has been his preparation for the work of a successful physician, it is not to be wondered at that he is considered an authority among his fellow practitioners. His bearing is such as to inspire confidence in his patients; and his

pleasant manner such as to win friends wherever he goes.

After continuing his practice without interruption for ten years at Janesville the Doctor again went abroad, in 1895, for further study, taking his family with him. After remaining in Edinburgh for a short time he went to Dublin, taking a practical course in midwifery in the famous old Dublin Maternity Hospital. He then proceeded to London, and revisited many of its hospitals. Leaving that city, he reached Berlin, Germany, where he at once entered the Medical Department of the University of Berlin, taking special courses for six months in Gynecology and the diseases of women under Prof. A. Martin; in surgery under Prof. Von Bergman; on Internal Medicine under Prof. D. G. Klemperer and others. Returning to New York City after a year's study abroad, he took there a course in the Post Graduate School. The Doctor is a member of the Wisconsin State Medical Society; American Medical Association; and ex-president of the Central Wisconsin Medical Society; and president of the Rock County Medical Society. He is a well-known contributor to medical journals. On Feb. 13, 1888, the Rock County Caledonian Society was organized, and the Doctor was chosen its president, which office he held continuously for eight years. He is now acting as secretary of the society. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Masons, and other societies, and is secretary of the Palmer Memorial Hospital. In politics he casts his vote on the Republican side. His ardent and sincere love for the soldiers of the Civil war prompted him, in 1897, to raise a flag. A great concourse of people gathered on the lawn and street in front of the Doctor's residence in Janesville. W. H. Sargent Post and the Janesville Light Infantry were present, and assisted in the ceremonies. The flag was raised in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as a memorial to Peter Mills, the brother of Dr. Mills, who died at Fort Henry, Tenn., and James Peacock, an uncle, who was killed at Gainesville, Georgia.

Dr. Mills was married to Emma F. Chamberlain, at the home of her parents in La Prairie, Rock county, May 12, 1886. She was the only child of James A. and Jane (Humphrey) Chamberlain, and was born Jan. 2, 1860. She attended the home district school and Milton College, from which she was grad-



uated in 1878, and for several terms was a teacher in the country schools. Mrs. Mills has always manifested an interest in literary and art studies, and is a most amiable and accomplished woman. Her father was the son of James and Maria (Jackson) Chamberlain. He was born March 2, 1833, in Hartford, Conn., and with the family moved to the town of Bradford, Rock county, when but five years old. The father of this son came West in 1837, and built a log cabin upon his claim in Bradford, and here suffered in that year many privations and lonesome hours in a thinly settled country. He was a carpenter and builder, which trade he learned in England, his native country, where he was born March 13, 1791, in Hampshire. He emigrated to America in 1819, remaining in New York State four years, then moved to Connecticut and in 1837, after fourteen years spent there as a contractor and builder, he removed to the Territory of Wisconsin, and took up the life of a farmer. He was delegate to the first convention, at Madison, for the framing of the State Constitution. He built the first courthouse in Janesville: the first bridge across Rock river, in Rock county, at that city; the first bridges at Beloit and Roscoe; and the first school houses in the towns of La Prairie and Turtle. He was noted for his excellent habits, for his care of his family and for his upright, honorable dealings with his fellow citizens. He died at the age of eighty-three, from an accident. He left four children and his wife, Maria (Jackson) Chamberlain, who survived him only two years.

James A. Chamberlain, the father of Mrs. Mills, grew to manhood upon the farm in La Prairie, and when he was married, in 1856, he brought his wife there, and they spent over forty years together upon the same farm. Her health failed in 1898, and they left the old homestead and moved to Janesville. She died Jan. 15, 1899, at the age of sixty years. Through her mother Mrs. Mills was a descendant of Frederick A. and Eliza (Yates) Humphrey, both of whom were born in the State of New York, where they lived until they moved to Shopiere, Rock county, in 1847. Here they spent the greater part of their lives, and here both died in the spring of 1896—she at the advanced age of ninety, and he at ninety-five. He was also a contractor and builder. Eliza Yates was a direct descend-

ant of Col. Peter Yates, of Revolutionary days.

Dr. and Mrs. Mills have two children: Wallace C., born in Janesville April 16, 1889; and James Stewart, born in Berlin, Germany, Nov. 22, 1894. The Doctor and Mrs. Mills are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is one of its elders. They have a beautiful home, an ornament to the city.

VOLNEY ATWOOD, president of the Oak Hill Cemetery Association, is one of the substantial and representative men of Janesville, and has played an important part in the material growth of his community.

Volney Atwood was born in Cambridge, Vt., Feb. 28, 1812, a son of Levi and Lucretia (Waterman) Atwood. The history of the paternal grandfather of our subject is not known, but the maternal grandfather was Aruna Waterman, a native of Connecticut, who in 1801 removed to Vermont and took up a large tract of land; he died there when over eighty years of age, the father of a large family. The father of our subject, Levi Atwood, who was a farmer, died in Vermont in 1812, when Volney was not quite ten months old, and the mother survived him many years. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Atwood had three sons: Victor, Norman and Volney. Victor was a business man in St. Albans, Vt., for sixty years, and Norman was a farmer in Cambridge, Vt., but both are now deceased.

Volney Atwood was reared in Vermont, his mother removing to Johnson, that State, about four years after her husband's death. Here our subject remained until he was eighteen, when he returned to the farm at Cambridge, and pursued the calling of a farmer until 1837. When opportunity offered he attended the public schools of his neighborhood, and made the best of his opportunities. In 1837 he came West to Wisconsin, settling in Janesville township, Rock county, where he took up a tract of 320 acres. After improving this land Mr. Atwood sold it, and engaged in keeping a tavern. During 1845 and 1846 he served his county very acceptably as sheriff, and afterward engaged in general merchandising for many years. Later, however, he embarked in the hardware business, confining himself exclusively to this branch of trade until 1887, when he practically retired, although since he was made president of the

Oak Hill Cemetery Association he has personally attended to all its affairs. Having always been a loyal Republican Mr. Atwood has several times been called upon to represent his community in town and county office, serving as supervisor in the early days, when a number of the towns were represented together; also as alderman for two years; register of deeds one term: and, as before stated, as sheriff. At one time Mr. Atwood was interested in the cottonmill at Janesville, having assisted in its organization and establishment. Another industry which owes much of its present prosperity to his executive ability and business acumen is the Janesville shoe factory. Mr. Atwood was one of the promoters who induced the Chicago & Northwestern railroad to come to Janesville, and although the town benefited his loss in the matter was considerable. There is scarcely any line of business in Janesville which has not felt the impetus of Mr. Atwood's enterprise, and among these is the coal and wood business, in which he engaged at one time with a Mr. Lawrence, under the firm name of Lawrence & Atwood, their business being the second of its kind in that locality.

On June 30, 1847, Mr. Atwood married Miss Catherine A. Holmes, daughter of William and Rachel (Day) Holmes, and they have had six children: Volney, Charles, Mary Lucretia, Harriet Augusta and Helen Adelaide (twins) and Anna E. Volney died when a little over two years old, and the twins when eighteen months old. Charles married Miss Alta M. Doty, and they have had eight children: Volney D., Abbie A., Mary Lea, Harry C., Charles Starr, William Williston, Leo and Edward Philo; they live in Janesville, where he is engaged in the ice business. Mary Lucretia married Edward Vernon Whiton, now deceased, and had four children, Edward Vernon, Lucretia, Annette T. and Victor A. Miss Anna E. resides with her parents, and is a very pleasant lady.

Mrs. Atwood, who is the oldest resident of Janesville in length of residence, was born in Newark, Licking Co., Ohio, Aug. 9, 1819, and her parents were natives of Pennsylvania. They moved to Ohio, settling in Marion county, where they resided twelve years; then removed to La Porte county, Ind., and resided there until 1836. In March of that year they went to Rock county, Wis., and settled in Rock

township, where Mr. Holmes purchased land from the government at \$1.25 an acre, obtaining an entire section in one body, and 160 acres in another, all of which is now included in Janesville; also sixty acres of timber land. While in Marion county, Ohio, Mr. Holmes was a judge of the court for a number of years, and was known as Judge Holmes, although engaged in farming. After a long and useful life Mr. Holmes died, in the spring of 1861, aged eighty-one years. The father of Mr. Holmes, James Holmes, a native of England, came to America with two brothers. Mrs. Atwood's maternal grandfather was George Day, a native of Scotland, who lived to a ripe old age.

Mrs. Atwood is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, and is an earnest worker in the several organizations connected with it. Mr. Atwood is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been for fifty years, filling every chair in the lodge. Having always been public-spirited, he has generously contributed of his time and means toward all improvements, and still takes a warm interest in public affairs, the advancement of the city in prosperity, the success of the party whose principles he advocates, and the general welfare of the community being matters of vital importance to him.

HENRY PATCH, deceased. Prominent among the citizens of Grant county who were actively identified with its early development and prosperity was the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born in Danbury, Conn., April 10, 1803, a son of Elijah and Susana (Morgan) Patch, the former of English, the latter of Scottish descent. The father was born Oct. 29, 1769, and died Nov. 27, 1804, while the mother was born Feb. 23, 1780, and died in October, 1820. In the family were eight children, five sons and three daughters, all of whom have passed away, namely: John T., Prosper, Henry, Mary A., Ezra, Elijah, Rebecca, and Abigail.

Henry Patch was reared in his native place, and in early manhood married Miss Emily C. Brunson, a sister of the well-known pioneers of Grant county, Wis., Ira and Alfred Brunson. Soon after their marriage they moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Patch was engaged in farming until the fall of 1836, when, accompanied by the Brunson brothers, above

mentioned, he came to Grant county. For a short time he lived in Section 32, in what is now Patch Grove township, but in the spring of 1837 located on land he had pre-empted, there making his permanent home. His was the fifth family in what is now Patch Grove township. In his house was conducted the first school of that township, and the first post-office, he serving as postmaster; the office was given the name of Patch Grove in his honor, and later the township and village took the same name.

Mr. Patch became one of the most prominent and influential men of Grant county, and being public-spirited and progressive was called upon to fill various local offices, the duties of which he always faithfully and conscientiously discharged. He also ably represented his district in the lower branch of the State Legislature. He was a man of more than average ability, and always took a leading part in promoting those enterprises that were for the best interests of the community. Generous and sympathetic by nature, no one was ever turned from his door without assistance, and no man in the county was more highly esteemed or more sincerely respected than Henry Patch. He died in the village of Patch Grove, Jan. 2, 1857, and in his death the community realized that it had lost one of its most valued and useful citizens. As a business man he had steadily prospered, and became possessed of a large amount of land, both by pre-emption and by purchase.

The wife who had accompanied Mr. Patch from her New England home to what was then the wilds of the West departed this life March 14, 1856, and he was again married, July 24, 1858, his second union being with Mrs. Louisa Nelson McConnell, whose maiden name was Dunbar. She died June 20, 1900. By the first marriage there were eight children, four sons and four daughters, but only three are now (1901) living, Mrs. Cornelia W. Anderson, Reed Patch and Mrs. Emma Gilpatrick. Those deceased were Harriet, William H., Henry W., Thomas B. and Almira. Of the three children born to the second union only Mrs. Jennie Lewis, born in 1861, is living, Jessie and Ada L. having passed away.

STEPHEN J. BAKER, of Evansville, Rock county, holds the responsible position of foreman of the Baker Manufacturing Co., in that city, and is one of the leading men of the

community. He understands his business thoroughly, and is a straightforward and manly character.

Mr. Baker was born in Stephenson county, Ill., Feb. 13, 1840, and is a son of John T. and Jemima (Robinson) Baker, both natives of Ohio. They were the parents of seven sons and three daughters, and six of their children are now living, David, Edward, Francis, Stephen J., Allen, and Caroline (who is the wife of John Davenport, of San Rafael, Cal.). John T. Baker was a farmer, and one of the pioneer settlers of Rock county, coming to Wisconsin in 1840, and settling in the town of Union, where he improved a farm, and reared a family to be honorable men and women. He spent the last few years of his life in Evansville, dying in 1876, at the age of seventy years. His wife, the mother of Stephen J., died in the town of Union in the fall of 1851, aged thirty-nine years. John T. Baker was a man of prominence in his time, and served as town clerk, treasurer, and in other offices in the town and district during his active years. His father, Daniel Baker, was a native of West Virginia, and died in Ohio at the age of sixty-five years.

Stephen J. Baker was reared on the farm, and gained moral character and vital force from the close touch of nature and the quiet life he lived. He attended the district school, and was a young man of patriotic thought and feeling at the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company D, 13th Wis. V. I., and followed the flag of the Union for three long and bloody years; he was on patrol duty much of the time. He was at Decatur, Ala., where his regiment was under fire four days while Gen. Hood was crossing the Tennessee at Mussels' Shoals. The 13th had a share in many expeditions, and captured many Rebel prisoners, making a good record, and the old veterans recall with pride the scenes and perils now long past. When the war was over Mr. Baker learned the blacksmith's trade, which was his occupation for a number of years. Later he went into the employ of the Evansville Manufacturing Co., principally engaged in the production of tacks, and in 1888 he became foreman of the Baker Manufacturing Co., a position he still fills. The concern is a large one, and produces many different articles largely in demand in an agricultural country, such as windmills, pumps, grinders, wood saws, and other goods in the same line.

On Oct. 6, 1868, Stephen J. Baker married Miss Flora C. Allen, daughter of Heman M. and Caroline (Anderson) Allen, and they had one child, deceased in infancy. Mrs. Baker passed away in 1874. Mr. Baker remarried March 2, 1875, Miss Clare Sherman becoming his wife, and they have an attractive home on Liberty street, Evansville. They have two children, Clarence S., born Feb. 3, 1876, and Flora Ethel, born April 14, 1881. Clarence chose a position as fireman on the Madison division of the Northwestern railroad. Ethel is fitting herself to teach school. Mr. Baker is a member of Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., and Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., at Evansville. He is a Republican, and was alderman of the Second ward in Evansville two terms. He has been a resident of Rock county sixty years.

Mrs. Clare (Sherman) Baker, wife of Stephen J. Baker, was born May 27, 1852, near Menasha, Wis., later moving to Evansville, Wis. Her parents, Erin and Mariam B. (Stevens) Sherman, had three children: Elisha, who died in infancy; Eva E., Mrs. Albert Snashall, of Evansville, and Clare, Mrs. Baker. Her father, Erin Sherman, was born in Le Roy, Genesee Co., N. Y., in 1820. He was a contractor and builder in his native place. Later, coming West, he settled in Milwaukee, where he owned a dry-goods store, and was proprietor of the same for several years, afterward moving onto a maple sugar farm near Menasha. At the time of the gold fever, in 1857, he, with several companions, went to the gold fields of California. In 1846 Mr. Sherman was married to Mariam B. Stevens, who was the daughter of Joseph and Phoebe (Eastman) Stevens, and was born in Concord, N. H., June 7, 1828, coming West with her mother and brothers when thirteen years of age. She died in Evansville, Wis., March 4, 1875. She joined the United Brethren Church, of which she was a member in good standing until her death. Erin Sherman's father, Thomas Sherman, was born in the State of New York. He and his wife, Sallie (Van Gilder) Sherman, were the parents of nine children, seven sons—Thomas, Benjamin, William, Walter, Erin, Elisha and Lucius—and two daughters—Clarissa and Susan. All were born in Le Roy. Joseph Stevens, father of Mrs. Mariam B. (Stevens) Sherman, was born in Andover, Essex Co., Mass., in 1784, and was engaged in the lumber

business, owning and operating a sawmill. He died in Concord, N. H., of typhus fever. He and his wife, Phoebe E. Stevens, were the parents of seven children, Joseph, Phoebe, William, Serena, John, Thomas and Mariam. Mrs. Phoebe (Eastman) Stevens was born in Londonderry, Rockingham Co., N. H., in 1785. After the death of her husband she was advised by his cousin, Charles Stevens, who lived in Janesville, Wis., to come West with her family. She did so, and bought government land situated north of the city of Janesville, where she lived several years. Two of her sons, Thomas and William, settled on farms in the town of Porter, near Fulton. John settled in Janesville, where he kept an hotel for a number of years. Serena married and went to Michigan. Later Mrs. Stevens moved to the town of Porter, where she spent the remainder of her life. She died in 1878, at the home of her son Thomas. William Eastman, father of Phoebe (Eastman) Stevens, was born in Concord, N. H., in 1757. He served in the Revolutionary war under Capt. Livermar and Col. Campbell, and was granted a pension for three years' actual service. The Eastman family were all quite patriotic.

WILLIAM ELGAR, a well-to-do and prominent citizen of Platteville, Grant county, and ex-postmaster at that place, is one of the adopted sons of America, for he was born in London, England, in 1829. His parents, William and Ann (Hambrook) Elgar, were natives of Kent, England, and the mother died in 1841, in London. The father, who was a business man in England, came to the United States in 1851, settling in Grant county, Wis., where he followed farming for some time. He died in Platteville in 1875. His children were William; John, a resident of Wisconsin; Viroqua; Stephen, who died in Platteville in 1891; Elizabeth, Mrs. William Cowduroy, who died in the same place in 1879; and Anne, Mrs. Kolb, a resident of Platteville.

The early life of William Elgar was passed in his native land, and he attended school in London. In 1851 he sailed for the New World, and after a voyage of twelve weeks landed in New York. After spending a short time in Mineral Point, Wis., he came to Grant county, where he has since made his home. For some years he was successfully engaged in mercantile business in Platteville, but on being appointed

postmaster, in February, 1886, he disposed of his store. He held the office for four years, discharging its duties in a most creditable and satisfactory manner, and was succeeded by M. P. Rindlaub.

Mr. Elgar was married in Platteville to Miss Frances Kolb, a native of Chester county, Penn., and to them were born three children, namely: William, now a merchant of Rewey, Wis.; Laura, Mrs. McArthur, whose husband is a lumber dealer of Minneapolis, Minn.; and George, who is married and resides in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Elgar was one of the founders of the Episcopal Church of Platteville, of which he has since been a prominent and influential member, having always taken a very active part in its work. He served as the first treasurer and clerk of the church, and has filled the former office over thirty years. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. A man of strong individuality and indubitable probity, one who has attained a due measure of success in life, and whose influence has always been on the side of right and order, this worthy citizen of Platteville assuredly deserves representation in this volume.

TERRENCE CARRIER is a very popular and successful hardware merchant in the city of Boscobel, and has filled the office of sheriff of Grant county with marked ability. He became a resident of the county in 1855, at which date he located in Muscoda, and engaged in farming. In 1858 he moved to Boscobel, and resumed his trade of wagon maker, which he followed for some years. Failing health obliged him to seek a change of occupation, and he became a hotel man, being landlord of the leading hotel in the city for some ten years. In 1872 Mr. Carrier was elected sheriff of Grant county, and served his term of office with general satisfaction, as the result of the manner in which he conducted its business. In 1874 he returned to Boscobel, and entered into the hardware business, in which he is still engaged.

Terrence Carrier was born in Cambridge, Vt., Dec. 5, 1827, a son of Patrick and Bridget (O'Neil) Carrier, both natives of County Monaghan, Ireland. The parents were reared and married in their native county, and came to the United States in 1826, settling in Vermont.

Patrick Carrier was a linen weaver in Ireland, but became a farmer in this country. In 1837 they moved West, to the town of Tallmadge, Summit Co., Ohio, and in the spring of 1849 came to Wisconsin, settling on a farm at Watertown, where the remainder of their days was spent. He died at the age of eighty-three, and she when seventy-five. They had a family of seven children, of whom Alice, the eldest, married Michael Reynolds, and lives in Vermont. Terrence lives in Boscobel. Mary died at the age of seventeen. Nancy married John McLaughlin, and lives at Watertown, Wis. Amelia has been twice married, her first husband being Francis McHugh, and her second Luke Byrne, of Watertown, Wis. James resides in Grant county. John lives in California.

Terrence Carrier removed with his parents to Ohio, and in 1848 made a journey of exploration into Wisconsin. Being thoroughly satisfied with the outlook, he carried back such a report to Ohio that the following year the entire family came West. In 1852 he was married to Miss Amelia Powers, who was born at Gardner, Maine, a daughter of James and Julia (Clay) Powers, and at the time of her marriage was residing in Janesville, Wis. To this union three children were born, Mary being the eldest; she married William E. Howe. Martha Jane married Michael McSpaden, of Boscobel. Alice is the widow of Fred Mortimer, and has her home in Boscobel. Mr. Carrier is a Republican, and was formerly a Whig. He has held various local and county offices, has served on the county board, and has acted as president of the village, and has been generally regarded as a man of more than usual ability and character. Mr. Carrier owns a fine farm of 450 acres near Boscobel, and also owns the business in which he is engaged.

CHARLES BLAKELY is the earliest settler of Darlington, Lafayette county, no other citizen of the place having been here at the time of his location—April, 1851, in what was then a wilderness.

Mr. Blakely is a native of Ohio, although descended from New England ancestry, his father, Russell Blakely, having been born in Vermont, and his mother, Permelia (Gale), being from the same State. They removed to Ohio, and some time afterward removed to

Canada, but in 1851 they located in Lafayette county, Wis. Our subject was one of their family of eleven children, and is the only surviving son; he has but two sisters, one of whom resides in New Orleans, and the other in Canada.

In 1848 our subject left Canada and went to Rockford, Ill., but returned to Canada in the autumn of the same year. In the following spring he returned to Rockford, went thence to Beloit, where he learned the trade of blacksmith, and has been engaged in that business ever since. In 1851 he settled in Darlington, having taken the contract for doing the iron work on the first mill at that place, then in process of construction, and established the first blacksmith shop in the place, still continuing work.

In Beloit our subject was married to Miss Martha Graham, a native of Canada, and four children have been born of this union, Permelia, Eleanor, Charles and Elizabeth; Charles is city clerk of Darlington. Since the very beginning of the place Mr. Blakely has resided here, and has lived to see, with interest, this beautiful city arise out of the wilderness, its schools, churches, business blocks and fine residences standing where he found only depths of forest. All his life he has been one of the most esteemed of its citizens, and his recollections are most instructive and entertaining.

MORGAN J. VAN MATRE, who resides with his sister, Mrs. Mary Dobbs, in Section 34, Lamont township, Lafayette county, represents a pioneer family of southwestern Wisconsin.

James Van Matre, the father of our subject, came to the mining regions in 1827, with several brothers, and they were well known in the neighborhood of Shullsburg and at other points. James Van Matre was born at Cynthiana, Ky., and was descended from a hardy race of pioneers, the grandfather of our subject having been Morgan Van Matre, an associate of Daniel Boone in the early Indian wars in Kentucky. James Van Matre went to Ohio in his youth, and there married Sidney Kelley, a native of Warren county, that State, where he and his brother engaged in mining for a considerable time, finally coming to Wisconsin, and settling in what is now Wiota township, Lafayette county. When the township was organized, in 1849, he was made a mem-

ber of the first board of supervisors, and he continued his residence there until the close of his life, his wife surviving him for a number of years. A family of fourteen children was born to them, of whom survive: Morgan J.; Mary, Mrs. Dobbs, both residents of Lamont township; Jefferson, a resident of the State of Iowa; John, a resident of Springfield, Mo.; and James and Andrew, residents of Wayne township.

Our subject was born in Ohio Aug. 18, 1818, being now one of the oldest men, both in age and time of residence, in his part of the county. He married Mary Jane Wood, who died many years ago, leaving two children: Washington Irving, born in 1844, a resident of Wiota township; and Sidney Hannah, the wife of Joseph Lovelace. Mrs. Dobbs, sister of our subject, came to Lamont township in 1845. She has been twice married, her first husband, Elijah E. Swank, dying in 1862; her second husband, George Dobbs, died August 16, 1897.

WILLIAM R. DIXON, of Fennimore, is numbered among the older settlers of Grant county, his residence in the county dating from Nov. 16, 1846.

Mr. Dixon was born in Kanawha county, in what is now West Virginia, April 17, 1817, son of Peter Dixon. His grandfather, George Dixon, served as a scout in the Revolution under Gen. Washington for some six years. He was a flag bearer at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. His father was born in Scotland, and when a boy was stolen and brought to America. William R. Dixon well remembers his grandfather, and recalls many incidents of the war of independence as related by him. The maiden name of Mr. Dixon's mother was Lucinda Long, and her father, Isaac Long, also served in the Revolution. Both our subject's grandfathers died in 1844, at the age of eighty-four.

Peter Dixon was one of a family of nine children. He was an officer in the war of 1812, and four of his brothers were also soldiers in that same war, two of them dying in the army. Mr. Dixon was the father of seventeen children, all of whom, with but one exception, lived to maturity. He was twice married, and his first wife, who died in 1825, was the mother of William R., who, so far as known, is her only surviving child. Six chil-

dren of the second union are now living. The father died in 1863.

The Dixon family were opposed to slavery, and helped many a negro to freedom. They moved into Ohio when William R. was a boy, and for years were actively connected with the "underground railroad." In 1831 the grandfather, George Dixon, and all his surviving sons, moved into Warren county, Ind., where all the older members of the family died. In 1846 William R. Dixon came to Grant county, and on Dec. 16, following year, he married Miss Emily Mitchell, who was born near Knoxville, Tenn., and reared in Missouri, whither her parents removed early in her life. They died in that State while she was still a girl, and she came to Grant county, making her home with her sister. Here Mr. Dixon met and married her. They were the second couple married in the town of Fennimore.

Mr. Dixon had little idea of remaining when he came to Grant county, and was about to return to Indiana when he was asked to take a school. He was willing, and a subscription school was opened in what were known as the Switzer and Walker settlements. Many of the children who attended came from a long distance. There was no school house, but a log cabin was put up on Section 7—a typical frontier school house; there were no glass windows, but open spaces were left between the logs and covered with greased paper. Cold draughts blew through the building in the winter. The seats were slabs brought from Prairie du Chien. Holes were bored for the legs. This school house did not fit in with present-day notions, but it answered for the times, and here in 1846 and 1847 Mr. Dixon taught the first school in the town. He was to receive ten dollars a month, and board around, but money was scarce, and he never secured the full amount of his wages. He had about twenty scholars, and he taught the same school the two following winters. School commissioners had been elected, but they gave little or no attention to school matters, and Mr. Dixon taught his first term without a certificate. In 1847 he was elected school commissioner, and he was really the first commissioner to give any attention to the public schools. In early life he was also tax collector, and served on the town board for two years. He was both assessor and collector in 1871 and 1872.

When Mrs. Dixon began keeping house on Section 30, in the spring of 1848, the surrounding country was wild and unbroken. There Mr. Dixon improved a farm, and afterward exchanged it for one north of the village, which he cultivated for twenty years. Then he sold it, and bought a farm of 320 acres, which he occupied until, in the spring of 1899, he sold it to his son Ora. That year he and his son removed to Fennimore. Now, at the age of eighty-three years, William R. Dixon is remarkably well for his venerable age. He has done his share in the development of this region. He is a Republican politically, and a Methodist in religion.

Mr. Dixon lost his first wife in 1855, and he married in April, 1859, Miss Harriet Johnson, who died in 1864. He was the father of four children by his first marriage, two of whom are now living: Mrs. Ellen Bunerman, of Cylinder, Iowa; and Ora A., of Fennimore. George and Mary L. are deceased. Emily (the wife of Clark Streeter, of Iowa county) and Walter are the children of the second union.

William R. Dixon and his brother George W. are the only members of their father's family who came to Wisconsin. George settled in the town of Fennimore, where he married, and he died in 1863, leaving a wife and two children. The widow and one daughter have passed away. The other daughter is the widow of Abe Howe, and lives in Fennimore.

ORA A. DIXON, the eldest son of William R., was born June 20, 1850, and has always lived in the immediate vicinity of his parents' home. He bought the old homestead, which he has recently sold, and now resides in Fennimore. On Nov. 4, 1876, he married Miss Eliza Switzer, whose birth occurred in Fennimore July 30, 1854, a daughter of John Switzer, an old pioneer of the county. To this union four children have been born, and three of them are living: Cora Gertrude is the wife of William Monteith, of Clark county, Wis.; William R. is a young man, and is studying electrical engineering; Katie is at home; Electa Pearl died in infancy.

CHARLES ALFRED BACON, M. A., occupies the position of Professor of the French Language and Literature in Beloit College, and also serves as librarian of that institution. He is one of the energetic men in the Faculty, and



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holds a prominent place in the public esteem as thoroughly versed in his special field, and at the same time broadly informed, and an inspiring presence wherever encountered. He comes of a scholarly line, and is himself devoted to the interests of true learning, with an eye of kindly regard for a studious youth, and a disposition to help every budding genius unfold its wings.

Prof. Bacon was born in Brattleboro, Vt., in 1860, and is a son of Rev. William F. and Mary W. (Beal) Bacon, both natives of Massachusetts. Their children are as follows: Prof. Charles A.; Prof. George, vice-principal of the Beloit Academy; Rev. William A., a Congregational minister at Shelburne Falls, Mass.; Theodore H., a teacher in Danbury, Conn.; Arthur A., an instructor in physics in Dartmouth College; and Julia A., at Medford, Mass. The father was a teacher when a young man, and in later life became a clergyman. He is living at Medford, Mass., at the present time. His father, Isaac P. Bacon, was a native of Bedford, Mass., born in a home that had been the birthplace of eight generations of the family. The ancestors of the Bacon family came from the North of Ireland, and located at Bedford in 1642. Michael Bacon was the founder of the family in this country. Isaac P. Bacon had two children, a son and a daughter. He was a carriage builder, and a prominent character in his day, and for many years was chairman of the board of selectmen, but declined to go to the Legislature. He died in Bedford.

Capt. George Beal, the father of Mary W., was born in Hingham, Mass., of English descent, and it is recorded of him that he brought the first steam vessel into Boston harbor; it was the old steamboat "Lincoln," and he had superintended its construction in Philadelphia. He spent the greater portion of his adult life on the water, and was well known in Boston. He reached the age of seventy-eight. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. Capt. Beal was the father of nine children.

Prof. Charles A. Bacon spent his youth and earlier manhood in Massachusetts, graduating from Dartmouth College in 1883. He immediately began a career as a teacher which has been singularly successful. His first engagement was at the Classical Academy at Hallowell, Maine, where he taught one year. The young teacher passed from there to the

high school at Wakefield, Mass., where he filled a year's engagement. In 1885 he came to Beloit to take the chair of astronomy in Beloit College, and was engaged in that department until a recent date. In 1899 he became the occupant of the chair noted above, a position for which he is well fitted by wide study and reading, and by special work done in Europe in 1888 and 1890. In 1888 the college library was put into his charge, and he has displayed much zeal in its management to accomplish the best results. He is regarded as one of the pillars of Beloit College.

Prof. Bacon and Mrs. Alice G. Sheldon were united in marriage July 5, 1893, and they have a pleasant home at No. 641 Church street. Mrs. Bacon was the widow of Preston Sheldon, M. D., and the daughter of Rev. Henry M. and Frances (Foster) Grout, of Concord, Mass. She had two children by her former marriage, Paul G. and Rex. The Professor and his talented wife are members of the Congregational Church. He is a Republican in politics.

HENRY SMITH, who is numbered among the leading business men of Stitzer, town of Liberty, Grant county, is a good representative of the German-American element in the country.

Mr. Smith was born in 1837, a son of Adam Smith, also a native of Germany. In 1855 the latter immigrated to America with his family, and the same year located in Grant county, Wis., on a farm in the town of Little Grant, where they resided for nine years; they then removed to the town of Liberty, and settled on a small farm near the present village of Stitzer. Here Adam Smith died, in 1873, his wife surviving him for five years, when she too passed away. The subject of this sketch was one of a family of three children, two sons and one daughter. Of these, Henry is the eldest. John died several years ago. The daughter, Elizabeth, is the wife of Ferdinand Hintze.

Henry Smith was about eighteen when he first came to Grant county, where he has since made his home, a period of over forty-five years. Reared to the occupation of farming, he has devoted a number of his years to that pursuit, and borne his part in the development and improvement of Liberty. Always interested in agricultural pursuits, Mr. Smith

still owns a fine farm and pleasant home. Soon after the arrival of the railroad here, in 1880, realizing the opportunity offered by this improvement, Mr. Smith engaged in mercantile business, and now also owns and successfully operates a meat market. At first he was associated with Herman Bergheger, but later dissolved that partnership, and now conducts the business alone.

Henry Smith married Miss Mary Ann Garner, daughter of Daniel Garner, of Pennsylvania, and four sons and five daughters have been born of this union.

One reason why Mr. Smith is so deeply interested in the railroad at Liberty is on account of his association with it, for in 1856-57 he assisted in the construction, near Bridgeport, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, the first that entered Grant county. During the time of his association therewith Mr. Smith worked under Joseph Nathan, one of Grant county's well-known citizens. In political affiliations Mr. Smith is a Republican, and has held several local offices, serving most acceptably. Although he never enjoyed any educational advantages outside his native country, he is well informed and capable, and, by his industry, honesty and thrift, has firmly established himself among the prominent merchants and representative men of his locality.

HENRY TARRANT was born in Berkshire, England, May 23, 1833, son of George and Mary Ann (Chandler) Tarrant. The father was overseer for a large land owner in England, and a gardener by occupation. He had married the daughter of an English maltster, William Chandler, who lived to a good old age; he had four children. George Tarrant, Sr., grandfather of our subject, died in England in middle life, leaving a family of six or seven children.

In 1850 George Tarrant, the father of our subject, emigrated to America and located at Janesville, Wis. There he purchased land, and had expected to engage in floral culture, but three months after his arrival he died, aged forty-six years. His widow survived many years, passing away in 1897, aged eighty-one years. They were Episcopalians in early life, and later Methodists. Six of their children lived to maturity, four sons and two daughters, as follows: Henry, our subject; George, of Durand, Wis.; Sarah, wife of W. H. How-

ard, of La Prairie; Charles, of Janesville; Fannie, wife of James Beswick, of Rock township; and William, of Custer, South Dakota.

Henry Tarrant, our subject, had lived fourteen years in Berkshire and three years in London, England, prior to coming to America. He had attended the common schools, and in London served as a messenger boy. Coming to America in 1850 with his parents, he went, after his father's death, to Vernon county, Wis., and there, near Viroqua, entered 120 acres of land. He remained there only two years, and in 1854 returned to Janesville, where for a year he operated a sawmill. Mr. Tarrant then bought eighty acres of land in Section 31, La Prairie township, and settled down to the active and, to him, the successful life of a farmer. His present home of 320 acres, comprising the north half of Section 28, La Prairie township, he purchased in 1878, and here he has resided ever since, operating and improving his broad acres, and ranking high among the agriculturists of Rock county.

Mr. Tarrant married, Dec. 26, 1857, Miss Margaret Jane Arnold, daughter of John and Laura (Kemmerer) Arnold, natives of Pennsylvania, and the parents of thirteen children, of whom eleven grew to maturity. Seven of these are now living: Freeman, of Brodhead, Wis.; William, of Bristow, Iowa; Emanuel, of Plymouth township, Rock county; Margaret J., wife of Henry Tarrant; Sarah E., wife of Joseph Van Buskirk, of Blairsburg, Iowa; Christiana, widow of Richard Van Buskirk, of Allison, Butler Co., Iowa; and John, twin brother of Christiana. John Arnold was a farmer, and migrated to Wisconsin in 1843, settling in Rock township, Rock county. Two years later he removed to Plymouth township, took up a farm from the government, and lived there until his death, June 13, 1871, at the age of sixty-six years. He was most highly respected for his integrity and high character. His wife died Jan. 15, 1878, in her seventieth year.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tarrant have been born ten children, seven sons and three daughters, as follows: (1) Ella R. married Edward Kelly, and lives at Elma, Iowa. They have two children living, Harland and Clare C. (2) Clara Jane died aged thirty-eight years. (3) Elmer C. married May Eddy, and is a liveryman of Janesville. They have one son, Leland. (4) Irving H., a Milwaukee drug-

gist, for his first wife married May Sherman, now deceased, by whom he had one child, Stanley S. For his second wife he married Selena Stephens, by whom he has one child, Loraine. (5) Willis M. died in infancy. (6) Arthur died in infancy. (7) Lester M. died in infancy. (8) Willard M., who lives on the home farm, married Cora Eddy, and has three children, Lyle H., Beulah May and Floyd. (9) Ray G. married Bertha Howard, now deceased, and they had one child, Russell. (10) Ethel G. lives at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarrant are prominent members of the M. E. Church, of which he is steward. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Tarrant was twice elected to the State Assembly, serving continuously from 1889 to 1893; filled a vacancy as county treasurer for seven months; and has been called upon repeatedly to fill local offices. For eleven years he has been supervisor, town clerk sixteen years, and chairman of the county board of supervisors two years. For many years he has served as school clerk and director. He is one of the most progressive and influential citizens of La Prairie township.

RUFUS B. SHEFFER is, so far as is known, the oldest living native-born son of Wisconsin in the State, where his parents were among the very first settlers. He was born in New Diggings township, Lafayette county, Nov. 16, 1830, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Bean) Sheffer.

Peter Sheffer was born in Henderson county, Ky., in 1798, son of Pennsylvania Germans. His wife, Elizabeth (Bean), was born at St. Charles, Mo., daughter of Ahab Bean, a native of Tennessee, who located in Benton in 1827, and died there at the age of eighty-four. In 1827 Peter Sheffer came to Wisconsin from Kentucky, and two years later married Elizabeth Bean. Her family were the first to ever reach Galena, Ill., by boat. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sheffer settled in New Diggings township, and he followed mining as a means of earning a livelihood. They made their home there continuously, with the exception of five years passed in Missouri, a part of which time Mr. Sheffer worked in the mines in Wisconsin, leaving his family in the West. During the Black Hawk war he was a volunteer under Capt. Dodge. His death occurred in 1872, that of his wife in 1852, and

they left nine children, of whom Rufus B. is the eldest. Of the others, Alzina is the widow of Andrew Lindsey, of Cuba City, Wis.; Mary, wife of Sebra Beeman, of Kansas; Hester, wife of a Mr. Holder, of Denver, Colo.; Emily, wife of Charles A. Doan, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Henry, of Los Gatos, Cal.; James A., of North Dakota; and George P., of New Diggings, representative in the Legislature from his district in 1896. The last named was a member of Company C, 33d Wis. V. I., in the Civil war. He married, and has three children, John W., Charles H. and Bell.

Rufus B. Sheffer would have had a poor chance indeed for an education had the family not moved to Missouri during his boyhood. There were no schools in Wisconsin at that time near enough for him to attend, and an education would have been almost an impossibility had the family not spent that five years West, where he had the advantage of subscription schools—an advantage of which he eagerly availed himself. His principal work in his boyhood days was on his father's farm. With the outbreak of the Civil war he shouldered his musket and marched to the front, a member of Company E, 43d Wis. V. I., and served in the Western Army until the close of the war; while in Tennessee he was in the engagement at Johnsonville, on the Tennessee river. After his return from war he settled in the town of New Diggings, and there lived until 1884, when he sold that land and moved to his present farm, known as a part of Abraham Looney's old homestead. This farm consists of eighty acres, all finely cultivated, and with good improvements.

During his army service, in 1864, Mr. Sheffer wedded Miss Matilda A. Sheffer, born near Henderson, Ky., in 1844, daughter of David and Eliza C. Sheffer, representatives of one of the old Kentucky families who passed their lives there. Besides Mrs. Matilda A. Sheffer there are four other children of David Sheffer still living: Thomas; John; Lucy, now Mrs. John Jones, of Kentucky; and Robert, of Pine Bluff, Ark. To Mr. and Mrs. Rufus B. Sheffer five children have been born, of whom the following is the record: Robert S., a farmer of New Diggings, born in January, 1865, married Elizabeth Peasley, and has two children, Ural and Zula B.; Albert Frederick, a farmer and miner of New Diggings, born Sept. 20, 1866, married Miss Mary Ellen Corr, and

has one daughter, Mary; David E., a farmer of New Diggings, born in May, 1868, married Miss Annie Lowe, of Lafayette county, and has two children, Gladys and Clyde V.; Lilly Josephine; and Lizzie B., born in August, 1879, a graduate of the Lead Mine school, class of 1899, is at home.

Rufus B. Sheffer has always been a Republican. His father before him was a staunch Whig, and while both took an active part in public affairs there have been no evidences of any official aspirations. In religious belief the family were raised in the Methodist Church, and have been active in Christian work. Socially Rufus B. Sheffer is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lead Mine Lodge, No. 168.

HON. CORNELIUS MORTIMER TREAT. A splendid specimen of what for some years has been called the "old school" of gentlemen may be found in the personality of Mr. Treat, for many years a prominent citizen of Clinton, Rock county. He embodies those traits of dignity, broad-mindedness and kind-heartedness which command universal esteem and respect. Mr. Treat is self-educated, in the sense that his school days were limited to a few terms' attendance at the district schools of his youth, but the broader education of worldly experience has been his, supplemented by application to books by his own fireside. The thoroughness of the education thus attained is amply attested by his long and successful career as county superintendent of schools, and by his entire life work. Mr. Treat was born in Angelica, Allegany Co., N. Y., April 25, 1817, son of Amaziah and Sallie (Colvin) Treat, natives of Massachusetts and Vermont, respectively.

Cornelius Treat, his grandfather, was a native of Massachusetts, of English and Scottish descent, and for seven years was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, being present at the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne. He participated once in an expedition against the Indians, and had a thrilling and narrow escape from death. Joining Capt. Woodward's Company of Rangers, in New York State, he marched with them to Fort Schuyler, where Utica now stands, and thence proceeded in a northwesterly direction in search of hostile Indians. They numbered sixty-two men, rank and file, and were guided by a faithful Indian who forewarned them of danger. Heedless, the captain advanced, until

finally, surrounded by the savages in greatly superior numbers, they were ambushed and the entire party killed except Mr. Treat, who fled and secreted himself in a fallen tree that was partly split open. Into this log he crawled, feet foremost, with his rifle at command, intending to sell his life as dearly as possible. The Indians in pursuit stood upon the fallen tree and there conversed, then continued onward in their search without discovering him. He lay there all night, and in the morning started for Fort Schuyler, which he reached twenty-four hours later. Cornelius Treat followed farming in New York State, and for many years was a justice of the peace. He reared a large family, and lived to the age of eighty years. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Rufus Colvin, was a native of Vermont, of Scottish and English extraction. He followed farming, reared a large family, and died in Monroe county, N. Y., only a half-mile distant from the home of our subject's paternal grandfather.

Amaziah Treat, the father of our subject, was born in 1784. He served in the war of 1812, and was at Fort Erie when it was blown up. He was a farmer and millwright, and in 1818 removed from Angelica, N. Y., to southern Illinois, where he died of malarial fever the following year, aged thirty-five. His wife survived him many years. She removed from New York to Ohio, and thence, in 1847, to Wisconsin, locating in the town of Turtle, Rock county, where she died when over seventy years of age. In religious faith she was a devout member of the Baptist Church. To Amaziah and Sallie Treat were born four children, three daughters and one son, of whom two are now living: Cornelius M., our subject; and Adeline, wife of Joel Miner, of Turtle township, Rock county.

Cornelius M. Treat, our subject, when three years old was taken by his widowed mother to Monroe county, N. Y., where he was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the district schools. When nineteen years old, in 1836, he removed with his mother to a farm near New London, Huron Co., Ohio, where for nine years he taught school in winters and worked on the farm in summers, also making brick for two seasons.

On Aug. 29, 1841, at Ruggles, Ohio, Mr. Treat married Miss Phebe Alvira Curtis, daughter of Charles and Jemima (Treat) Cur-



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tis. In 1847 Mr. Treat removed with his family and mother to Rock county, Wis., making the journey by team, and consuming sixteen days on the trip, which can now be made by rail in eleven hours. Mr. Treat purchased eighty acres of land in Turtle township, which he improved and occupied. In 1849 he leased a hotel at Belvidere, Ill., which he kept between three and four years, removing in 1853 to Janesville, Rock Co., Wis., where he bought property, and operated for three years an express between Janesville and Belvidere, at the latter place connecting for Chicago with the newly-built Galena & Chicago Union railroad (now the Northwestern). Mr. Treat hauled many loads of goods between the termini of his express route, the round trip requiring three days. In 1856 he sold out this business, and purchased in Turtle township a farm of 100 acres, to which he removed from Janesville. Here for eight years he farmed in summer, teaching school in winter. He was for nine years town superintendent of schools, and county superintendent for eight years; while serving in the latter capacity he examined both the present State supply and his immediate predecessor for a certificate to teach.

On Dec. 24, 1868, Mr. Treat removed with his family to the village of Clinton, having erected his present attractive home, his wife planting the seeds for some of the large trees which now adorn the lawn. Since coming to Clinton Mr. Treat has engaged in the fire insurance business. To Mr. and Mrs. Treat were born two children, Emily Diadama and Curtis Mortimer. Emily Diadama married Oscar C. Gates, who is now deceased; she has three children, Cyrus Mortimer, Allee and Volney Curtis. Curtis M. married Miss Jennie Farrington, and they have two children, Lillian Gertrude and Leona Farrington; they reside at Buffalo, N. Y., where he is secretary of the Merchants Exchange, the fore-runner of the Pan-American Exposition.

Politically our subject is independent. He served as a member of the State Assembly in 1862-63. Mr. Treat is a prominent Mason, a member of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 135, F. & A. M., Beloit Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M., and Beloit Commandery, No. 6, K. T. In all his successes his amiable and good wife has done her part, and they deserve mutual credit for the sunshine which they have scattered about them in the pathway of life. This aged

couple have won the kindest regard and the deep affection of all who know them, by their charitable works and many good deeds.

**MRS. ORSON M. RICHARDS.** One of the well-known and honored names of Grant county was that of Orson M. Richards, who passed out of life in March, 1887, and his estimable widow resides in Elmo, Grant county, where she is much esteemed.

Mrs. Richards was born in Clinton county, Ill., March 14, 1832, a daughter of James and Narcissa (Gingles) Jones, the former of whom was born in Washington county, Va., in 1796, and the latter in North Carolina, in 1806. They were married in Illinois, and came to Galena early in 1822, Mr. Jones going out from there as one of the Home Guards in the Black Hawk war. By profession he was an editor, and managed and edited the well-known "Miner's Journal," the first paper printed in Galena, Ill., up to the time of his death, in 1834. He left a wife and five children to mourn his demise: Isabella was the wife of William Reves, of Missouri; Henry married and settled in Tennessee, where he died when only twenty-six; Emily died in Galena, when a girl of thirteen; Oswald died in Lafayette county when a young man; Mrs. Richards being the only survivor.

Our subject grew to beautiful womanhood in Galena, where she was educated, and in 1851 married Orson M. Richards, of Grant county, Wis., who was born in Morgan county, Ill., Jan. 31, 1831. With his parents he came to Wisconsin, settling at Elk Grove, Lafayette county, and later moving to Big Patch, Grant county. Soon after marriage Mr. Richards purchased the farm in Elk Grove where they lived at the time of his death. Mr. Richards was a man well and favorably known in this section for his many excellent traits of character, and in his death the township lost one of its most progressive and energetic men. For many years he had been actively identified with the Republican party, and all his life bore the reputation of one whose word was as good as his bond. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards: (1) Walter, born in Grant county, in 1852, lives in Madison, in declining health. (2) Isabella was born in Lafayette county in 1855, and is the wife of W. D. Millman, who resides on his farm in Lafayette county; they



have two children, Lora and Benny. (3) Mary, born in Lafayette county in 1860, was educated in the Platteville Normal School. (4) Grant, born in September, 1862, began the study of law in 1884, under James Murphy, continuing for two years, and was admitted to the Bar at Wichita, Kan., in 1886; on account of ill health he changed to newspaper work, editing the *Newton Daily Republican* until 1889, and displayed talents of a high order. Mr. Richards was married in 1889 to Miss Frances Scribner, of Newton, Kan., and they moved to Santa Rosa, Cal., where he died in 1898. During his residence in California he was the brilliant editor of the *Santa Rosa Republican*, gaining the favor of a large body of patrons. His death took out of life a bright and scholarly young man, and he was most sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. His widow survives. (5) Rachel was born in 1865, died in 1889, leaving a vacant place in the home circle which can never be filled. (6) Milton, born in Lafayette county in August, 1867, was appointed station agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at Elmo, Grant county, in 1888, and acceptably filled that position until his death, in 1897, this sad event being a heavy blow to his deeply bereaved mother. (7) Eva, born in September, 1871, grew up in Lafayette county, was educated in the schools of Wisconsin, and is now filling the position of agent and telegraph operator at Elmo station, on the Northwestern railroad.

Mrs. Richards has reared her family in the Presbyterian Church, and they are most highly esteemed. As politicians, Mr. Richards and his sons were of the Republican faith, active and energetic in work for the party. Mrs. Richards and the family are among the best citizens of Grant county. She is a lady of refinement and culture, whom sorrow has visited only to leave her a nobler woman.

CONRAD NAPP (deceased) was an early settler in Grant county, having come here in 1846. He was born in Werlau, Prussia, Oct. 15, 1829, a member of a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters. The father of these, also named Conrad, brought his family to the United States in the year named above, and settled on an improved farm at Hurricane, in Lancaster township, Grant Co., Wis. There the parents passed the remainder of their lives, the mother passing away Nov. 27, 1872, and

the father March 3, 1885. The surviving members of the family are Jasper and Anton. Mrs. Sophia Gelbach died Jan. 24, 1900; Philip died in April, 1900; Mrs. Mary Ann Pabst, William, Charles, Mrs. Catherine Hain and Conrad are also deceased.

Conrad Napp remained with his parents until his marriage, Feb. 28, 1849, to Miss Ann Elizabeth Bruick, a daughter of Philip and Christiana Bruick, and born in the same town in Prussia in which her husband had his birth. She came to the United States in 1848, in company with her parents, whose family comprised Catherine, who afterward became Mrs. Henry Hall and died several years ago; Ann Elizabeth, Mrs. Napp; and Christiana, who became Mrs. Will Belscamper, and died in February, 1883.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Napp settled on forty acres of timber land near Hurricane. This tract Mr. Napp partially cleared up, but he also gave a great deal of his attention to lead mining. About six years later he sold his place and rented his father's farm, on which he lived three years, and then bought a farm in the township of Waterloo. Three years later he lost his house by fire, and soon afterward sold the land, purchasing a farm two miles from Lancaster, owned by John Schreiner. Here he again lost his house by fire, but rebuilt, and traded the place for a farm in Fennimore township, adjoining a tract of eighty acres which he had purchased some time previously. His farm now comprised 240 acres. Later he added another tract, of eighty acres. When Mr. Napp became well advanced in years he sold his entire estate, of 320 acres, to his eldest son, but 120 acres are still in the possession of the family. In 1885 Mr. Napp retired to a pleasant home in Lancaster, where his widow and her daughter Mattie still reside, and where he passed away Aug. 31, 1893. He was greatly respected as a citizen, and a Christian gentleman, he and wife having been members of the Presbyterian Church for many years. When he was called away Grant county suffered a severe loss, as he had ever been a most public-spirited man, and ready at all times to contribute of his means to the promotion of the welfare of his township and county.

Mr. Napp, at his death, left his widow with nine children, viz.: Elizabeth, Mary Margaret, Conrad, Charles Philip, Caroline, Emma, John

Calvin, David and Mattie. Mrs. Napp, as was her husband, is held in the highest esteem by all who knew her, or who knew him.

**ISAAC TINDELL.** Among the respected citizens of Beetown township, Grant county, no one deserves more esteem than Isaac Tindell, the subject of this sketch, who is an honored veteran of the Civil war. Mr. Tindell is a native of Tennessee, having been born in Knoxville, that State, in 1834, and coming in the family migration to Illinois, and thence to Wisconsin, where settlement was made at Montfort. The father returned to Illinois where he died in 1864, the mother passing away a few years ago, at the age of seventy-five years. Since 1852 our subject has been a resident of Beetown township, where he is well known and highly regarded. On July 19, 1853, at Dubuque, Iowa, Mr. Tindell was married to Miss Maria Polkinghorn, who died Feb. 10, 1900. Eleven children were born of the union, six now living, four sons and two daughters.

On the organization of the 43d Wis. V. I., our subject enlisted for service in the Civil war, in August, 1864. The service of this regiment was principally in Tennessee, and our subject was for a considerable time on detached duty, being at one season in the engineer corps. Although seeing hard and continuous service, Mr. Tindell escaped serious illness or wound, but suffered a sunstroke, at Nashville, and has never recovered entirely from this affliction, being able to do little manual labor. He enjoys the esteem of his old neighbors and friends, for his duty was bravely done when he had the strength. Like many others of the old veterans, he sees the shadows beginning to creep nearer, although he can not realize the blank which will be felt by the younger generation, when the last "old soldier" shall have stolen away to the great camp of the Hereafter.

**JAMES BENNETT,** of Willow Springs, Lafayette county, who resides on Section 33, Town 3, Range 3, East, is one of the pioneers of his town.

James Bennett, his father, was born about 1807, in Cornwall, England, where he was reared a miner, and where he married Mary Record. In 1837 the family, then consisting of the parents and four children, three sons and one daughter, came from England to Wisconsin, journeying directly to Mineral Point,

where the father engaged in mining. At that time Indians and wild animals were numerous, and in all respects the country was a hardly discovered wilderness, the only white citizens being the few miners. The wife and mother, unused to such pioneer life, besought her husband to return to England. Mr. Pilling, to whom Mr. Bennett sold his mineral, was, on account of the stringency of money, unable to pay cash for the same, and so turned over to Mr. Bennett a quarter section of land, which became the family homestead, and where our subject still lives. This is but an illustration of the chance or Providence that determines one's lot; had Mr. Bennett secured cash for his ore, he would have taken his people back to England, and everything would have been vastly different. The land was heavily timbered, but in due time James Bennett, the son, succeeded in clearing it up and reducing it to the condition of a model Wisconsin farm.

James Bennett, Sr., was an industrious and hard-working man, of exceedingly powerful physique, and possessed an iron constitution. As an illustration of his powers of endurance it is remembered that at one time, having purchased a lead mine, shortly after he had located on the farm, he was accustomed to walk to his work in the morning, and home again at night, making a daily tramp of sixteen miles, besides doing a long day of hard work. That the mine developed well, and richly rewarded his intense exertions, would seem only a fair dealing of fortune. For some years he lived in Mineral Point, that he and his family might be near the mine, and then, returning to the farm, erected the stone house where he and his wife passed their last days, and where his descendants are still living. Of the four children of this honest and worthy couple who came with them from England, it is possible that James Bennett is the only one now living. John, the eldest, was killed by foul air at Galena, when about nineteen years old. Mary Ann married Charles Cox, and after his death became the wife of Zacharias Warren; she died in April, 1881. William went to California with his father, soon after the discovery of gold in that region; after returning to Wisconsin he journeyed into the West, and his whereabouts to-day are entirely unknown. Mrs. Catherine Jane Burg, of Mineral Point, another daughter, was born in Mineral Point. James Bennett, Jr., whose name opens this

sketch, was born in England in 1832, and came to America with his parents, and he has had his home where he now lives since the first venture of the parents into agricultural life. Going to California in 1854, he returned in 1859, after an eventful and varied experience in the land of gold. James Bennett, Jr., married Hannah Jeffery, a native of England, who died Feb. 1, 1881, the mother of six children: William G., whose farm adjoins that of his father; Nellie, the wife of Benjamin Mitchell, of Willow Springs; Robert, also a resident of Willow Springs; Byron, living at the family homestead; and Phillipia and James, both of Willow Springs.

BYRON BENNETT, who lives on the family homestead, and on whom its management and work now very largely fall, was born at his present home March 1, 1871, and has always lived at home, from an early age relieving his father from much care and worry. Byron Bennett was married to Miss Mary Ellen King, a daughter of William John and Mary Ann (Ferrell) King, and to this union have come two children: Henry R., born Oct. 10, 1897; and Hannah Irene, born April 29, 1900.

WILLIAM M. ELDREDGE belongs to the present generation of business men of Janesville, whose native intelligence, sound common sense, good judgment, and enlightened public spirit, have done so much toward the up-building and improvement of the city. He was born at Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y., Nov. 1, 1848, son of Barnabas B. and Louisa M. (Hutchins) Eldredge. The original home of the family was in Wales, whence emigrated his great-great-grandfather, who settled on the rock-girt peninsula of Cape Cod. The story of his ancestry is most interesting, and for its recital in detail the reader is referred to the biographical sketch of his father, B. B. Eldredge, which may be found elsewhere in this volume.

Our subject was but a child when his parents made their home in Janesville, bringing him with them. He attended the public schools in that place, and later for a year the Liberal Institute, at Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y., of which school his father was an alumnus. For some two years after returning home he was content to hold a clerical position in various stores. His next experience was as an as-

sistant to the distinguished civil engineer, Capt. Edward Ruger, with whom he was associated five or six years. He next studied pharmacy, and was one of the first twenty-five applicants to whom the State Board of Pharmacy (in the year of its official existence) granted certificates on June 1, 1882. For some sixteen or seventeen years he was identified with the drug business, but he is now a successful real-estate agent, of quick perception, flawless memory and unflinching tact.

Mr. Eldredge married Sarah C. Pease, and has one daughter, Louise H., wife of John Barlass, of Janesville, Wis. His wife's father, John J. R. Pease, married Cornelia M. Ruger. Mrs. Eldredge has been confirmed in the Episcopal Church. In private life Mr. Eldredge is universally popular. Generous and genial, he readily makes friends, whom he retains through his high sense of moral obligation. He is a Republican in politics. Socially he is a member of Janesville Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; and of Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M. His home is at No. 65 Prospect avenue.

SAMUEL BRUCE BUCKMASTER, M. D., is one of the best-known physicians of the Northwest. His learning and character command the confidence of the public, and he is rapidly acquiring a National reputation in certain important departments of medical science.

Dr. Buckmaster was born in Lima, Ohio, April 26, 1853, and is now at the full prime of his manly powers. He has had an extensive and varied experience, and is an alert and vigorous man. He is a son of Samuel R. and Mary (Tracy) Buckmaster, both natives of Pennsylvania, who were the parents of five sons and two daughters, four of whom are now living: Joshua, at San Francisco; Ella, Mrs. Thompson, of Chicago; Dr. Samuel B.; and Harry E., of Chicago. Samuel R. Buckmaster was a manufacturer in Ohio, whither his parents moved when he was only six months old, settling in Holmes county, and living there some years. There he grew to manhood, and there he was married. About 1835 he located at Lima, Ohio, and engaged in the manufacture of furniture. He was a prominent man in his day, and served as sheriff of the county for several terms. At the breaking out of the Civil war he organized Company B, 1st Ohio Cavalry, was appointed captain of that company,



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and served a year or more, when he was severely injured by his horse falling upon him. He left the service a chronic invalid, and died from his injury in 1878, at the age of sixty-five. His wife died in 1865, when about fifty years old. One of his sons, Jasper N., ran away from home and enlisted as a drummer boy at the age of fourteen, and being a brilliant boy rose rapidly in the service, receiving commission as a captain before he was eighteen; he died of injuries received in the war. Dr. Buckmaster had two other brothers in the war, George and Joshua, and two brothers-in-law, who were taken prisoners and confined at Andersonville.

Joshua Buckmaster, the grandfather of Dr. Samuel B., was a native of Maryland, of English descent, and moved into eastern Ohio while it was yet a wilderness. He had a family of several sons and daughters. He moved to Lima later in life, and died near Toledo when eighty-six years old. He was a man of sterling character. He served in the war of 1812, being a volunteer with Perry in his battle at Put-in-Bay, and his father was a veteran of the Revolutionary war. The Buckmasters are an old New England family, and the name is familiar in Colonial records since 1638, the year they came from England to settle at Sudbury, Mass. Mrs. Mary (Tracy) Buckmaster lost her father when she was a small girl. He was a native of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Samuel B. Buckmaster was reared in Lima, Ohio, until he reached the age of twelve years, when his mother died, and he went to live with his brother George, in Toledo, Iowa, only spending a year with him, however. He attended high school at Peru, Ind., and business college at Toledo, Ohio, taught school one term, and then became bookkeeper for the Ford-Hamlet bending works, at Tippecanoe City, Ohio. When eighteen years old he went to Yreka City, Cal., and taught school three years in that place. Returning East, he was a bookkeeper in Chicago four years. While in California he was near the lava beds where the celebrated Modoc war occurred; he went in as a volunteer, and helped care for the bodies of Gen. Canby and the other peace commissioners who had perished at the hands of Capt. Jack and his band of bloodthirsty savages. On his return East our subject began the study of medicine at Janesville, with Dr. Henry Palmer, surgeon-general of Wisconsin. He was

graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Virginia in 1879, and the next fall took a special course in the University of the City of New York and at Bellevue Hospital. In the spring of 1880 he received the appointment of third assistant physician at the State Hospital for the Insane, at Madison, Wis., and a year later was made second assistant. Another year and he was promoted to be first assistant, and in July, 1884, when thirty-one years old, he was the unanimous choice of the State board of supervision of Wisconsin institutions for the position of superintendent of the State Hospital. He made a record rarely surpassed for efficiency in every department of his labor, and in five years became widely known. In December, 1889, he resigned his position that he might give his children proper educational advantages—the hospital being too far from the city—and located in Chicago, in which city he was engaged in practice several years.

While superintendent of the hospital Dr. Buckmaster was credited with making many improvements in caring for the insane. He was the first superintendent in the West to adopt the non-restraint system; and in recognition of his work in this line was elected vice-president for Wisconsin of the Medico-Legal Society of the United States. His portrait was published in the group of twelve eminent alienists given as a premium by the "Medico-Legal Journal."

While in Chicago Dr. Buckmaster was elected adjunct professor of physiology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and later held the position of professor of medical and surgical electricity in the same institution. He also became professor of physiology and president of the West Side Dispensary, which treats nearly 25,000 patients yearly. He has read numerous valuable and instructive papers before various medical bodies, and is a frequent contributor to medical publications; belongs to several medical societies, and is a member of the Loyal Legion of ex-Officers of the United States Army and Navy, his certificate of admission into the Loyal Legion bearing the name of President Rutherford B. Hayes. Membership in this order passes from father to son, and he holds it because his father was an officer in the Union service, and died, as noted above, from injuries received while in service.

Dr. Buckmaster did not find the climate of Chicago congenial to either his family or himself, and he accordingly bought an interest in the sanitarium at Hudson, Wis., of which popular resort he was superintendent for three years, when he disposed of his interest there, accepting a similar position in the Oakwood Sanitarium, at Lake Geneva, Wis. His health giving out, on account of the close confinement necessitated by his work, he disposed of his interests there, and spent a couple of months in Minnesota recuperating. While there he visited Dr. Hart, who was an Indian agent, and, an outbreak occurring, he nearly lost his life. Dr. Buckmaster came to Janesville Dec. 1, 1898, with the intention of making his permanent home in the city. Here his wife's people live, and here he has many friends. He has practiced from the day of his arrival here, and now commands a patronage second to no physician in the State.

The Doctor was married to Miss Minnie Holdredge May 9, 1882. She is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Lee) Holdredge, and a lady of many accomplishments, being a graduate of the Boston College of Oratory, and was instructor in elocution at the Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis. Her great-grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier, and made a speech at Cooper Institute when one hundred and ten years old, speaking to ten thousand people; he lived six years after that remarkable event. Dr. and Mrs. Buckmaster have three daughters: Mary E., Ada A. and Agnes T. She is a member of the Congregational Church, and is in every way a worthy associate of so learned and popular a character as her husband. The Doctor is a Republican in political sentiment.

FRANK ROWE, a retired miner, now living at Platteville, Grant county, has been an industrious and hard-working man, and with no friend save his own indomitable spirit and strong right arm he has gained a competency and commanded the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

Mr. Rowe was born in Cornwall, England, Oct. 1, 1833, son of Frank and Fannie (Kitto) Rowe, who were born and married in England. The elder Rowe came to Platteville in 1847, when Wisconsin was just assuming Statehood, and engaged in mining and farming. He purchased real estate near the old fair grounds,

where he built a brick house, which is still standing, in a good state of preservation. He also owned a farm two and a half miles from town, on which he and his wife spent their lives. He died in 1880, when eighty-two years old, and his wife passed away two years later, at the age of eighty-four. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were never absent from religious services except on account of sickness or some other weighty cause. They had a family of eight children, of whom our subject was the eldest. Lavinia married William Waters, and died six months after her marriage. Catherine came from England, and married William Waters. Ellen married Cornelius James, and died leaving four daughters. Emily (twin of Ellen) married Richard James, of Mineral Point, and is the mother of four children. William was born in England, married a lady of Sioux City, Iowa, and is a harness merchant in that State. James is a retired farmer at Le Mars, Iowa; he has two children, Charles and Nellie. Lavinia, the youngest of the family, was born in Platteville, and makes her home with her brother, the subject of this sketch.

Frank Rowe came to Platteville when about thirteen years of age. He was educated in the public schools of England, and never attended school in this country. After coming to Wisconsin with his parents he engaged in mining until 1852, in which year he went to California, crossing the Plains with an ox-team. The Indians made their journey exceedingly perilous. They went through Salt Lake, where the Mormons were fully established, and their entire trip was both interesting and dangerous. Mr. Rowe remained in the mines for a period of five years, and came back to his Wisconsin home in 1857, continuing mining until 1860. That year Mr. Rowe and Miss Kittie Wilcox were married. Mrs. Rowe is the daughter of Thomas and Mary Wilcox, of Cornwall, England, and was born in that country March 2, 1842. Her parents moved to Wales, where the father died in 1854, and from that country Mrs. Wilcox came to Wisconsin with her children, of whom Mrs. Rowe is the youngest. She was educated in the public schools in England and in Grant county, Wis. Her brothers were old-time Californians. James is a retired miner at Red Jacket, Mich. Thomas (deceased) married Mary Morgans, of Wales, and they had two sons and two

daughters. Ann (deceased) married William Nichols, and they had four children who grew to maturity, Martha, William, John and Frank. Mary (deceased) married Stephen Higgs, by whom she had three children, Martha, Stephen and Mary; she later became the wife of Edward Dunstone, of Blackhawk, Colo., by whom she had two children, Thomas and Annie. Susan (deceased) married William Osborne, by whom she had two children, Thomas and Emily; by her second husband, William Johns, she had three children, William, Henry and Mary. Elizabeth (deceased) married James Pascoe, and had three children, Elizabeth, William and James. Mrs. Wilcox, the mother, died in 1865, in New York.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rowe settled at Hancock, Mich., where he worked in the mines a year or more. They lived for a short time at Dover, N. J., and at Staten Island, N. Y., at which place he was a superintendent of mines for a company of New York capitalists, and was engaged in that capacity some three years. In 1867 the young couple came back to Platteville, where they engaged in the millinery trade, which they have carried on for over thirty years. They purchased a home on Oak street, which they now rent. In 1899 they purchased the new Albertson home, on Southworth avenue, one of the finest homes in Platteville. It is finished in hard wood, and contains every modern improvement. They own considerable real estate in the town of West Superior, Wis. Mrs. Rowe has made her millinery business very prosperous, and is highly successful. She has many friends, and a wide circle of constant patrons. Our subject and his wife are attendants at the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an independent voter, and does his own thinking.

**HORATIO PLUM IRISH**, a highly respected farmer of Lancaster township, Grant county, and a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, was born in Hamburg, Erie Co., N. Y., Nov. 26, 1838, and is descended from New England ancestry.

Stephen B. Irish, father of Horatio P., was a native of Vermont, born near Rutland Oct. 2, 1795, and was a son of Daniel L. Irish, also a native of the Green Mountain State, and a hero of the Revolutionary war. Stephen B. was a soldier in the war of 1812, and, as

Horatio P. was a veteran in the Civil war, it is evident that the family possesses unalloyed patriotism and gallant military ardor and mettle. Daniel L. Irish and family migrated from Vermont to Erie county, N. Y., when Stephen B. was about twelve years old, and there passed the remainder of their days. Stephen B. and a brother, Sylvester, were the only two of a numerous family to come to the west, Sylvester residing for some time in Grant county, Wis., and then departing for Minnesota, while Stephen B. remained here.

Stephen B. Irish grew to manhood in the wilds of western New York, and there married Abigail Dustin, a native of New Hampshire, a daughter of Timothy and Prudence Dustin, and a descendant of Hannah Dustin, one of the most famous women in the early history of the Colony of New Hampshire, who, it will be remembered by the student of Colonial history, was captured by hostile Indians, and a number of her family slain. One night she succeeded, by means of the noiseless tomahawk, in killing her sleeping savage captors and in making her escape. The Dustin family was also related to the Lovejoy family, one member of which, who was among the earliest of Abolitionists, was foully murdered by pro-slavery adversaries.

In 1844 Stephen B. Irish brought his family, consisting of his wife and seven children, to the State of Wisconsin, coming from Buffalo, N. Y., via the lakes to Milwaukee, and thence by wagon to Hurricane, Grant county; he arrived on the 14th day of September, of that year. Mr. Irish here entered eighty acres of government land, purchased eighty additional acres, and at once began to convert the wilderness in which he had settled into a productive farm. Here his wife died Feb. 8, 1876, and his own death occurred Nov. 4, 1879, after he had passed the age of eighty-four years. He was held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens, as he was endowed with an intelligence far above the average. He was possessed of an extremely retentive memory, was a constant student of the Bible, and was well versed in history and in general literature. He was of a kindly disposition, and was cheerful and hopeful in his views of life. He was a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church, but was not entirely creed-bound, as he was somewhat liberal in his religious views and opinions.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Irish were the parents of a numerous family of children, of whom four at least died young, in the State of New York, viz.: Dustin, Ambrose, Prudence, and John. Of the seven who came to Grant county with the parents, three still survive: Lucinda, widow of Elijah Hampton, now living in California; Sarah M., widow of William Small, of Merrill, Iowa; and Horatio P., who is the youngest of the family. Of the four who died in Grant county, Ezekiel passed away Oct. 2, 1845; Timothy in 1846, at the age of ten years; Caleb L., March 27, 1858, in his thirty-ninth year; and Lyman D., Jan. 11, 1876, at the age of fifty-one years, from the effects of fatigue and exposure endured while serving in Company C, 2d Wisconsin Cavalry, in the war of the Rebellion.

Horatio Plum Irish, the only surviving male representative of his father's family, was about six years old when brought to Grant county, and was reared to manhood on the home farm. On April 5, 1860, he married Miss Maria A. Morrell, daughter of Ruel and Eliza (Cooley) Morrell, whose biography is given elsewhere. In December, 1861, Mr. Irish, fired with patriotic fervor, enlisted in Company C, 2d Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry (the same in which his brother, Lyman D., enlisted), but was soon afterward seized with erysipelas, which prevented his going to the front and resulted in his discharge. But Mr. Irish was not to be foiled in his desire to serve his country, and on convalescing re-enlisted, in the same command, with which he served in all its marches and engagements, chiefly in the Southern States bordering on the Mississippi river. He was on active duty continuously, with the exception of sixteen days spent in hospital, until the close of hostilities, in April, 1865, when his regiment was sent to Texas; as a part of the force detailed to keep a watch over the movements of the French army in Mexico under Maximilian. In the winter of 1865 Mr. Irish was honorably discharged, and reached his home Dec. 16. His health has not been robust since his army experience, and he has therefore followed farming as a vocation and means of recuperation up to the present time, although he is a carpenter and builder by trade.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Irish has been blessed with two children: Henry, born April 1, 1862, married Julia F. Magonegil;

Abbie M., born Dec. 8, 1867, is now the wife of James U. Smith.

Mr. Irish is a Republican in his political affiliations, but has never been a seeker after party favors. Mrs. Irish is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Aside from his personal merits, the valiant services of Mr. Irish as a soldier, and his long line of American ancestry, have won for him the esteem of his fellow citizens, and he and family stand among the best residents of Grant county.

**ADDISON HANDY.** Prominent among the early settlers of Grant county is this well-known farmer of Wyalusing township, whose home is in Section 9, and who dates his residence here from Nov. 21, 1855. He was born in the town of Stockton, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., May 30, 1832, a son of Samuel and Rosetta (Clark) Handy, also natives of the Empire State, while the former was of Irish and Scottish descent, the latter of Scottish and French extraction. The paternal grandfather, Obed Handy, was also born in New York.

About 1834 Samuel Handy, accompanied by his family, moved to Branch county, Mich., where the wife and mother died four years later. Soon after her death the family returned to New York, and Addison grew to manhood in the town of Pomfret, Chautauqua county, near the village of Fredonia. In 1853 the family again came West, this time locating in Freeport, Ill., but a year later took up their residence on Blake's Prairie, Grant Co., Wis., which county has been regarded as their home ever since. The father passed away April 16, 1888, at the age of seventy-eight years, his last days being spent at the homes of his children. He had two sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to mature years; Addison and Juliette, widow of William Barr, survive; Mr. Barr was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and died at Glen Haven, Grant county, Jan. 17, 1865. Jefferson Handy, the only brother of Addison, died in March, 1886.

On Dec. 13, 1853, Addison Handy was united in marriage, at Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., to Miss Sylvia V. McKnight, who was born April 27, 1835, in the same town as her husband, a daughter of David and Jemima (Ellis) McKnight, natives of Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively. For many years her parents made their home in

Chautauqua county, N. Y., where the father, who was born Jan. 6, 1789, died in April, 1863, and the mother, who was born Sept. 9, 1791, died in September, 1862. In their family were seven children, four of whom are now (1901) living: Mrs. Priscilla Little, Mrs. Sally Malory, Mrs. Melvina Younger and Mrs. Sylvia V. Handy. Those deceased were Mrs. Jemima Carr, David W. and William. Mr. and Mrs. Handy have three children: Fred, born Aug. 27, 1855; Frank, born Jan. 11, 1857; and William Eugene, born Feb. 8, 1860. The eldest and youngest are residents of Grant county, Wis., while Frank is now in Iowa.

For almost half a century Mr. and Mrs. Handy have resided in the immediate vicinity of their present home in Wyalusing township. He possesses a remarkably strong constitution, and has ever led an honorable and industrious life. In their declining years he and his worthy wife are enjoying the fruits of their former toil in peace and contentment, respected and esteemed by all who know them. In public affairs Mr. Handy has taken no deep interest. In early life he affiliated with the Democratic party, being a Democrat by inheritance, but since Abraham Lincoln's second election has voted with the Republican party.

**REUBEN S. MORSE.** This influential citizen of Beetown is one of Grant county's early educators, and has gained distinction not only in civil life, but as a veteran of the Civil war. He comes of Revolutionary stock, his grandfather having served in the patriot army of 1776. He is a native of Maine, as was his father, who was the youngest of seven brothers, and whose baptismal name was Moses. Reuben S. Morse is one of two surviving members of his father's family. Mary J. is the wife of Richmond B. Pierce, of Cassville township, Grant county. Edwin Russell, politician and editor, died at Springfield, Ill., Aug. 6, 1900.

Reuben S. Morse was born June 3, 1835, and was a lad of ten years when his parents removed from Maine to West Cambridge, Mass. Later the family had its home in Lexington, in the same State, a spot the mention of which makes the pulse of every true American beat faster. In 1855 young Reuben determined to seek fortune in the Northwest, and coming to Grant county, Wis., he settled in Waterloo. For several years he devoted himself to teaching, conducting schools at various localities for

thirty-five terms. He first came to Beetown township in 1859, and in 1861 located in the village of that name. His early training was in the Whig school of politics, and it is no cause for surprise that upon the formation of the Republican party he at once affiliated with that organization, casting his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont, in 1856. The outbreak of the Rebellion fired his youthful blood and stirred his patriotic impulses to their depths. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, 20th Wis. V. I., but in the following April was discharged for disability, at Springfield, Mo., and returned home. His health having been partially restored, he re-enlisted, in 1864, this time in Company B, of the 43d Wisconsin Regiment. His service was in Kentucky and Tennessee, and was chiefly on detached duty, his strength being unequal to arduous service in the field. He acted as orderly sergeant, and was ever prompt to respond to every call made upon him. He received his final discharge at Nashville, on June 24, 1865. Mr. Morse keeps alive his recollection of his life as a soldier through his membership in Tom Cox Post, G. A. R., of Lancaster. Since his return home he has been prominent in public affairs, and has been honored alike by his fellow citizens and by the National Government through elevation to various posts of high trust and grave responsibility. For nine years he served as clerk of the township, and for eleven years following 1874 he held the office of postmaster. He also enumerated the township for the United States censuses of 1890 and 1900. He has ever taken a deep and active interest in educational matters, and has given his own children the best opportunities within his command. His life has been one of activity and industry. Free from self-seeking, he has been ever ready to perform every public duty to which he was called, and his fidelity to every trust, both private and public, has gained for him the confidence and respect of the community whose welfare he has aided in promoting for more than forty years.

Mr. Morse has been twice married. His first wife was Emma Jane Waddle, who died within a year after their marriage, and his second union was with Nancy A. Burgess. Of his children, three died in childhood, while one son, Frank, was called away in 1895, at the age of twenty-six. Those who are yet living are as follows: Dr. Edwin Morse, a prom-

inent physician of Appleton, Wis.; Mary F., the wife of John Peterson; Charles N., a resident of Montana, who served in the First Montana Regiment during the Spanish-American war, and did duty in the Philippines; Emma I., Mrs. Dr. Albert Rector; and Miss Effie V., who is an accomplished musician and a teacher of music.

**WILLIAM McGRANAHAN**, who resides in Lamont, Lafayette county, on Section 23, Town 3, Range 4, East, has been for many years one of the more notable and universally respected citizens of that town, where he is honored and esteemed not only for a life of industry and integrity, but also for his neighborly spirit and kindly interest in his fellow townsmen.

Mr. McGranahan came to the Territory of Wisconsin in 1843, and has never since removed his home from the confines of the State. His residence thus covers a period of fifty-eight years, and to-day he is one of the very oldest citizens of Lafayette county. He was born in Mercer county, Penn., March 22, 1817, the same month that James Monroe became President, hence he has lived under the administrations of all the Presidents of the United States except those of the first four. Smith McGranahan, his father, was a native of Westmoreland county, same state. John McGranahan, the latter's father, and the grandfather of William, was a native of the North of Ireland. He bore an honorable part in the war of the Revolution. Smith McGranahan and his wife lived in Pennsylvania all their days. She bore the maiden name of Mary Andrews.

William McGranahan was one of twelve children, but many of them have passed away. He was reared and educated in his native place, and at the age of fifteen years began learning the blacksmith trade. In the fall of 1842 he left his native State to come West. He spent the winter in Illinois, and the following spring moved into Lafayette county, Wis., where his home has been up to the present writing. For many years he lived in the village of Fayette, where he had a blacksmith shop, and in 1858 he settled on the farm where he is found to-day in a green and hearty old age. On this place but little improvement had been made, and its transformation into one of the model farms of the county is due to his tremendous energy and ceaseless industry. This place has been the

home of himself and family for forty-three years.

Mr. McGranahan was married in the town of Fayette, near his present home, in 1849, to Miss Margaret Shockley, a daughter of John Shockley, one of the earlier settlers of the county. He and his wife are the parents of five sons and three daughters, all of whom are residents of Lafayette county, namely: Thomas B., Smith, John, David, Charles, Nancy (who is the wife of Samuel Paxton), Clara (who is the wife of J. W. Hunt), and Rose (who is at home).

Mr. McGranahan has long been one of the representative farmers of the county, and has held various local offices. In 1859 he represented his district in the General Assembly, where his record was thoroughly honorable and creditable in every way. He is well-known throughout Lafayette county, and in former times, when engaged in the more active duties of life, was himself acquainted with the greater number of the leading men of the county. Mr. McGranahan has always been a Democrat, and the first President he voted for was Martin Van Buren. In 1844 he was prevented from voting for President by the fact that Wisconsin was as yet a Territory. Our subject has always been held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen. Considering their advanced age both Mr. and Mrs. McGranahan are in the enjoyment of very good health. They have passed through formidable hardships and endured severe privations, but their faculties are still unimpaired, and their interest in the welfare of their children and friends is not lessened by the flight of years.

**DAVID YOUMANS**, one of the old settlers of Rock county, and a highly esteemed farmer-citizen of Janesville township, resides in Section 30, upon a well-cultivated farm.

David Youmans was born in Orange county, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1839, son of Nehemiah and Margaret (Kelley) Youmans, natives of New York. The paternal grandfather of our subject, David Youmans, died in middle life: he had a large family. The grandfather on the mother's side was a native of Ireland, but came to America, settling at Newburgh, N. Y. The family of this gentleman was a very large one, and he lived to see his children and their children grow up about him, and died at the age of eighty years. Nehemiah Youmans was a black-

smith by trade. He died in Orange county, N. Y., in 1852, aged about forty years. In 1849 his wife died, aged thirty-six years; both attended the Presbyterian Church. To this couple were born six children, four now living: Annie, wife of Peter Colgan, of New Haven, Conn.; David; and Mary and Sarah, both unmarried, and residents of New Haven, Conn.; George, who was a soldier in the Civil war, died in Andersonville prison.

David Youmans, our subject, lived in Orange county, N. Y., until ten years of age, attending the district school at Searsburg. In 1850 he came West to Wisconsin, in company with George Cleland and wife, via the great lakes to Milwaukee, and thence to Center township, Rock county, by wagon. Here they took up government land, and David Youmans lived with Mr. and Mrs. Cleland until he grew to mature years. Later he supplemented his early education by a course at a commercial college at Madison. In 1875 Mr. Youmans purchased his present farm of about seventy-five acres, which he has brought into a high state of cultivation.

On Jan. 21, 1874, David Youmans married Miss Nancy Thorburn, who was born Dec. 28, 1843, in Delaware county, N. Y., daughter of George and Margaret (Glendenning) Thorburn, and two children were born to this union: George C., who lives at home, and Ella, who died in 1888, when a little over eleven years of age. Mrs. Youmans passed away Dec. 11, 1883; she was a consistent member of and worker in the Congregational Church. Mr. Youmans belongs to Footville Lodge, No. 137, F. & A. M. Politically his affiliations are with the Democratic party, and he has held the office of district trustee for twenty-two years. There is no man in Janesville township who is more representative of the best agricultural interests of the State than is Mr. Youmans, understanding, as he does, so thoroughly, farming upon modern methods, with latest improved appliances.

JAMES H. BLISS has been a hard-working and upright man all his life, and whatever he has undertaken has been wrought with painstaking fidelity. At the very beginning of his young manhood he gave long and faithful service to the preservation of the National Union; and, while he played a humble part in the great war for liberty, it was the modest and

heroic devotion to duty on his part and of millions like him that made this the golden age of the Republic. He is now somewhat advanced in life, but is still hale and hearty, and bears himself like a strong and vigorous man.

Mr. Bliss was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1838, a son of James and Julia (Coffin) Bliss, both native to the State of New York. They were the parents of four children, two of whom are now living: James H. and Horace R., of Chicago. One of the deceased was named Julius. The father, who was a carpenter and cabinet maker, came to Roscoe, Ill., in the fall of 1853. Four years later he moved to Beloit, Wis., and engaged in cabinet making, and some years later he moved to Janesville and secured a position in the Northwestern shops, where he worked until a short time before his death, in 1871, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife survived him many years, and passed away in 1887. She was a Methodist. He was a soldier in the Union army, having enlisted as a member of Company E, 3d Wis. V. C., under command of Col. Bristow. The worst injury he received in the service was in a battle in Missouri. His father was born in England, and coming to this country settled in New York, where he died. Isaac Coffin, the father of Julia Coffin, was native to the soil of New York. He had four sons and four daughters.

James H. Bliss was reared to manhood in New York, where he attended the public schools, and acquired a substantial and useful education. At the breaking out of the Civil war he was quick to respond to the call for soldiers, and, enlisting in Company F, 13th Wis. V. I., served four years and three months, proving himself a loyal and gallant defender of the flag. He was a private the greater part of the time, but before the completion of his enlistment was appointed sergeant. When he had done with war and its horrors he returned to civil life, and for a time was engaged in building bridges. He had a freight transfer wagon in Janesville, and did a teaming business in that city for fifteen years, in 1875 buying the farm of ninety-three acres on which he is now living. Three years later he left the city, and, locating his family on this farm, has since devoted himself to its cultivation. Though not large, it has proved exceedingly productive.

Mr. Bliss and Miss Lois Gleave, a daugh-

ter of James and Alice (Houghton) Gleave, were married Aug. 9, 1868. They had four children: Philip R., Orville J., Jay H., and Alice O. Philip R. married Lulu E. Deronso, and lives in Oregon; they have one daughter, Alice. None of the other children are married. Orville J. is an electrician in Chicago. Jay H. is studying pharmacy in Janesville. Mrs. Bliss died May 17, 1898, at the age of fifty-four years. She was a Methodist, and a lady of many admirable qualities. Mr. Bliss is a Mason, belonging to Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., and Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., and he is also a member of W. H. Sargent Post, No. 20, G. A. R. Politically he is a Republican. He is an honest, hard-working man, loving quiet, and devoted to the farm on which he lives and the work before him.

#### HON. HARRY CHAPMAN MARTIN.

Among the many distinguished citizens of Lafayette county, who are known well and favorably through the State, is Harry Chapman Martin, the subject of this biography, who is also one of the leading members of the Bar in Wisconsin.

Mr. Martin is a native of Wisconsin, residing in his birthplace, the pleasant little city of Darlington, where he first saw the light Dec. 15, 1854. His parents were A. C. and Adelia J. (Chapman) Martin, the former of whom was born March 18, 1827, in Orleans county, Vt., and married Adelia J. Chapman, a native of Boston, Mass., who had removed with her parents to New Hampshire in childhood. In 1854 A. C. Martin removed with his wife to Darlington, where for many years he was a successful business man, but he now lives retired, a highly respected citizen. Of the family born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, our subject is the only survivor.

Harry Chapman Martin, our subject, received his early education in the public schools of his native town, later engaged in teaching for one year, and then entered the Wisconsin State University, from which he graduated in the class of 1879. Returning to Darlington, he immediately entered upon the study of law, progressing so rapidly that he was admitted to the Bar in 1881, and soon after his admission he was appointed county superintendent of schools. So efficiently did Mr. Martin perform the duties of his office, and so entirely did he

gain the confidence of the public, that for six years he was kept in that responsible position, leaving it when other honors were proffered.

In 1887 Mr. Martin was elected mayor of the city of Darlington, and re-elected in 1888, his management of municipal affairs calling forth favorable notice through the State. For several years he served as city attorney, and in 1892 was elected district attorney of Lafayette county. An ardent and active Republican, he gave four years of service on the State Central Committee, and was elected to the assembly branch of the Legislature of Wisconsin in 1895, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of James Freeman. This mark of esteem and confidence being emphasized in 1898 by his election to the State Senate. Mr. Martin represents the 17th Senatorial District, which comprises the counties of Lafayette and Green, and a part of Rock. Should life and vigor be vouchsafed to our subject, no one of his many friends doubts that he has but commenced his successful public career, and they do not hesitate to predict for him the highest honor in the gift of the American people.

The wife of Senator Martin was formerly Miss Catherine E. Dodge, a daughter of Ammi Dodge, an early settler of Lafayette county, and one daughter, Anna, has been born to them.

CHARLES B. CHAMPION, whose death, on April 4, 1893, removed from Lafayette county one of the central figures in the business world, as well as one of the most prominent, substantial and highly respected citizens, was born in St. Louis, Mo., July 1, 1829, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Cobb) Champion.

Robert Champion was a native of Vermont, and his wife of Alabama. Their marriage occurred in the latter State, where he was following his trade of hatter. In 1827 he came to Wisconsin, where he purchased a large tract of government land for mining purposes, at that time owning all the ground on which the town of New Diggings now stands, as well as a large body outside the village. This he sold or leased for mining purposes, and was very successful in his own mine operations, becoming one of the expert miners, as well as operators, in this section. The noted "Champion Mine" was named for him. While descending one of



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the deep shafts, in 1874, he fell, and received injuries which caused his death three months later. He left a wife and six children to mourn for him. The wife died in 1890. The children were as follows: Mary, born in 1827, married Henry Van Osden, of Missouri, first residing in Darlington, then in Sedalia, where he died, and where his wife and family still reside. Charles B. is our subject. Eliza, born in New Diggings, married Edward Snyder, of Harrisburg, Penn., where he is engaged in the real-estate business; they have four children, Julia, Viola, Lulu, and Robert. Emaline married H. K. White, of Ohio, who died at Lake Geneva, Wis., leaving his wife, but no family. Ellen was graduated from the Platteville Normal, and married Charles Hafkeymer, of St. Louis, where they lived some years, then moving to Chicago, where she died in 1872, leaving one son, Leslie, who lives in Chicago. Julia married R. H. Weyman, of Chicago, and has two daughters, Florence and Mildred.

Charles B. Champion, the second in order of birth in the above mentioned family, was educated in the old Rock school of Platteville, and in the school at Mount Morris, Ill., where he received a fine classical education. As the only son he interested himself in his father's mines, and soon acquired a practical knowledge of the entire subject. In 1865 he settled in Darlington, Wis., and engaged in mercantile business, but in 1872 he located in New Diggings again, and became part owner and manager of his father's mines. His accurate knowledge of the business, and his sensible way of handling those in his employ, made him a most capable director, and he ever maintained the high respect of his employes. Some years before his death it became evident that consumption had fastened its evil hold upon him, but he bravely and uncomplainingly bore the hard trial to the last.

In May, 1865, Mr. Champion was married to Miss Ellen Townsend, daughter of Absalom and Julia (Wells) Townsend, a pioneer couple of Lafayette county. Two children were born to this union: Julia became a student at Sin-sinawa Mound College, and died in 1887; Birdie C. was educated in Mount St. Joseph College, of Dubuque, Iowa, where she received a fine musical and classical education, and is now one of the social favorites at her home. Mr. Champion took a deep interest in politics, always voting the Republican ticket, but had

neither time nor inclination for official positions. The family are Presbyterians in religious connection, and liberal supporters of all church work. Fraternally Mr. Townsend was an active member of the Masons, and his funeral services were conducted with all the rites and ceremonies of that order, and his remains laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery.

ABSALOM TOWNSEND, father of Mrs. Champion, was born in Steuben county, N. Y., in December, 1811. In 1844 he settled at Shullsburg, Wis., where he owned a large body of land, and engaged there in farming and mining, becoming one of the wealthiest citizens in that locality. His death occurred in 1879. He was twice married: his first wife, Miss Mary A. Ross, was born in Indiana and died at Wil-low Springs, Wis., leaving four children, two of whom are living: Addison, of Shullsburg; and Virginia, wife of John Benton, of Chicago. For his second wife Mr. Townsend wedded Miss Julia Wells, at Freeport, Ill., in 1844. She was born in January, 1829, and died in 1877 leaving two sons and one daughter: Edwin, born in 1845, married Miss Mary Cavanaugh, of Shullsburg (where he is engaged in business), and has five children, Laura, Julia, May, Frank and Georgie; Walter married Miss Ella Cottle of Lafayette county, and resides in Shullsburg, where he is engaged as a fancy stock dealer; Ellen, Mrs. Champion, was educated in the Shullsburg high school and in St. Clair Convent, at Benton, Wis. She is very intelligent, and is a capable business woman, carefully managing her late husband's estate, and is prominent socially, cordially liked by all who know her. The Townsend family were all members of the Presbyterian Church, and in their political views the men of the family were all Republicans. Fraternally Mr. Townsend was active in the work of the Masonic fraternity.

JAMES C. ROBBINS, a stock dealer and grain buyer of Belmont, and former sheriff of Lafayette county, belongs to the number of those brave souls who are not willing to admit the approach of age so long as the eye is not dimmed nor the natural force abated. He is on the wintry side of sixty, and is still energetic and hustling, eager for business and ready for a deal at any time. He is a man of character and standing, and has led a busy life usefully and well.



Mr. Robbins was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1838, a son of Melzar and Aurelia (Sprague) Robbins, natives of Connecticut and New York, respectively. They came West to Jo Daviess county, Ill., in 1841, and engaged in farming for the rest of their lives. They were honest and God-fearing people, of the best of habits and the kindest disposition. They reared a large family of children, seven of whom are still living: Celestia, widow of William Bell, is now living in Iowa. William, born in New York, became a soldier in Company E, 96th Ill. V. I., was wounded at Chickamauga, and discharged from the service; he married and settled in Illinois, where he reared a family, and he and his wife are now deceased; the children are living in Colorado. Clara, born in Illinois, married H. D. Easley, and settled near Apple River, in her native State, where she died, leaving three children. Joseph B., born in Illinois, was a soldier in the Civil war; he married, and is now a resident of St. Paul, Minn., extensively interested in mines, being one of the principal owners of the Robbins copper mines. Cornelia, born in Illinois, is the wife of Hugh Williams, of Freeport. George was born in Illinois, where he married, and settled on the home farm near Apple River; he is still living there, and has a family of two children. Frank and Maggie. Ella married Lewis Hinckley, moved to Colorado, and died in that State. Charles, unmarried, is a resident of Illinois. Etta, Mrs. Martin Tanner, of Waterloo, Iowa, is the mother of two children.

James C. Robbins spent his childhood and early youth in Illinois, where he received the benefit of a common-school education, and was well prepared for the realities of life. He was a young man at the outbreak of the Civil war, and soon became a soldier in the Union army, enlisting in Company B, 45th Ill. V. I. Displaying much ability in the discharge of his military duties, he rose in rank, and presently was commissioned by President Lincoln a captain in the Louisiana Volunteer Artillery, being mustered into the 5th United States Heavy Artillery (colored). He participated in some of the most important battles of the war, and made a record of which he is justly proud, assisting in the capture of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, was at the siege of Vicksburg, and seriously wounded at Shiloh. He had a tedious recovery, and when able for duty reported

at the front, and served until Nov. 20, 1864, when the gallant soldier and officer resigned on account of physical disability.

In 1860 Mr. Robbins married Miss Sarah Frost, who was born in Vermont in 1841, daughter of Josiah and Lydia Frost. Her parents removed to Illinois while she was still a young girl, and in that State she was educated and married. The young couple settled in Illinois, and Mrs. Robbins remained near her people during the long and terrible years when her husband was at the front. She died soon after his return from the battlefields of the South, passing away in 1866, and leaving two sons, J. W. and Herbert J. J. W. was born at Apple River in 1862, was educated in the Platteville (Wis.) Normal, and is a railroad man, living in Chicago; he has been in the employment of the Illinois Central railroad much of his life. Herbert J. was born in Illinois in 1865, was educated in the Platteville Normal, and is also a railroad man. He married, and has his home in Chicago. He and his wife have one daughter, Katie, a charming young girl.

In 1869 Mr. Robbins married Miss Emily Buss, a daughter of Daniel and Charlotte Buss, who came from England. At the time of her marriage she was residing in Belmont, where Mr. Robbins had already established himself in the grain and stock business. To this union there were born five children: Lewis F. was born in Belmont in 1871. Laura was born in Iowa in 1873, was educated in the high school at Belmont, in 1897 married Dr. George Walters, and now resides in Wesley, Iowa; she has one son, Cassius. Frank M., born in Belmont in 1875, is now in business in Fairbank, Iowa. Frank and Lewis both served in the Spanish-American war. Miss Cora, born in Belmont, is living with her parents; she was educated in the Belmont high school. Charles D., born in Belmont in 1883, is a student in the local high school.

In 1868 Mr. Robbins came to Belmont and established himself in the grain and stock business. In 1892 he disposed of his grain trade, and since that time has devoted himself to live stock, shipping principally to the Chicago markets. He has owned large tracts of Belmont business and residence property, and in 1898 he erected his present home, a fine modern building, on Liberty street. Mr. Robbins has made extensive investments in mineral lands

in Lafayette county, and is the owner of the "Lucky Three" mine in the town of Kendall. Politically he has always been a Republican, and was elected sheriff of Lafayette county in 1884, discharging the duties of that important office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the county. He has been justice of the peace in Belmont twelve years, is now a member of the county board, and has been school director and treasurer several terms. He is a man of character and standing in his community. Socially he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sherman Post, Platteville, Wis.; a charter member of the Blue Lodge of Masons at Apple River, Ill.; and is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, No. 1117, in which various associations he has proved a companionable and genial gentleman. He takes a leading part in the affairs of his own community, and is regarded as one of the solid business men and foremost citizens of Belmont.

**CHARLES R. BRIDGMAN.** The family from which our honored and respected subject, Charles R. Bridgman, descends can be traced unbrokenly back to the time of King Charles I., of England.

One of the representatives of the Bridgman family came to New England but twenty years after the landing of the Pilgrims. This family did not belong to Puritan stock, but, on the other hand, were Royalists, friends of the unhappy King Charles I., one of the ancestors, Sir Orlando Bridgman, presiding at the trial of the Regicides, after the Restoration, and the coming to the throne of Charles II. The name has frequent and honorable mention in English history, and the family has furnished many persons of note, not only in England, but in this country as well. Rev. Elijah Coleman Bridgman was the first American missionary sent to China, going to that country in 1829, and he performed the herculean task of translating the Bible into the Chinese language, his being the standard translation at this time. His only son was stoned to death by an infuriated mob. Among others of the family who did missionary work in China was James G., who went there in 1843, and was killed in 1850. Rev. Henry Martin, his wife and four children have been doing missionary work in India since 1860. In military matters the family have been well represented; Col.

Frank Bridgman, a brother-in-law to Gen. McDowell, is now on the retired list, and resides at Washington, D. C. Capt. William Ross Bridgman, who died at Tacoma, Wash., grew up in the navy, held every rank up to captain, and was commander of the battleship "Baltimore" from the date of his commission, Jan. 10, 1892, until the date of his death, Sept. 14, 1894. In the war of the Revolution the family was liberally represented, the great-grandfather of our subject having fought under Gen. Montgomery in the famous but unfortunate expedition to Quebec at the beginning of the war for independence, and continuing in the service until the close of hostilities. Members of the Bridgman family were also conspicuous in the second American war, that of 1812, and no important event in the history of our country, where the citizen comes into prominence, has taken place in which the family of which our subject is a member has not been represented. It is an interesting fact that the celebrated Laura Bridgman, one of the most remarkable women of her time, whose death occurred in 1878, was a cousin to the father of our subject.

John J. Bridgman was born in the State of New Hampshire Nov. 5, 1815. When he was but a child his parents moved to the Western Reserve, in the State of Ohio, and his wife, when a child, was taken to the same part of the State by her mother, her father dying in New York. There the children grew to maturity, married, and in 1848 migrated westward, finally settling in Lafayette county, Wis. For many years Mr. Bridgman resided in the town of Fayette, and now, at the age of eighty-six, lives with his son at Lamont. His wife passed away in 1898, aged eighty-five. The parents of John J. Bridgman also came to Lafayette county, when quite well advanced in life, and lost their lives by drowning while attempting to ford the Pecatonica river, this sad event occurring Feb. 13, 1867.

Charles R. Bridgman, the immediate subject of this sketch, was the eldest of a family of eight members, the others being Hiram M.; Mrs. Elizabeth C. Cook, of Charles City, Iowa; Henry, who died in 1854; James S., of Lamont, Wis.; Mrs. Julia A. McConnell, of Spencer, Iowa; Mrs. Hannah R. McCarty, of Lamont; and William M., of Charles City, Iowa, now deceased.

Our subject was born in Ashtabula county,

Ohio, Dec. 8, 1838, a son of John J. and Rhoda (Cone) Bridgman, the former a native of New Hampshire, the latter of Cazenovia, N. Y. When about ten years of age Charles was brought to Lafayette county, Wis., and lived in the town of Fayette for some four years, going thence to Wiota, where he has resided the greater part of his life. When the Civil war broke out Mr. Bridgman had already reached man's estate, and he was not long in making up his mind as to his duty, the blood of his ancestors urging him on to warlike deeds. On Aug. 11, 1862, Mr. Bridgman was enrolled as a member of Co. E, 31st Wis. V. I., entering as a private, and at the end of his first year of service being advanced to the position of second lieutenant, in which rank he remained until the close of the war, although a large part of the time he was in command of his company. The 31st Regiment served at different points along the Mississippi river until the fall of Vicksburg, when the regiment was transferred to the Army of the Cumberland, and became a part of the 3d Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps, with which it was identified until the close of the war. Mr. Bridgman took part in all of the important battles of the famous Atlanta campaign, and after the capture of that city the regiment was employed for a time as a portion of the garrison. This regiment made itself felt in all the prominent events in the March to the Sea, at the battles of Averysboro and Bentonville, in the latter struggle losing sixty men in killed, wounded and missing. After the grand review in Washington the regiment was sent to Louisville, Ky., and on June 20, 1865, was mustered out, being disbanded at Madison, Wis., on July 8, when the bronzed and scarred men returned to their homes, with memories which time will never efface, and followed with the thanks of a grateful country.

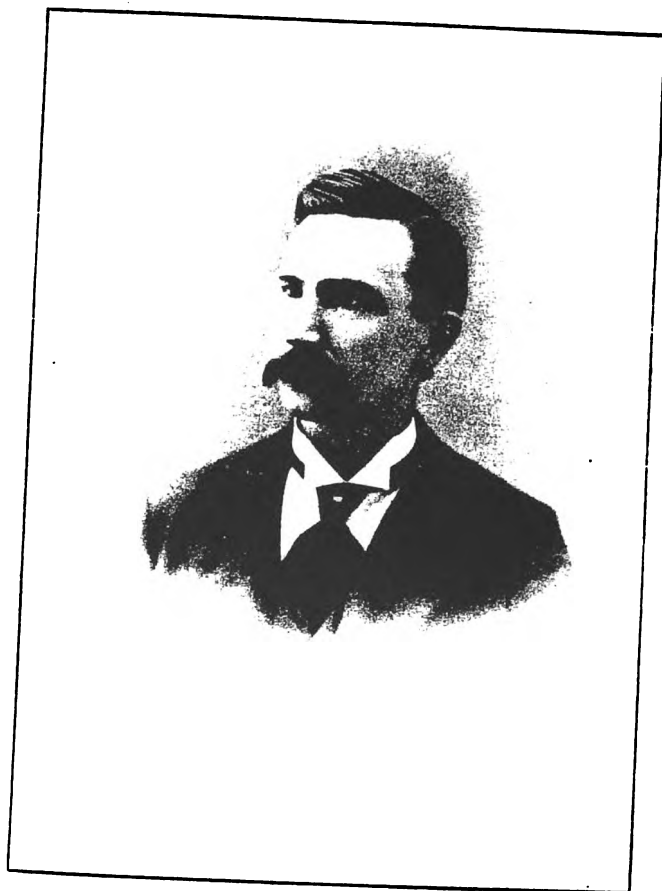
Our subject returned to his old home in Wiota, and on Nov. 5, of the same year, was united in marriage to his present most estimable wife, who was then Miss Ellen A. Williams. She was born in Orleans county, N. Y., a daughter of Rev. Benjamin W. Williams, and was brought West by her parents when an infant. This union has been blessed with six children: Halcyon Bertha died on April 15, 1876, at the age of seven; Wilbur H. is editor of the *Stanley Republican*, Stanley, Wis.; John C. is a student of Rush Medical College, Chi-

cago; Benjamin W. is principal of the high school at Oakfield, Wis.; Ellen Carlotta is assistant principal of the high school at Menasha, Wis.; Rhoda S. is at home.

For many years Mr. Bridgman successfully carried on farming and stock raising, owning one of the finest farms in the township of Lamont, and making a specialty of fine stock. For a long time he was a justice of the peace, and he filled all of the local offices, but he retired from the active duties of life for many years, when he removed to Darlington. In politics he is a staunch Republican, coming from an Abolitionist ancestry, his grandfather, when a resident of Ohio, being an official of the great "underground railroad," and assisting many an escaping negro to the land of freedom. Mr. Bridgman's health was much broken in the army, which fact becomes more and more apparent as the years go by. Socially he is connected with Harvey Post, No. 45, G. A. R., Department of Wisconsin, and is a Royal Arch Mason. He is a worthy representative of the sturdy ancestors who, with James Bridgman, left Winchester, County of Hants, England, in 1640, and settled at Springfield, Massachusetts.

EDMUND F. WOODS, M. D., has led a life of activity, hard study, travel and research, and, although he is still only forty-six years old, he has been the recipient of many honors, and is possessed of a handsome fortune. His professional practice is large and lucrative, and he is a member of numerous medical societies, as well as a Mason of the thirty-second degree. The story of his life is a most interesting one.

Dr. Woods was born Oct. 6, 1854, in the village of Alborough, in the County of Norfolk, England. His father, John Woods, died the same year in which Edmund F., his only child, was born. His mother, whose maiden name was Martha Woods, is a daughter of the late Robert Woods, of Covington, Ky., who lived to attain the well-nigh phenomenal age of ninety-eight years. He was a well-known manufacturer of collars in England, and emigrated to America in 1860, taking up his residence at Covington, where he led the life of a retired gentleman. Mrs. John Woods, the mother of the distinguished physician and surgeon whose career forms the subject of this short biographical sketch, crossed the ocean in



*E. F. Woods, M. R.*



August, 1860, bringing her son, then a boy of six years, with her. Without tarrying in New York (the port of her arrival) she proceeded at once to Covington, Ky., afterward removing to Darlington, Lafayette Co., Wis., where she met and married Jonathan Fitchett. In the spring of 1895 they removed to Janesville, Wis., which city is still their home.

Dr. Woods began the education to which he has devoted many of the best years of his life in the common school at Darlington. For several years he was employed as clerk in a hardware store, and in 1877 he went to Leadville, Colo., where he was engaged in handling miners' supplies on behalf of H. N. Webb & Co. To this vocation he brought such good business tact, joined to sound judgment, industry and thrift, that in the course of a year he was able to accumulate enough to well-nigh pay the expense attendant upon a course in the Medical College of Indiana, at Indianapolis, from which he graduated in the spring of 1882. For seven years he was engaged in practice at Darlington, and in the autumn of 1889, feeling that an additional course of study would be of advantage to him, he entered the Atlanta (Ga.) Medical College, from which he received his second diploma. This course he supplemented by attendance at the Post-Graduate College of New York City, after which he devoted some time to travel. On June 23, 1890, he was married to Miss Margaret B., a daughter of Stephen S. and M. Elizabeth (Lord) Allen, of Darlington. After their marriage they visited Europe, going to many cities in England and on the Continent, and while in London Dr. Woods attended lectures at the University Hospital.

On Jan. 1, 1891, the Doctor located in Janesville, and there practiced with marked success until the spring of 1897, when, accompanied by his wife, he once more went abroad, his objective point being the gathering place of the International Medical Association, Moscow, Russia. Before returning home they visited Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Sweden and France, traveling in all about 18,000 miles. They returned to Janesville about the first of November, and since then the Doctor has been wholly devoted to his professional duties. Both as a general practitioner and as a surgeon he stands high among medical men, while his patients, one and all, regard him with admiration, con-

fidence and love. He is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Wisconsin State and the Central Wisconsin Associations, and of the Rock County Medical Society. Since 1895 he has held the position of district surgeon to the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. Politically he is a Republican, and in religious faith follows that of his ancestors, who were members of the Church of England. Mrs. Woods is a Congregationalist.

Reference has been made to the high rank held by Dr. Woods in the Masonic Order. His immediate affiliations are with Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M.; Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; and Milwaukee Consistory. He is also an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is of a genial and generous disposition, of tried fidelity to his friends, and has charity for the failings of all. His home is one of the most handsome in Janesville, and is noted for its refined and liberal hospitality.

WILLIAM R. ELLIS, one of the well-known and highly-respected citizens of Clifton township, Grant county, and a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, he having served his country bravely in the great struggle when brother was pitted against brother and our fair land drenched in blood, was born in Virginia Dec. 15, 1833, a son of Washington and Elizabeth (Blankenship) Ellis, both also natives of Virginia.

In the fall of 1847 the parents and several children, of whom our subject was the eldest, migrated to Wisconsin, settling in the town of Ellenboro, Grant county, where they remained some years—during which time several children were born, the family numbering nine—and where the mother died. The father survived her, and died in the town of Potosi.

Our subject remained at home until of age, when he began work for himself, and he has always been engaged in farming. In time he purchased a fine farm in Clifton township, which he has greatly improved, and upon which he now resides. On Jan. 12, 1859, Mr. Ellis married Miss Elizabeth A. Cox, a daughter of John and Agnes Cox. Mrs. Ellis was born in Pennsylvania July 11, 1844, and was taken to Iowa by her mother when but three years old, the father having migrated to that State previously. He died in Iowa, and Mrs. Cox mar-

ried Washington Ellis, the father of our subject; she is still living. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, nine of whom are still living.

On Aug. 20, 1862, Mr. Ellis enlisted in Company H, 25th Wis. V. I., and was honorably discharged in July, 1865. He participated in many of the leading battles of the war which took place in the West, the regiment having been stationed in Minnesota and other Western States. During his term of service his health became so shattered that he has never recovered from the effects of his gallant career in the army. As the years advance Mr. Ellis realizes how great the service rendered by the old soldiers was, even though they did come out of the conflict without loss of any members. Wrecked health is fully as serious a matter, and for the past ten years our subject has had to take very good care of himself, and refrain from active participation in the work of the farm. In politics Mr. Ellis has always been a staunch Republican, and he and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Christian Church. They are kind-hearted people, ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in misfortune, and endeavor to show forth in their lives the faith they are so earnestly following.

MATTHEW VAN ALLEN has for over fifty years lived in Rock county, Wis., and in that long period of time has grown from early manhood to a serene and ripe old age.

Mr. Van Allen was born in Kinderhook, Columbia Co., N. Y., May 3, 1824, son of Lucas and Lydia (Luddington) Van Allen, both also natives of that county. They had one son and two daughters: Matthew; Sarah, wife of Wilbur Goodrich, of Emerald Grove, Rock county; and Catherine, who died at Emerald Grove. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, came to Wisconsin in 1849, locating at Emerald Grove, in Bradford township, where he and his son together bought 140 acres of wild land, which they improved, and thereon made the family homestead. There Lucas Van Allen lived until his death, in 1882, at the age of eighty-two years. His first wife died in New York; she was a Baptist. Hannah Chapin became his second wife, and after her death he married Bathia Vosberg, who is also deceased. Lucas Van Allen was a Congregationalist. His father was a native of

New York, and of Holland-Dutch descent, was a farmer, and died in New York when advanced in years. He had seven children. Samuel Luddington, the maternal grandfather of Matthew Van Allen, was a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Columbia county, N. Y., was of English descent, and died when very old. He had a large family.

Matthew Van Allen was seven years old when his parents moved from Columbia county to Genesee county, N. Y., and there he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the village schools of LeRoy. He has always followed agriculture as the main business of his life, and has farmed in Rock county since 1849, settling first in Emerald Grove, where he remained until 1853. That year he sold his interests in Emerald Grove and bought seventy-five acres of farm land in La Prairie township and five acres of timber in Harmony township. He has bought more land from time to time, and now owns a fine farm of 217 acres, highly improved, and provided with all the appliances for the most modern farming. Here he continues to make his home.

On Sept. 14, 1852, was celebrated the wedding of Mr. Van Allen and Miss Elizabeth Ransom, daughter of Asa and Hannah (Green) Ransom, both natives of the State of New York. Three children have been born to this union, Eber, Edwin T. and Kittie. Eber is a farmer, and lives in La Prairie township, occupying a part of the old farm and working all of it; he married Mary Jones, and is the father of three children, Edwin T., Elroy E. and Matthew Arthur. Edwin T., the second son of Matthew Van Allen, died when only fourteen months old. Kittie is still single, and lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Van Allen are members of the Methodist Church, and are highly respected in every walk of life. He is a Republican, but has never been an office-seeker, being content to do his daily duties as strength is given him.

Mrs. Van Allen's father died in New York when she was only three months old, and her mother died in her native State after Mrs. Van Allen came West. Her grandfather, Thomas Ransom, was a veteran of the Revolution, and so was her maternal grandfather, Isaac Green. The Ransoms and Greens were both New England families. Mrs. Van Allen's father dealt extensively in land, and became a well-to-do agriculturist. His family

consisted of four daughters and two sons, Mrs. Van Allen being the youngest, her birth occurring Jan. 28, 1828.

JOHN R. BOOTH, the very efficient police justice of the city of Beloit, Rock county, has become widely known as a man of ability and decided judicial temper. He is active and influential in public affairs, and enjoys a personal reputation that is beyond reproach.

Mr. Booth was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., June 30, 1827, a son of John and Ellen (Robertson) Booth, natives of England and Scotland, respectively. They had seven children born to them, two now living, John R. and Belle, the latter a resident of Fonda, N. Y. The father was a woolen manufacturer, and was in business at Fonda, N. Y., the last years of his life. He died there when aged about sixty-five. The mother long survived him, and reached the age of eighty-three. They were members of the Reformed Church, in which he held official position. His father was a woolen manufacturer in England, where he lived and died; he had his business in Yorkshire, and was a man of affairs. John Robertson, the father of Mrs. Ellen Booth, was born in Scotland, and came to this country to locate in Fulton county, N. Y., where he died between fifty and sixty years ago at a good old age. He had five or six children.

John R. Booth lived at home until he attained his majority. He obtained a good education, attending the public school and the local academy, a school of high grade. During his vacation seasons he worked in the woolen mills until, by the time he was a man, he had a thorough understanding of every detail of the business. He owned and operated a woolen mill on his own account for some years, and in 1854, coming West to Jo Daviess county, Ill., became the agent of the railroad company at Warren, a position that he held for some half dozen years. He was living in Galena at the outbreak of the Civil war, and he secured transportation for the first company of soldiers sent out from the county to aid in the suppression of the Rebellion. He lived in Galena until 1865, then spent a year in Warren, and in 1866 came to Beloit, and has made that city his home to the present time, with the exception of some five or six years when he was in Iowa. In Beloit Mr. Booth was in the sash and door business for several years, and then became

senior partner in the firm of Booth, Hinman & Co., proprietors of a large paper house. The firm did an extensive business, and Mr. Booth continued therewith until 1880, when he sold out and removed to Iowa, remaining there several years. In 1889 he returned to Beloit, and that city has been his home to the present time.

In 1890 Mr. Booth was elected police justice, and he has filled that position to the present time, with the exception of a part of one term, to the very great satisfaction of the general public. He is a man of broad views, and while he is sympathetic toward the unfortunate and criminal who come before him, he remembers the violated law, and knows well how to temper justice with mercy. He has occupied his present office quarters since 1892.

Mr. Booth and Miss Sarah Hicks were married Oct. 23, 1854. Mrs. Booth was a daughter of Isaac and Isabella (Robinson) Hicks, and became the mother of four children: Isaac, who died when twenty-six years of age; and three who died in early childhood. The mother died in 1873. She was a Congregationalist, and a lady of fine character. In 1874 Mr. Booth married Miss Minerva Leonard, a daughter of H. K. and Minerva (Jocelyn) Leonard. They have one daughter, Mary J. Mrs. Booth is a member of the Second Congregational Church, as is her daughter, who is a graduate of Beloit College. Judge Booth, as he is familiarly called, is a member of Morning Star Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M.; Beloit Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M.; and Beloit Commandery, No. 6, K. T., being recorder of the commandery, and secretary of the other two Masonic bodies. He is a Republican, was alderman from the Third ward for three years, and has been on the county board. He has a pleasant home at No. 623 Bluff street. Our subject is held in the utmost respect by all who know him.

PETER VOIGT. This prominent early settler of Grant county is one of the leading German-American citizens of Cassville. He was born in Prussia in 1836, a son of Theodore and Agnes (Turnich) Voigt, also natives of Germany, where the father died. In 1852 the widowed mother, with her eight children, came to the United States, sailing from Antwerp. They came to Gothenburg, Iowa, by way of Milwaukee, and after residing there for a time moved to Cassville, Wis., where the



mother died in 1872. The children were Margaret, who died in Glen Haven, Grant county; Mary, who wedded Dr. Hambitzer, of British Hollow, Grant county, where her death occurred; Clara, Mrs. Wiese, a resident of Cassville; Celia, Mrs. Simmerman, of Dubuque, Iowa; Gertrude, Mrs. Kuchenberg, of Cassville; Hubbard, who served through the Civil war in the same company as his brother Peter, and subsequently died in Kansas; and Peter, subject of this review.

It was in 1853 that Peter Voigt took up his residence in Grant county, where he secured 120 acres of government land, making several trips to the land office at Mineral Point for that purpose. In his farming operations he prospered, and became one of the most successful agriculturists of his community. Feeling that his adopted country needed his services during the war of the Rebellion, Mr. Voigt enlisted, at Glen Haven, Aug. 14, 1862, in Company D, 33d Wis. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was mustered in at Camp Utley, Wis. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, where he lay in the trenches for forty-two days, and later took part in the engagement at Natchez, after which he returned to Vicksburg. He was in the Meridian and Red River expeditions up to the engagement at Opelamas, and subsequently took part in the battle at Tupelo, Miss., after which he went with his command up the White River, taking part in the engagements at Clarendon, Duvall's Bluff, and other points along that stream. They followed Price through Missouri, and were in the engagements at Cape Girardeau, Jefferson City and Warrensburg. Capturing 1,100 prisoners, they took them to St. Louis, and from there went to Nashville, and later to Lawrenceburg, Clifton, Savannah and Eastpoint, participating in the engagements at these places. After spending the winter of 1864-65 at Eastpoint they went to Corinth, and from there to New Orleans, and subsequently took part in the battles of Mobile, Spanish Fort, and Tuskegee. The war having ended, Mr. Voigt was honorably discharged at Vicksburg, Miss., in August, 1865, and returned to his home in Cassville on the 14th of that month.

In 1866 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Gertie Breuer, also a native of Germany, and a daughter of Peter Breuer, who came to America in 1857. After his marriage

Mr. Voigt engaged in farming and mining for some years, but is now engaged in lime burning. To him and his wife have been born four children, namely: Margaret, Mrs. Manning, a resident of LaCrosse, Wis.; Clara, Mrs. Teasdale, of Cassville; Rosa; and Peter.

Mr. Voigt was a charter member of the Grand Army Post at Beetown, but is now connected with the one at Cassville, of which he was commander in 1899. He affiliates with the Republican party, and takes an active and commendable interest in political affairs. He is a loyal and devoted citizen, true to the interests of his adopted country, and is highly respected and esteemed wherever known.

JOHN J. LYKE, now living retired in Janesville, Rock county, where he has a neat and pleasant home at No. 260 South Main street, has led a career of singular probity, and by industry and honesty has accumulated a considerable fortune, and achieved a large success in life.

Mr. Lyke was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., July 28, 1823, only child of John and Nancy (Near) Lyke, both natives of New York. The father, who was a farmer, died in Steuben county, that State. In 1856 the widow came West with her son, and made her home with him until her death, in 1863. She and her husband were Lutherans in religion. His father, John Lyke, came from Germany, and settled in New York before the Revolution, locating in Dutchess county. He afterward moved to Montgomery county, where he died at an advanced age. He was a farmer, and had five or six children. Her father, Zachariah Near, who was a farmer, was of Mohawk-Dutch descent, and lived to about ninety years of age. He was the father of four children.

John J. Lyke was reared in the town of Palatine, Montgomery Co., N. Y., on a farm, attended district school, and worked out by the year until after he came West. Here he did farming on shares for six years, and then bought a farm of eighty acres in La Prairie township, section 7, which he still owns. He brought it to a high state of perfection, and made his home there until 1887, when he moved to Janesville. For some years he owned a second and adjoining eighty acres, but sold it after a time.

On Feb. 2, 1854, Mr. Lyke married Miss Catherine Ann England, who was born April



*Mrs. C. A. Lyke*



*John J. Lyke*



20. 1828, daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Vantwerpt) England, and they have had four children, Benjamin Clark, Mary J., Rachel Ann and Alice Catherine. Benjamin C. married Margaret Austin, now deceased, and they had six children, John, Alice, William, Robert, Benjamin and Alexander; he is a farmer. Mary J. is single, and lives at home. Rachel Ann married William A. Read, and has her home in La Prairie; they have one son, Arthur Victor. Alice Catherine married Webster C. Hugunin; they live in Rock township, Rock Co., Wis., and have two children, Hattie and Ira. Mr. and Mrs. Lyke are members of the Congregational Church. He is a Republican, has been supervisor two years, and school treasurer of La Prairie township seventeen years. Mr. Lyke has always been a hard-working man, and has lived an upright life. He contemplates with satisfaction that he was never sued, and has never had occasion to sue any one. He has treated the world squarely, and it in turn has used him well.

The parents of Mrs. Lyke, Montgomery county (N. Y.) people, had six children, Mrs. Lyke being the only one now living. Her father was a farmer, and died in New York in 1849, when about fifty-seven years old. Her mother died at the old homestead a number of years later. Mrs. Lyke's paternal grandfather, Benjamin England, was born and educated in Germany, and was a farmer in his early life. Coming to America, he served through the Revolutionary war as a minister; he belonged to the Lutheran denomination. He lived many years after the war, continuing to serve his Master. He married Jane Godnew, and had five children. Mrs. Lyke's maternal grandfather, John Vantwerpt, was born in Holland, came to this country when young, became a farmer, and died in New York State when quite old. Throughout the Revolution he served as a home guard and the incidents connected therewith which remained strongest in his memory were those of the famous period of starvation which occurred when the soldiers were under a traitor commander. His wife, Rachel (Vanantwerp), became blind, and died in old age.

MRS. JUDITH JANE GILMORE, one of the old and highly-esteemed residents of Smelser township, living in Georgetown, Grant county, is the widow of Lysander Gilmore, who

died in 1855. Mrs. Gilmore was born in Missouri Sept. 13, 1821, daughter of William and Eliza (Bryant) Bowmer, both of whom were born in Kentucky.

WILLIAM BOWMER came to Wisconsin in 1827, and worked in the lead mines of Big Patch, in the township of Smelser, for one year. He then returned to Missouri and brought his family, settling in Smelser township, Grant county, in 1828. Here he pre-empted land from the government, and settled down to mining and agricultural life.

As a miner and farmer he was successful, but decided to change his residence, in 1881 selling his farm and moving into the township of Paris, where he lived until his death, in March, 1886. During the war of 1812 he faithfully served as a soldier under Gen. Jackson, and was at the battle of New Orleans; he received a pension. The mother of Mrs. Gilmore died in 1832, leaving five children. Of the family born to Mr. and Mrs. Bowmer, John, born in Kentucky in 1819, came to Grant county, served in the Black Hawk war; he married Betsey Ann Patterson, who came from New York in 1836; he now resides in Oregon, where he is a prominent man. Anna, born in Missouri in 1820, was burned to death while boiling down sugar at her father's camp in Grant county. Judith Jane, Mrs. Gilmore, is our subject. William, born in Missouri in 1823, migrated to California in 1850, and died there. Armilda died when a child. Eliza, born in Grant county in 1830, married Harvey Kenaston, and resides at Long Pine, Neb., with one daughter, Ada. Michael, born in Grant county in 1832, died in childhood.

Our subject, Judith Jane Gilmore, was educated in the private schools of Galena and Elk Grove. In 1836 she was married to Lysander Gilmore, formerly of Chautauqua county, N. Y., who was born in 1811, a son of Hon. James Gilmore, one of the old pioneer settlers at Jamestown, Wis. The children born to this union were: Hiram, born in Wisconsin in 1837, married Miss Mary McCue, and resides at Farley, Iowa; Edwin died at the age of eleven; Julia, born in 1842, died at the age of eighteen; Emily, born in May, 1844, married Spaulding Works, and resides in Idaho, the mother of three children, Drusie, Lillie and Ivy; Janet, born in 1846, died in childhood; James, born in 1848, died young; Melissa, born in 1853, is the widow of Charles Nash,

and resides in Colorado; and Alvira, born in 1855, married Thomas Longbotham, of Platteville, Wisconsin.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore settled on land he purchased from the government during the administration of President Martin Van Buren, and Mrs. Gilmore still has in her possession the parchment deed for this land, which is located near the line of Smelser and Jamestown. Mr. Gilmore engaged in mining and farming, in which he was most successful. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and filled many of the county and township offices, being a justice of the peace for a number of years before his death. Mrs. Gilmore has been connected with the Christian Church for many years, and in that denomination still finds her religious home.

Mrs. Gilmore is everywhere known as a lady of kind and Christian character. She was one of the first white children brought to Smelser, Grant county, and passed through many hardships in the early days of Wisconsin, and relates many interesting tales of the time when the Black Hawk Indians held the settlers for many days confined in the blockhouses. She has administered to the wants of the sick through this section whenever sent for, and no record of the county would be complete without her honored name.

**HUGH CAMPBELL.** Among the well-known old settlers of Lafayette county is Hugh Campbell, of Darlington, the subject of this sketch, who arrived here April 1, 1849. His birth took place in County Donegal, Ireland, in July, 1823, and on March 17, 1831, he removed with his parents to Glasgow, Scotland. Although he was born in Ireland, his ancestors were from Argyll, Scotland, and took part in the wars and revolutions that characterized the early history of that country.

Mr. Campbell was one of twelve children born to his parents, his two older brothers dying in childhood, and many of the family passing away since. On July 29, 1842, Mr. Campbell arrived at the port of New York, having crossed the Atlantic in the good ship "Warnsworth." He went to Philadelphia and Pittsburg, where he spent some time before journeying through Delaware and Maryland, as well as Kentucky, being interested in the work in the coal mines in the different

States, for he was a miner, and carried on that business for a number of years. In the meantime Mr. Campbell had sent for his father's family, they joining him while he was in Pittsburg. He brought them with him to Lafayette county, and showed his parents filial care until they died, his father living to be 100 years old, and his mother to the great age of 105, and their remains lie in the Catholic cemetery in Shullsburg. One brother of our subject, Thomas, died in Gratiot, Wis.; Frank became sheriff of Lafayette county for two terms, and was elected to the State Senate; Morris was at one time treasurer of Lafayette county; John and Peter are deceased; James is a resident of Shullsburg; Mrs. Bridget Rice lives in Gratiot; as also does Mrs. Julia Campbell.

Our subject, now advanced in years, at one time was one of the most prominent citizens of the county. Locating in the town of Gratiot in 1852, he began farming. In 1856 he was the Democratic candidate for sheriff, but that year the Republican party, for the first time, had entered the county with a National ticket, and had become a majority. In 1858 he was again his party's candidate, and was elected, his Republican opponent being Philip Earnest, and his term of service was for two years. The laws of the State then not allowing a candidate to succeed himself, he was not nominated in 1860, but was again elected in 1862. During his first term the county seat was at Shullsburg, but by the time of his second election it had been moved to Darlington, and thus Mr. Campbell became a resident thereof.

The first wife of our subject was Miss Sarah Flanagan, whom he married in Pittsburg Oct. 22, 1852; her death occurred Jan. 19, 1873. On Jan. 8, 1880, Mr. Campbell wedded Miss Mary Ann O'Toole, who was born at White Oak Springs, a daughter of John and Ann (McFadden) O'Toole, who still live on the old homestead. Mr. O'Toole was born in Ireland in 1822, and became a resident of Wisconsin in 1844, locating in the town of New Diggings, at that time in Grant county. There he engaged in mining for two years, and then removed to the farm in White Oak Springs, where he still resides. In 1848 he married his present wife, who is a native of Ireland also. Mr. O'Toole is a well-known citizen, and has held various town offices.

The family and connection possess the ability and energy of their race, and combine with those attributes others which make them prominent and valuable citizens, as well as pleasant and agreeable people.

Our subject has reached his seventy-eighth year, yet is vigorous in mind and body, and it is the wish of his many friends that his life may be prolonged as was that of his honored parents.

F. W. KLINKHAMMER, one of the successful and prominent farmers of Cassville township, Grant county, chairman of the township board, and a man of influence in the community, was born in the Rhine Province, Germany, in 1839, a son of Wynand and M. Ann (Klinkhammer) Klinkhammer, natives of Germany, who never left the Fatherland. A brother of our subject, Peter, came to Albany, N. Y., in 1852, and in 1854 migrated to Glen Haven township, Grant county.

Our subject was reared and educated in Germany, after which he served for four years in the German army, and was in the war between the German Confederation and Denmark in 1864. He was one of the stormers of Fort Dueppel, on April 18, 1864; this was a very bloody battle, in which thousands were killed in about two hours. Our subject was the only non-commissioned officer left in his company after the battle. Mr. Klinkhammer started for America in 1865, sailing from Antwerp June 1, on the ill-fated vessel "William Nelson," which burned on the 26th of June, 1865, in mid-ocean, and 447 lives were lost. The captain and sailors took the lifeboats and left the vessel, never turning their hands to save anybody or do anything. When the heat became unbearable Mr. Klinkhammer jumped into the ocean and swam toward the nearest boat, which he reached after an hour's free-handed swimming. He caught hold of the rim of the boat, but the second mate struck his hands off. Then he looked around, and seeing two inch boards, ten feet long and ten inches wide, took one under each arm, laid on his back, and so swam toward another boat, into which he was taken about sundown; he left the burning vessel between 8 and 9 o'clock Monday morning. The sailing-vessel "Merckur," a Dutch ship, found them on Wednesday morning and brought them to Havre, France, landing there July 10, 1865. Nothing dismayed, our subject again started for the

goal of his desires, taking passage the second time July 18, 1865, in a steamer, and landing, after seventeen days, in New York, whence he went direct to Glen Haven, Wis. Here he remained one year, then went to Cassville township, purchased land, opened it up, and now has one of the finest pieces of farming property in the town of Cassville, comprising 320 acres. From 1895 to 1898 Mr. Klinkhammer resided in Cassville, and at the latter date returned to his farm, where he has since lived.

In 1867 our subject was married, in Cassville, to Miss Mary Ahrens, born in St. Louis, a daughter of Ignatz and Catherine (Peine) Ahrens, natives of Germany. Of the children born to our subject and wife five are living: Clara; Anna, now Mrs. Knapp, of Beetown township; Susan, who graduated from the University of Wisconsin in June, 1900; Lena; and Agnes. They have also an adopted son, John Klinkhammer, a very estimable young man, now eighteen years old.

Mr. Klinkhammer has been on the township board for about twenty years, and chairman since 1897; also a director of the Bloomington Farmers' Insurance Co., which position he has held for eighteen years. Mr. Klinkhammer has been enabled to develop his land to the best advantage, and is a man well known and highly respected throughout the community.

GEORGE W. RUSSELL, a well-known resident of the town of Gratiot, is a prominent representative of a numerous family that has played a large part in the practical development of Lafayette county.

Dr. George Washington Russell, the progenitor of this family, was born in Litchfield county, Conn., Sept. 21, 1800, and was descended from early Colonial ancestry. When he was quite young his father migrated to Bradford county, Penn., and his mother carried him thither on horseback. Young George returned to his native State, however, and attended school in Hartford. He remained in Connecticut, variously engaged, until August, 1820, when he returned to his Pennsylvania home, and engaged in farming in the town of Windham, Bradford county. Five years later he went to Waterloo, N. Y., where he made his home for four years, and then returned to Windham and took up the study of medicine. He possessed a versatile mind,

and soon became proficient in the science of medicine, practicing successfully for many years. He was destined, however, to play an important part in the development of the country. As early as 1833 he was enrolled in the volunteer militia of Pennsylvania, in the capacity of adjutant, and later as major. He sold his farming interests in Windham and removed to Ulster, same county, and in 1850 he became interested in obtaining land warrants for the soldiers of the war of 1812, also engaging to some extent as a pension agent. He began to purchase these land warrants, and in the latter part of 1850 he had obtained possession of a large amount of land. His possessions in Wisconsin alone aggregated about one thousand acres, and he owned much more in the State of Iowa. In March, 1857, he located in the town of Gratiot, Lafayette Co., Wis. He practically retired from the practice of medicine after locating in the West, and devoted himself entirely to the improvement of his land, clearing a fine farm and erecting a beautiful home, where he lived until his death, Nov. 2, 1870. On June 27, 1826, he married Susan Bear, only child of John Bear, of Waterloo, N. Y., and she survived her husband but a few years, dying Oct. 2, 1878. She was born in Seneca county, N. Y., June 30, 1806. Dr. and Mrs. Russell were the parents of eleven children, those surviving at this writing (January, 1901) being: John Bear, born May 1, 1827; George W., born Sept. 28, 1828; Mary Jane, wife of John Randall, born Feb. 15, 1830; Harriet, widow of S. B. Dunbar, born March 16, 1832; Angeline, widow of W. W. Tuttle; Amanda, born Sept. 28, 1834, wife of George C. West, of Bradford county, Penn.; Louisa, born Nov. 5, 1837, wife of M. S. Wright; Read, born April 4, 1839; Sarah Catherine, born Nov. 4, 1841, at Ulster, Penn.; Lewis C., born March 13, 1844.

George W. Russell was the second in the order of birth in the above mentioned family. With his brother John he came to Lafayette county in 1856, and his first efforts in improving land were on a farm in what is now Blanchard township, a portion of his father's estate. He remained there about three years, and then became a resident of Gratiot township, where he has since resided. He has been one of the most extensive farmers and stock raisers in the county, and has done much

toward developing the natural resources of the country. He has assisted in laying out and building some fifteen miles of road, and has cleared and grubbed over two hundred acres of land, breaking over a section for himself. His large landed possessions are cultivated by tenants. Mr. Russell has always been a friend of progress, and has taken a deep interest in the public schools; he helped to build and maintain sixteen "little red school houses," and thoroughly believes in compulsory education. In political belief he is a strong Prohibitionist, in religion a Universalist.

On May 24, 1865, Mr. Russell was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Dawson, daughter of Jonathan and Jane (Hale) Dawson, natives of England, and early settlers of Shullsburg, Lafayette county. Mrs. Russell was born near Scales Mound Dec. 2, 1842. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell: Grant R.; Alvin R.; Georgina, wife of Ashton Thompson; Della, who married Ashton Thompson, and died at the age of twenty-two years; and Belva Lockwood, who died at the age of six months. The family hold an honored place in the social life of the town, where they are all highly esteemed.

GEORGE STEWART, of Lancaster, Grant county, a retired farmer, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1822, came to America when fourteen years old, and has been a resident of Grant county since 1856.

Thomas Stewart, father of George, married Anna Melrose, who died when her son was a mere child. The father, however, survived until he was eighty-eight years old, and died in Scotland in 1874. George Stewart, father of Thomas, and after whom George, our subject, was named, took charge of the latter at his mother's death, and cared for him until he came to America. The grandfather married Catherine Butler, five of whose uncles fought in the famous battle of Culloden, in which they all lost their lives. The grandfather was called away when eighty-seven years old.

George Stewart, whose name opens this biographical review, came to America in company with several others in the brig "Feronia," Capt. Grant, of Glasgow, landing in Montreal, Canada, after a voyage of eight weeks. From Montreal the young man proceeded by steamer

to Kingston, and thence to Hamilton, where the companions separated, all of them save Mr. Stewart returning soon afterward to Scotland, without having intimated their intentions to Mr. Stewart, who was thus left alone among strangers. However, he soon secured employment with a wealthy Scotchman named Crooks, who lived near Hamilton, and assisted about the house at a compensation of \$6 per month. Mr. Stewart next went to Toronto, where he worked in a brickyard two years, then returned to Hamilton, and remained in that vicinity three years, thence going to Rochester, Monroe Co., N. Y., and to York, Livingston Co., same State, where many of his countrymen resided. He passed nine years in York and vicinity, and during the latter part of this period worked for J. C. Holloway, with whom he came to Grant county, Wis. Here he worked on Mr. Holloway's large farm for seven years, and by this time had saved a few hundred dollars and purchased an eighty-acre tract of land about two miles south of Lancaster, in Boyce Prairie. This land he occupied seven years, then sold and bought a 400-acre farm of Lewis Holloway, for which he paid \$16,000; subsequently he bought twenty acres within the corporation limits of Lancaster. After residing on his large farm for fourteen years Mr. Stewart sold to great advantage to Shrack Mitchell, and purchased what was known as the Farnsworth farm, on which he lived five years, at the end of that time disposing of it and retiring from active responsibility as a farmer. He repurchased ten acres of the twenty-acre tract he had previously sold in Lancaster, and here erected his elegant mansion, although he has disposed of a portion of the ten acres.

Mr. Stewart was married, in Rochester, N. Y., to Miss Eliza Morrow, a native of Ireland, and to this union have been born five daughters and one son, namely: Jane, wife of John Stevens, of Lancaster; Robert, who lives near Mason City, Iowa; Nellie, wife of Darius Walker, also residing near Mason City; Catherine, wife of Harrison R. King; Mary, who is married to Frank Healey, of Iowa; and Lucy, still at the parental home.

Mr. Stewart has made his own way through the world bravely, being possessed of sound sense and judgment and all the characteristics inherent to the natives of Scotland—indefatigable perseverance, indomitable courage, quick

observation, untiring industry and economical habits. He has found time to cross the Atlantic ocean several times since he first reached the Western continent, visiting, among other places, the city of his birth.

In politics Mr. Stewart is independent of party ties, and votes in accordance with his personal views touching the issue before the public, but generally for the men whom he thinks best qualified to fill local positions of either responsibility or trust. In religion he and family are Methodists, and are worthy and devout members of that church; socially their standing is elevated and desirable, if not enviable.

WALTER D. THOMAS, A. M., professor of Greek at Milton College, is a native of New Jersey, born in Shiloh, Cumberland county, July 1, 1855, a son of Amos W. and Abigail S. (Ayers) Thomas, both also natives of New Jersey. James B. Thomas, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania, and of Welsh ancestry. Clayton Ayers, his maternal grandfather, was a native of New Jersey, of English extraction, and a farmer by occupation. He lived to the age of about eighty.

Our subject was one of seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom five survive: Albert Jones, of Ely, Minn.; Prof. Walter Davis, our subject; Lewis Titsworth, of St. Paul, Minn.; Nettie, of Milton; and Edward Ayers, of Shiloh, N. J. The father was for many years a farmer of Shiloh, N. J., and in 1898 came to Milton, where he died in September, 1900, at the age of seventy-eight. The mother died at Shiloh, N. J., in August, 1893, aged sixty-eight years. Both were members of the Seventh-day Baptist Church.

Prof. Walter Davis Thomas was reared on the farm in Shiloh, and there attended the district schools, and later Union Academy, at Shiloh. In 1879 he entered Milton College, as a student, graduating in 1884. He was immediately afterward elected an instructor of the College, where he has remained ever since, now filling the chair of the Greek Language.

On Dec. 4, 1889, Prof. Thomas married Miss Celia Belle Oviatt, daughter of Dr. William Henry and Theresa Fidelia (Collins) Oviatt. Dr. Oviatt was a native of McKean county, Penn., son of William Sweet Oviatt,



a native of New York, a farmer and justice of the peace, who reared a large family, and died at the age of nearly eighty years. Dr. Oviatt married the daughter of Dr. John Collins, a physician, who was a native of New York State. Dr. Oviatt died at Milton Junction in 1899, aged fifty-nine years. Of his six children, two sons and four daughters, three are now living: Celia Belle, wife of our subject; Kittie, wife of Frank Gesler, of Bangor, Wis.; and William C., of Milton Junction.

Prof. and Mrs. Thomas are members of the Seventh-day Baptist Church, of which he is serving as clerk. In politics he is a Prohibitionist. His attractive home at Milton he built in 1888.

JOSEPH SPARKS, a retired miner and farmer, is now passing the closing years of a well-spent and useful life in well-deserved peace and comfort.

Mr. Sparks was born in Carlisle, County of Cumberland, England, May 4, 1827, son of John and Ann (Phillips) Sparks, both born in England, he in March, 1786, and she July 19, 1791. In 1836 they came to this country, and made their home for a short time in Chicago. The same fall they moved to Galena, Ill., where Mr. Sparks followed mining until he purchased 200 acres of government land in Jo Daviess county, Ill., along the Wisconsin line. There he made his permanent home. He died in 1854, and his widow in October, 1877. Both were members of the Episcopal Church. A family of seven children was born to them in England: (1) John, born in January, 1819, obtained his education in the English schools, and was a farmer and miner in this country. In 1851 he migrated to California, where he died July 4, 1870, leaving a widow and two children, who still reside in that State. (2) Elizabeth, born in 1820, married Michael Calvert, and died in Fair Play, Grant county, May 16, 1882, leaving ten children, all grown up. (3) Sarah, born in 1823, married William Armstrong, of Jamestown, and died leaving two daughters, Ann and Emma. (4) Thomas, born in 1825, went to California in 1849, when a young man, in company with his brother Joseph, and they were very successful in the gold mines, taking \$8,000 from one mine in six months. They returned to Wisconsin in 1850. Thomas married Miss Maria Rick, and they settled in

Hazel Green, on a farm, where she died. Mr. Sparks then married her sister, Louisa. After this marriage he moved to Clay county, Kan., for the purpose of engaging in farming in that region. Mrs. Sparks died ten years after their arrival in that country, Mr. Sparks four days after her. He left six children, one now living in New Mexico. (5) Joseph is our subject. (6) Mary, born in 1830, married Benjamin Straw, and resides in Hazel Green. (7) George, born in 1833, married Miss Annie Jeffrey, of Jamestown, and is now living in Jackson county, Minn., with four children, Marvin, James, George and Clyde.

Joseph Sparks obtained his education partly in England and partly in Illinois, and when he was a young man went to California, as noted above. He had three yoke of cattle, and left Dubuque in April, 1849, reaching Grass Valley in August. Theirs was the first wagon to cross the Valley. On Deer creek they began their mining operations, and found large quantities of gold, Joseph discovering what was afterward known as the Dubuque Ravine Mines. After a year of mining the two brothers came back to Wisconsin, intending to go back to hold their mines, but did not return in time, and this great mine was lost.

In 1853 Joseph Sparks married Miss Mary A. Tomlinson, daughter of William and Eliza Tomlinson, natives of England, and emigrants to this country in 1842. Mr. Tomlinson settled at New Diggings, Lafayette county, where he died in 1850. The widow married John Watson, and died in 1889. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, three of whom are still living: John is a resident of Alden, Iowa; Elizabeth is the wife of W. A. Wilkinson, of Alden, Iowa; William was a soldier in the Civil war, was with Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea, and was killed in one of the last skirmishes in North Carolina; Mary A., Mrs. Sparks, was born at Manchester, England, in May, 1837. After his marriage Mr. Sparks bought a farm in Jamestown, which was highly improved, and where he lived for over forty years; it was sold in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks are living in Fair Play, Grant county, and he is now retired from active labor. During all these years Mr. Sparks has had lead mining interests which have richly rewarded his labors.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sparks were born ten children, six of whom are now living. Two

died in childhood. (1) John W., born in 1836, was drowned in 1875, in the Mississippi river. (2) Eliza A., born in December, 1858, married C. E. Buell, and is now living in Webster City, Iowa, where he is engaged in the real-estate business. They have four children, Laura B. (Mrs. George M. Teed, of Webster City, Iowa), Herbert J., James A., and Walter. (3) Walter P., born in June, 1863, was engaged in the furniture business. He was taken sick, and died at Webster City, Iowa, in June, 1897. (4) Mary A., born in May, 1865, married M. R. Blank, of Stillwater, Minn., and has one son, Harrison J. (5) Franklin T., born in January, 1868, married Miss Nellie Watson, of Williams, Iowa, and has two children, Hazel and Arline. They live at Bancroft, Iowa, where he is a very prominent man, and was elected mayor of that city in 1900; he is an active Republican. He is a furniture man, and stands high in business circles. (6) Florence E., born in 1870, is the wife of Edward Keys, of Stillwater, Minn., and is the mother of two sons, Edward and James A. (7) Arthur J., born in January, 1873, married Miss Lena Larson, and resides on a farm purchased by his father in Jackson county, Minn. He has one son, Stacey H. (8) Clinton A., born in April, 1875, is unmarried, and lives on the farm in Minnesota, with his brother Arthur.

In 1897 Mr. Sparks purchased a large place near Lakefield, Minn., where his sons run a fancy stock farm. A Republican since the organization of the party, he has held the office of treasurer of Jamestown, and has been on the town board for three years. The family support the Methodist Church.

**JOSIAH THOMAS**, a retired merchant of Hazel Green, Grant county, who is now enjoying a richly-earned leisure and rest, was born in Cornwall, England, July 23, 1835.

John and Jenefer (Vine) Thomas, his parents, were both natives of Cornwall, where they were born in 1810. In 1842 they came to Lafayette county, Wis., and there he engaged in lead mining, later on buying a farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself when he gave up mining. In 1851 he went to California, and met with considerable success as a gold miner. Coming back to Wisconsin, he died on his farm in 1853. Mr. Thomas was a local preacher of the Primitive Methodist

Church, and for a number of years filled local pulpits. The worthy wife who shared his adversities in early life lived to old age, and died in 1875. They had three children: (1) Mary, born in England in 1831, married George Bennett, and went to California, where she died in 1860, leaving a family. (2) Elizabeth, born in England in 1833, is now the widow of William Bennett, and lives in Vinegar Hill, Ill., where Mr. Bennett had extensive mercantile interests. Two sons were born to them, John T. and William G., the former in business in Galena, Ill., the latter at Waterloo, Iowa. (3) Josiah is our subject.

Josiah Thomas grew up in Lafayette county, Wis., where he received a public-school education. When he was twelve years old he began working in the mines, and in 1852 he went to California, where he worked in the gold fields, meeting with good results for his labors. After spending some years in that State he returned to Lafayette county, and assumed charge of the homestead farm, which he conducted until 1863. That year he went to Colorado, and spent two years in the gold mines of Colorado and Montana.

In 1854 Mr. Thomas married Miss Jane Hocking, who was born in England, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Hocking, who came West in 1846, and settled in Jo Daviess county, Ill., where Mrs. Thomas completed her education and was reared to womanhood.

Mr. Thomas established himself as a merchant in Hazel Green in 1865, and for over twenty-six years was a well-known and upright business man of that village. During this time he also engaged quite extensively in real-estate dealing, especially in the village, where he owns some of the most valuable property. Mr. Thomas was appointed postmaster during Hayes' administration, in 1877, and filled the position until 1881. He has been a somewhat prominent character in local politics, and has held several local positions of more or less importance, having been a member of both town and school boards, as well as holding other offices necessary for the transaction of local affairs. Formerly he was a justice of the peace, serving in that office a number of years. In 1893 he sold out his mercantile interests, and retired from active business labors. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have four daughters living out of a family of ten children: (1) Laura A., born in Lafayette county in Decem-

ber, 1857, was educated in the high school at Hazel Green, and worked in the store with her father until her marriage, in 1886, to Joseph Harvey, of Council Hill, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey live in Central City, Colo., where he is engaged in the real-estate business. (2) Minnie, born in 1861, assisted her father in the store and as clerk in the post office up to the time of her marriage, in 1888, to J. B. Roy, a hardware merchant at Darlington, Wis. He is now retired from business. (3) Evangeline L., born in 1859, was educated in Hazel Green, where she married Frank P. Trewartha, and they live in that village with their two children, Evangeline and Glenn F. (4) Jennie, born in Hazel Green in 1877, had a high-school education, and is living at home. John H. Thomas, born in 1856, was engaged with his father in the store until his death, July 25, 1887. He married Miss Minnie Jackson, of Hazel Green, where they were living at the time of his death, by drowning in the Mississippi river. Mrs. Thomas was left a widow with one child, Hazel, and is now living in Chicago. The other children of our subject's family died young.

Mr. Thomas was a Republican until 1883, when he associated himself with the Prohibition party, and has acted with it to the present time. Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Congregational Church, and her husband is a liberal contributor to its support. A member of the lodge of the Masonic fraternity in Hazel Green, he is the oldest Mason in the town. For many years Mr. Thomas was a leading merchant, and he is held in the highest esteem by the people of his town. Beginning at the bottom, he worked to the top of the business ladder, richly deserving the success that has come to him.

**DAVID JEFFRIS.** The Jeffris family had its early seat in the North of Ireland, but moved to England early in the seventeenth century, and early in the eighteenth to America. Mr. Jeffris' mother was a native of Maryland, but his father and grandfather were natives of Virginia, taking an active part in the history of that Commonwealth. His grandfather, Thomas Jeffris, fought under Washington in the Revolutionary war for five years, enlisting when but sixteen years of age, was made sergeant, and received 300 acres of land from the government in recognition of his services, this

land being located in southwestern Virginia. Moving westward after tarrying some years in east Tennessee, he finally settled in Hardin county, Ky., where he became a well-to-do planter, dying after having passed life's meridian, the father of nine children.

William Jeffris, the father of David Jeffris, removed to Illinois in 1830, settling in what is now Coles county, then within the limits of Clark county, which at that time embraced the present county of Cook, reaching as far north as the southern border of Lake Michigan. He was a man of prominence, respected and influential, a Whig in politics, and a Baptist in religious faith. He married Susan Keller, whose father, George Keller, emigrated from Germany to Maryland early in life. From that State he removed to Kentucky, and thence, in 1830, to Coles county, Ill., where he was a farmer. He had a large family. He passed away at the age of nearly fourscore years. William Jeffris died at his home in Charleston, Ill., at the age of seventy-four, his wife in 1831, while yet in young womanhood. The issue of their marriage was five sons and five daughters, only two of whom are now living: David, our subject; and Susan, widow of H. K. Nowlin.

David Jeffris was born in Grayson county, Ky., Aug. 6, 1821, and was but nine years old when his parents moved to Illinois. He grew up in Charleston, and enjoyed the somewhat limited educational advantages afforded by the district schools of seventy years ago. He aided his father in farming and lumbering, and at the age of twenty-two accompanied Col. Anderson, a cattle drover, from Macoupin county, Ill., to Janesville, Rock Co., Wis., as an assistant. They reached the Wisconsin town June 8, 1846, and Mr. Jeffris has resided in Rock county ever since. For six years he was a drover, but in 1851 he settled down to the life of a farmer. His first purchase of land consisted of 200 acres in the township of Janesville, four miles west of the present city. Subsequently he bought 240 acres adjoining, which he afterward sold. In 1867 he removed to Janesville, where he embarked in the lumber business, of which he had gained some knowledge in boyhood through association with his father. He also became an extensive building contractor, having erected 419 structures in Janesville and vicinity, the list including churches, hotels, stores, business blocks and



*David Jeffries*



dwellings. For thirty years he led an exceedingly busy life, devoting his best energies to the conduct of his large undertakings, no detail of his business escaping his personal supervision. In its management he united sagacity with industry, sound judgment with perseverance. In 1896, having accumulated a handsome fortune, he retired from active business, and since that time has been employed chiefly in the management of his estate and the oversight of his numerous important financial interests. He is far-seeing and broad-minded, and has done much toward the advancement of the city's commercial interests. He aided in organizing, and is one of the directors of, the Janesville Machine Co., which gives employment to 250 men, and was one of the founders of the Merchants & Mechanics Savings Bank, of which he was president for several years. He is also a shareholder in various other important financial, commercial and manufacturing enterprises. He is a Republican in politics, and, while naturally averse to holding office, has consented to accept official preferment at his party's earnest request.

Mr. Jeffris was married to Miss Grace Alice Mouat Nov. 14, 1850. Both her parents, Malcolm and Margaret (Youngclouse) Mouat, were born in the Shetland Isles, and it was in that quaint, picturesque corner of the British empire that she herself was born, June 12, 1831. Mr. Jeffris is a member of the Congregational Church, of which he has been a trustee for many years, and to which Mrs. Jeffris also belonged, having been a member for more than fifty-two years. They had nine children, one of whom died unnamed, the others being Susan Alice, Thomas M. (deceased), Margaret (deceased), William S., Helen Jane (deceased), Malcolm George, David K. and Fred J. Thomas M. resided at Huron, S. Dak., where he owned a ranch, besides having carried on business as a lumberman and dealt extensively in real estate. He was a man of wide influence in his adopted State, and did much for its welfare. He died April 4, 1900, at his father's home. In 1889 he married Harriet Hall, and they had three children, Ruth B., Bruce M. and Robert M. Margaret, the second daughter of Mr. Jeffris, died when seven and a half months old, and Helen Jane in her eighth year. William S. is president of the Merchants & Mechanics Savings Bank of Janesville; he married Jean-

nette Baldwin, and is the father of one son and two daughters, Kenneth B., Katharine L. and Margaret H. Malcolm G., the third son, is a member of the firm of Fethers, Jeffris & Mouat, practicing attorneys in Janesville; he married Nancy Roys, and their three children are named Malcolm R., Helen and Rufus R. David K. is also a resident of Janesville, and is engaged in the lumber business; he married Della Hanchett, and they, too, are the parents of three children, Donald H., Jean E. and Grace M. Fred J., the fifth son, is associated with his brother David K. in the lumber business; he is unmarried. The mother of this family died Aug. 28, 1900.

THOMAS J. LLOYD, a wealthy retired farmer, who occupies a cozy home on Pleasant street, two doors west of Oak Hill avenue, in the city of Janesville, has been intimately associated with the agricultural interests of southern Wisconsin for many years. He has had a varied and eventful career, has worked assiduously, been provident and saving, and has made a history that might well be read by every young man as he faces his life work, it has such lessons of thrift and industry, honesty and integrity.

Mr. Lloyd was born in Radnor, Wales, Nov. 4, 1837, and is a son of Thomas and Ann (Worthing) Lloyd, both natives of England, who were the parents of six children, four now living: Thomas J.; William, of South Dakota; John W., of Janesville; and Edward, of Plainfield, Iowa. The father was a hotel-keeper and contractor early in life. He emigrated to America in 1839, settled in Waterville, Oneida Co., N. Y., and engaged in farming. He came to Wisconsin about 1847, located in Walworth county, and followed farming until within a few years of his death, at Big Foot Prairie, near Delavan. His wife died in about 1884, at the age of sixty-seven years, and shortly after that he broke up house-keeping and went to live with his daughter, in Plainfield, Iowa, where he died in 1896, when eighty-nine years and ten months old. He and his wife were Baptists, and he had held various town offices. His father died in England when Thomas was only two years old. History is silent as to the facts of his career, but it is known that he was a British soldier in the war of 1812, and that he died early in life. The father of Ann Worthing

was of English birth, and died in middle life, in his native country.

Thomas J. Lloyd was about two years old when his parents brought him to this country, and he lived in Walworth county from 1847 to 1887, when he moved to Janesville, in which city he has made his home to the present time. This is but a brief statement of a very interesting career. Mr. Lloyd when a boy attended school in Waterville, N. Y., until he was ten years old, and then at Douglas Corners, in Walworth county, Wis., where he completed the high-school course, acquiring a very sound and practical education. His first business venture was the purchase of forty acres at what was known as Big Foot Prairie. He improved this thoroughly, and brought it into fine condition, and then added to it the adjoining forty acres, and still later an adjacent forty acres, thus making a very nice farm. When he was quite sure of himself, and dared to undertake it, he bought a second farm, of 178 acres, and had now become one of the important land owners of Walworth county. Later in life he sold these two farms at a handsome profit, and became quite a real-estate dealer in choice farm property, buying and selling both farm and city property. He continued farming until he came to Janesville, when he engaged in the boot and shoe business for several years. At the present time he devotes himself to the care of his extensive investments in that city and Rockford, Illinois.

Mr. Lloyd and Miss Martha C. Boorman, a daughter of John and Mary (Reader) Boorman, were married May 20, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd have had four children, Chester C., Laura L., Mary Leona, and one child that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd are members of the Baptist Church. He is a Republican. Our subject was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in 1861 in Company K, 2d Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry, and serving one year, when he was discharged on account of serious sickness. The three living children of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd are all very nicely settled in life. Chester C. married Miss Hattie Bennett, and lives in Rockford, Ill., where he is a boot and shoe dealer. During the summer he runs a steamboat. He has two sons, Clair and Forest. Laura L. married Mark Dunlap, and she and her husband live with her parents; they have one son, Lester

Lloyd. Mary Leona married William Morris, and lives at No. 108 South High street, Janesville.

Mrs. Lloyd's parents were natives of England, came to this country in 1832, located in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where they lived some years, and were among the first settlers of Walworth county, coming into Wisconsin about 1838. They were the parents of three sons and four daughters, and three of their children are now living: Esther, wife of Luther Adams, of Walworth, Wis.; Martha C., wife of Thomas J. Lloyd; and Melissa, wife of John Lloyd, of Janesville. Mrs. Lloyd's grandfather, John Boorman, was born in England, and died there when over eighty years old. He was a farmer, and had a large family. Mrs. Lloyd's maternal grandfather, Thomas Reader, was born and reared in England, and came to this country in about 1854. He stopped in New York for a time, but finally came to Wisconsin, and died when over seventy. He had fourteen children. He was a soldier in the Revolution, on the British side.

JOHN SIDE, postmaster at Lead Mine, Lafayette county, and local preacher of the Primitive Methodist Western Conference, is a native of the County of Cumberland, England, born in April, 1825, son of George and Bell (Brown) Side, both of whom passed their entire lives in the County of Cumberland, the former following mining as an occupation. Of the six children in their family but two came to America, John and William, the latter coming in 1859, accompanied by his wife and family. He settled in Iowa, and there died in 1897; his family are still residents of that State.

John Side grew to manhood in England, and received a fair education in the public schools. After the death of his father he came to America, landing in this country in 1847. He made the voyage on the sailing-vessel "Monarch," which brought him to New York, and thence by way of the Erie canal he reached Buffalo, where he boarded a lake vessel for Chicago. From the last-named place he started by team for New Diggings, Lafayette county, there to engage in lead and zinc mining, which has been his life work, and he continued industriously at work until but a few years ago, when he retired, and is now rest-

ing on the fruits of his early toil. In 1863 he erected his present home in the village of Lead Mine, and equipped it with all the conveniences and comforts obtainable at the time. Politically he is a Republican, and when the office at Lead Mine was established, in 1884, he was appointed postmaster, which position he has continued to hold. He has also held a number of local offices in the gift of the people, among them being those of chairman and member of the town board, and, for over twenty years, the office of justice of the peace. In religious belief both he and his wife are members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Mr. Side having become a member of that denomination over forty years ago, or shortly after his permanent location here. His interest in all good and religious work is keen, and for years he has filled the pulpit as a local minister, leading an upright, honorable life—an example well worthy of emulation.

Mr. Side has been three times married, first in 1849, when Miss Jane Barnes became his bride. She died in 1862, leaving three children: William, a miner of Etna, Wis., is married and has three children, Alvin, Jennie and Joseph; George D., of Leadville, Colo., is married and has one son, George; Mary M. is the wife of John Cottingham, of Benton. For his second wife Mr. Side wedded Miss Lizzie Harker, a native of England, and daughter of Joseph and Mary Harker, who located in Lafayette county and died in New Diggings township. Mrs. Lizzie (Harker) Side died in April, 1878, leaving a family of three children, two of whom died in childhood; Maggie, born in 1865, married Thomas Miller, of Benton, a partner of John Cottingham in the milling business, and they have one son, Otho. Mr. Side's last marriage was to Mrs. Mary J. Rowe, who was born in England in 1848, daughter of Ralph and Catherine Miller, who early came from England and located in Wisconsin, where he died in 1880; Mrs. Miller is yet living here. Mrs. Side was educated in New Diggings, and in that town married William Rowe, who was killed in the mines in 1880, and left his wife with four children: Lizzie married Thomas Martin, of Iowa, and has one daughter, Phoebe; John, of New Diggings, married Nettie Smith; Roy is a miner of Cuba, Wis.; Kittie is at home.

During the Civil war Mr. Side enlisted,

becoming a private in Company C, 50th Wis. V. I., and by faithful performance of duty rose to the rank of sergeant. His regiment was assigned to the Western Army.

ELIAS PILLING (deceased) was one of the pioneers of the town of Willow Springs, Lafayette county, and at his decease left the record of an honest, upright man. His birth occurred in 1798, in England, where he attained his maturity and married Elizabeth Haigh, immigrating to the United States in 1827, with his wife and three children.

The first location of the Pilling family was at Potosi, Mo., where they resided until 1832. They then removed to Galena, remaining there but a short time, however, and coming to Willow Springs, where they made a permanent residence. Mr. Pilling was one of the earliest settlers of Willow Springs. He immediately began the work of smelting lead, for John Parkinson and John Brown, the methods of carrying on this work being of the most primitive character at that time, the modern methods never having been dreamed of, even in the largest establishments. One year later Mr. Pilling bought out the interest of Mr. Parkinson in these works, following which he and Mr. Brown erected a store, which was successfully conducted in connection with their smelting plant. Some time later a blast furnace was erected in the same town, on Otter creek, near the eastern boundary of what is now the town of Willow Springs. This furnace was a move in the direction of improvement in the method of smelting; it was built by Frank Gregoire and Joshua Bailey. In about 1837 Mr. Pilling bought the interest of Mr. Bailey, a year later becoming the sole proprietor of the blast furnace, which he operated until 1849. His four sons were interested with their father in the smelting business, but when the California gold fever broke out they caught the infection, and joined the scores of others who made their way across the Plains. On this account, and also because of scarcity of mineral, the furnace was now closed, and Mr. Pilling never re-opened the works.

Our subject had entered several hundred acres of land, much of which he had placed under cultivation, his homestead being in Section 15, and he lived there many years. Two years prior to his death, however, he left the home to his two sons, John and George, al-



though he resided in the neighborhood until the time of his death, Oct. 25, 1873. Mrs. Pilling had passed away July 9, 1871. She was a devoted Christian mother and neighbor. The Sunday-school of Willow Springs is an existing testimonial to the energy and pious character of this estimable woman, she being its originator, and through life one of its most active workers.

Elias Pilling and his wife became the parents of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, those surviving being two sons and three daughters: Dr. Abraham Pilling, of Burlington, Iowa; Mrs. Nancy Monehan, of Darlington, Wis.; Mrs. Frances Jane Warren, of Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. Mary H. Sheldon, of Willow Springs; and Dr. Henry H. Pilling, of Tucson, Ariz. Joseph, John, George, Isaac, Elias and Robert have all passed away, though all of them lived to be advanced in years.

Mr. Pilling was a typical pioneer, honest and upright in all his dealings, liberal and ever ready to assist those in need of help, and enjoyed the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. Both he and his estimable wife are still remembered as worthy people whose acquaintance was desirable, and whose death was regarded in the light of a neighborhood calamity.

DAVID KELLER JEFFRIS is one of Janesville's leading business men, and one of the best-known lumbermen in the State of Wisconsin. He is the son of David Jeffris, whose biography appears upon another page of this work, where may be found a detailed sketch of the family's history.

Our subject was born in Janesville township May 28, 1867, and has inherited the business acumen and tireless energy of his father. He was educated in the common schools of Janesville. His first business experience was obtained in his father's lumberyards, and in 1887 he embarked in trade upon his own account. At that time he was but twenty years old, and his subsequent success in life might be regarded as phenomenal by those who should fail to take into account his admirable mental endowment and quick, ready grasp of the problems of every-day life. In 1890 he sold out his original plant, and in that year erected mills in what is known as Jeffris, a village having sprung up around them. Since that time his business enterprises have steadily increased in number. His brother Frederick

is associated with him as a partner, and the firm owns and operates a large factory in Janesville, for the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds and window screens, employing between 250 and 300 men. They also own saw-mills at Jeffris, Wis. Mr. Jeffris is also an extensive owner of real estate, and holds large tracts of valuable pine lands in the northern part of the State, besides being a director in various moneyed corporations in the city of his residence. He is a man of generous impulses and social instincts, loving the companionship of his friends and being both loved and honored by them in return. He is a member of Janesville Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M., as well as of the K. of P. and the B. P. O. E. He also belongs to that widely reputed social organization of lumbermen known as the "Hoo Hoos," whose good fellowship and love of mirth are known throughout the Northwest. Being of Scotch descent on the maternal side, he has been eligible for election in the Caledonian Society, of which he is one of the most esteemed members. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Jeffris was married Jan. 2, 1889, his bride being Miss Della Hanchett, a daughter of Gerando M. and Anna (Spaulding) Hanchett. Their three children are named Donald H., Jean E. and Grace M. Mrs. Jeffris is a member of the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM H. APPLEBY. This gentleman, who is now serving his second term as sheriff of Rock county, has been for many years identified in an official capacity with the enforcement of the criminal law. His parents and grandparents were natives of London, England, but he himself was born Oct. 15, 1861, in the town of Avon, Rock county. Both his father and paternal grandfather, who were weavers by trade, emigrated to America in 1848, settling first in Elgin, Ill. The grandfather, John Appleby, went from that place to Iowa, where both he and his wife died, aged seventy-seven and seventy-six years, respectively. They were the parents of two sons, John Thomas and Alfred, the elder of whom is the father of William H. Appleby. He resided in Elgin for four or five years, and then removed to Janesville, where he is still living. He married Elizabeth Landredgen, the daughter of a retired



*W. H. Appleby*



London merchant. She died in 1863. Both were members of the Church of England. Three sons and two daughters were born to them, of whom William H. is the youngest. The others are: Elizabeth, the wife of Alfred Graves, of Evansville, Wis.; John Thomas, a retired farmer, of Parker, S. Dak.; Caroline, now Mrs. Henry Graves, of Dewitt, Iowa; and George M., chief of police in the city of Beloit, Rock county.

William H. Appleby received a good elementary English education in the common schools. After reaching early manhood he removed to Beloit, where for a considerable period he served on the police force, filling the office of superintendent for six years. In 1894 the citizens of Rock county elected him sheriff, for a term of two years. At the expiration of that period he was made chief of police of Janesville, and in 1898 was re-elected sheriff. The grave duties of this high position he still continues to discharge, with a courage and efficiency which command universal admiration and respect. His personal popularity is widespread, and his friends are legion. He is genial, frank, courteous and generous, and fond of social pleasures. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Mining Star Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M.; Beloit Chapter, No. 8, R. A. M.; and Beloit Commandery, No. 6, K. T. He is also a member of the Uniformed Rank, K. P., of the Modern Woodmen of America, and of the A. O. U. W. Politically he is a Republican.

On March 7, 1886, Mr. Appleby was married to Miss Pauline, a daughter of F. R. Vincent. They have one child, Floy.

**RODGER HORNER.** Industry and thrift are the price that honorable men pay for success, and this has been amply paid by the gentleman with whose name this article begins, and who lives in the town of Harrison, Grant county. His business life has been devoted to mining and farming, and he may be written down as one of the solid and representative men of both these callings in his part of the State.

Mr. Horner was born in Toronto, Canada, in March, 1835, a son of Matthew and Jane Horner, natives of Yorkshire, England. They were married in their native country in 1825, and some ten years later came to Canada. In 1840 they moved to Jo Daviess county, Ill.,

where they lived seven years. At the expiration of this time they found a location in British Hollow, Grant Co., Wis., where he followed lead mining and smelting until 1854. That year he bought the Joseph Reiter farm, in the town of Harrison, Grant Co., Wis., which was afterward their home as long as they lived. Mr. Horner died in January, 1880, and his wife in September, same year. They had a family of twelve children: Rachel was buried at sea. Margaret died when a child, at British Hollow. James died in Grant county, when a young man. Matthew died at the home of his parents, in 1858. Mary died when a young woman at her parents' home. William was killed in the mines of California, leaving a wife and daughter, Emma, now Mrs. J. P. Bonnett, of Harrison. Rachel, born in Illinois, married Morris Cavanaugh, and is now deceased. Jane is Mrs. Norman Clark, of Harrison. Jonathan married Lizzie Bradley, and lives at British Hollow. Elizabeth, Mrs. J. Reiter, is on the old Horner homestead, in Harrison. Rodger died in infancy, and his name was given to the youngest child of the family, our subject.

Rodger Horner received a common-school education. He became a soldier of the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting in Company H, 44th Wis. V. I., which regiment was attached to the Army of the Tennessee, and Mr. Horner followed the flag until the close of the war. He was in hospital some months, and made an honorable record as a soldier and a gentleman while at the front. In 1859 Mr. Horner crossed the Plains, and was in California until the summer of 1864, when he came back to Wisconsin, and entered the service. After the war he went to California a second time, and remained in the West until 1871. There he married Miss Marietta Butler, who was born in Harrison, Wis., a daughter of Daniel and Anna (Coates) Butler; Mr. Butler died at East Dubuque, Iowa. Mrs. Butler at Georgetown, Grant Co., Wis. Mr. Butler was an old-time Californian, and a soldier in the Civil war from Wisconsin. Mrs. Horner was visiting her brother in California at the time of her marriage, and they remained in that State two years longer. Their eldest child was the first child born in Bodie, Cal. In 1873 Mr. and Mrs. Horner settled on his present farm in the town of Harrison, where they are now living. They have put up a good

home, and cleared up the farm, and he has spent many years mining in the county. In 1879 he made a third trip to California, leaving his wife and five children on the farm, and returned in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Horner have had nine children: Matthew D., who lives at home; William H.; Elijah R.; Sarah A., who was a student of the Platteville Normal, and has been a teacher for some six years; Nora, also a student at the Normal, who has been one of the successful teachers of the county for some years; Maud S., a student of the same Normal, who has been a teacher for five terms in the schools of the county; Minnie May, who was educated in the high school and the Normal; Rodger is the youngest living of the family; and the youngest of all, Jonathan, died when an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Horner also took an orphan child to raise, Mrs. Horner's niece, Annie Wynne, now Mrs. Will Champion, of Hazel Green, Wis. Mr. Horner's daughters are all bright, capable young ladies, very highly regarded in the community.

Mr. Horner is an independent Republican, and has held the office of school treasurer and roadmaster. Mrs. Horner and the family attend church in the neighborhood, and take a lively interest in all good movements and measures. They are highly regarded, and are spoken of as among the cultured and refined people of the county.

THOMAS S. NOLAN, a member of the Bar of Rock county, and connected with the firm of Sutherland & Nolan, practicing attorneys at Janesville, is himself a native of Wisconsin, born of Irish parents.

Simon Nolan, his father, was born in the old country, emigrated to America while a young man, and about 1854 came West, locating at Janesville, where he resided until his death, in 1858. He married Margaret Coss, whose birthplace was in Queen's County, Ireland. She survived her husband, and after his death married a second time, her husband being Thomas Poey, and the fruit of that union being one daughter, Mary A., now Mrs. George E. Lynch, of Milwaukee. Two children were born to the first marriage, Thomas S. and Catherine M., the latter now the wife of Dr. Walter E. Fernald, at present (September, 1900) the efficient superintendent of the School for Feeble Minded, at Boston.

Thomas S. Nolan was born at Janesville

Oct. 11, 1856. His attendance at the public schools was supplemented by a course of instruction at the Ridgeway (Ontario) Academy, and he began the study of law in the office of Edward Bates, a well-known attorney of York, Neb. Before commencing the reading of Blackstone he was employed first as assistant clerk and afterward as clerk in the office of the Nebraska State Penitentiary. His course of professional reading was completed at Janesville. He was admitted to practice in 1879. In 1881 he aided in the incorporation of the Recorder Printing Co., and for two years was editor of the *Recorder*, then a Republican newspaper. During 1880-81 he held the office of police justice, and is now serving his second term as a member of the board of fire and police commissioners. He is an active worker in the cause of the Republican party, and is at present chairman of the county central committee. He is a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., and of Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; and also belongs to Oriental Lodge, No. 22, K. of P., in which he held the office of chancellor commander for two terms. He is a member of the Hamilton Club, of Chicago, and was one of the organizers of the Twilight Club, being one of its active and influential members.

Mr. Nolan was married Feb. 22, 1883, to Miss Jessie M. Murdock, a daughter of Edwin D. and Adelia M. (Hoyt) Murdock, and one daughter was born to them, Vera E.

JOHN SCHREINER, a prosperous business man of Lancaster, Grant county, was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1835, and was but nine years of age when bereft of his father, Nicholas Schreiner, after which sad occurrence he worked his way through life alone. When eighteen years old, in 1853, he came to America, Grant county, Wis., being his point of destination. He here found employment by the month as a farm hand, and this continued to be his occupation until 1864, when with his savings he purchased an interest in the firm of Jacob Nathan & Son, the well-known merchants of Lancaster. In 1868 the firm name was changed to Nathan, Schreiner & Co., and in 1880 Mr. Schreiner bought out his partners and conducted the business alone until 1884, since which date the firm name has been John Schreiner & Sons—Frank and Ed-

ward being the present partners of their father. Another son, Adolph, was a member of the firm from the time of its formation until his death, in 1889.

John Schreiner married Miss Sophia Nathan, a native of Prussia, and a daughter of Jacob Nathan, alluded to in the foregoing paragraph. To this union have been born seven children, of whom six are still living: Ellen, Mrs. Simonson, of Seattle, Wash.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Moulton, of Two Harbors, Minn.; Emma, at home; Frank; Edward H.; and Herbert E.

Besides the mercantile business carried on in Lancaster John Schreiner & Sons have a still more extensive establishment at Two Harbors, Minn., which is in charge of the son, Edward H., and the son-in-law, Mr. Moulton. Adolph, the deceased son, had charge of this business until fatally attacked by typhoid fever, and was a most excellent business man, as well as a model citizen.

John Schreiner began life a poor boy, but as he possessed good business qualities and moral habits, as well as sound judgment, he has risen to prominence and affluence, and consequently in the good opinion of his fellow-citizens. When the State Bank of Grant County was organized, in 1889, the directors elected him president, which office he has held ever since. Politically he is a Republican, and fraternally an Odd Fellow.

REV. OLE PAULSON, the esteemed pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Church at Blanchardville, Lafayette county, was born in Norway April 26, 1832, and accompanied his father's family to America in 1850. For a time they made their home in Winneshiek county, Iowa, removing thence to Carver county, Minn., where the parents passed the remainder of their lives.

The opening days of the war of the Rebellion found Rev. Ole Paulson a student in the Scandinavian Lutheran Augustana Seminary and College, at Chicago, Ill., and like many another student in the schools and colleges of the North he left his books and shouldered a musket in defense of the Union. In August, 1862, he became a member of Company H., 9th Minn. V. I., with the rank of second lieutenant, William R. Baxter being captain of the company. That year occurred the famous uprising of the Sioux Indians,

and the 9th, with other volunteer regiments, was sent to chastise the red men and prevent further depredations. Mr. Paulson took part in Gen. Sibley's expedition in Minnesota and Dakota during the summer of 1863, and was in several battles with the savages. When the Indians were finally driven beyond the Missouri river, and the Indian war closed, the regiment returned to Fort Snelling, and thence in the fall of 1863 proceeded to St. Louis, where it was occupied doing guard duty the following winter, from there going to Rolla, Mo. During this time the men were sent out on detached duty, and the entire regiment considerably divided. In the spring of 1864 they were again united, and proceeded to Little Rock, Ark., as Col. Wilkinson, who commanded the regiment, was ambitious to join in Gen. Sturgis' well known expedition against the Rebel Gen. Forrest, and was successful in realizing his ambition. The result of this was the somewhat famous battle of Guntown, in which the army under Sturgis was badly defeated, the expedition having been badly planned, and the battle fought at great disadvantage to the Union forces. The 9th lost heavily, Company H losing its captain and thirty men taken prisoners and placed in the noted stockade at Andersonville, Ga., where many of them perished from starvation. The next important event in which the 9th participated was at Tupelo, near Memphis, where Col. Wilkinson was killed. They also took part in the battle of Nashville and the taking of Spanish Fort. The health of Rev. Mr. Paulson was much broken before the close of the war, and after receiving his discharge, in the summer of 1864, he returned to Minnesota, being for some time too ill to resume his duties at college. When he did recover he found that the college in the meantime had been removed from Chicago to Paxton, Ill. He was graduated in 1868, and since that time has been engaged in the ministry. For six years he was pastor at Minneapolis, being the first Scandinavian Lutheran pastor in that city. After the Minneapolis charge he passed twelve years as pastor of the church at Willmar, Minn., and since Nov. 20, 1885, has been in charge at Blanchardville, besides which he administers to three other congregations, namely: Argyle, Adams and York, the one at Adams being the largest. These parishes taken collectively number about 1,200 people.

Our subject is a hard worker, and has organized some large congregations. He preaches and practices the doctrines of the universal brotherhood of man, and is greatly beloved by his parishioners, who feel that in him, indeed, they have a firm and a conscientious spiritual adviser. He has also done a large amount of literary work, being a frequent contributor to the *Folkebladet*, and having written some hymns of unquestioned excellence. One of his greatest desires is to see the spread of the practice of total abstinence.

In 1857 Rev. Mr. Paulson was united in marriage with Miss Inger Loberg, a native of Norway, and their family consists of three sons and four daughters: Alpha Theodora, Martin Luther, Helga Otilde, Lydia Regina, Paul Gerhard, Olaf Ingvald, and Aagot Herbertha, all living. Petra Augusta and Johannes died in their infancy.

PROF. BENJAMIN DWIGHT ALLEN, Choirmaster and Professor of Music in Beloit College, is the personal friend of many bright and capable people who have gone out of that institution to make their way in every walk and calling of life. He is one of the venerable figures upon the streets and in the homes of which the city of Beloit is justly proud, and the uplifting and inspiring power of his long and useful career has been beyond computation. He has a pleasing and attractive personality, a warm and genial manner.

Prof. Allen was born in Sturbridge, Mass., Feb. 16, 1831, a son of Alvan and Lucy (Salisbury) Allen, both natives of that State. They had two sons, Albert Salisbury and Benjamin Dwight, the former of whom died in Worcester, Mass., in 1895, and Prof. Allen is the only representative of the family now living. The father was a merchant when a young man, and later became city marshal of Worcester. He developed an extensive business as a contractor in the stage business between Boston, Hartford, Norwich and other points, and in middle life took to the business of selling pianos and other musical instruments. He died at Worcester in 1859, at the age of sixty-two years. His widow survived until 1888, when she passed away at the age of eighty-eight. They were both Congregationalists. Alvan Allen was a colonel in the State militia. His father, Elisha Allen, was born in Massachusetts, and was a farmer all his

life, dying in middle age. He had a large family. The family belongs to the Medford branch of the Allens, and its history in America runs back to the early part of the seventeenth century. The maternal grandfather of Prof. Allen, Benjamin Salisbury, born in either Massachusetts or Rhode Island, is supposed to have been a tailor, and lived to be over eighty years of age. He belonged to the Rhode Island family of this name.

Prof. Allen spent the first four years of his life at Sturbridge, and was then taken by his parents to Worcester, where he grew to manhood under exceptionally fine opportunities for the acquisition of a solid and substantial education. He passed through the public school, had private tutors, and was thoroughly grounded and broadly trained, as much so as he would have been at college. Prof. Fisher, then a young man, and now of Yale, was his instructor in literary themes, as was also H. G. O. Blake, who became widely known at a later period as the editor of Thoreau's writings. While studying general themes, Prof. Allen was also engaged in teaching instrumental music. He early foreshadowed his career in life, and made preparation for it under such competent instructors as Timm, of New York, and Satter and Dresel, of Boston. He began his career as a teacher of high-class music in Worcester. He was a member of the staff of the New England Conservatory of Music, in Boston, one of the professors of the Boston University, and member of the Harvard Musical Association, and for thirty-seven years was organist of the Union Church and one of the directors of the music festivals of Worcester. Prof. Allen was intimately associated with Carl Zerrahn for more than a quarter of a century, and his memories of the scenes and incidents of the music world of New England fifty years ago are interesting in the extreme.

Prof. Allen and Miss Eliza White were married Aug. 18, 1857. Mrs. Allen was a daughter of James and Eliza (Healy) White, and a descendant of Peregrine White, of Pilgrim fame. Five children were born of this union, Mabel, James, Eliza Salisbury, Charlotte Joy, and Benjamin Lincoln Wayland. Mabel married Rev. W. W. Sleeper, and after their marriage they spent five years in Bulgaria. Mr. Sleeper is now pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Beloit. They have had



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six children, four of whom are now living, James Taylor, William Allen, Helen Joy and Frank McDonald. James Allen had a varied career. He was graduated from the high school, was a student at Amherst College, and then became connected with the *Worcester Evening Gazette*, remaining in the office of that paper some ten or twelve years. He was sent to Zanzibar, Africa, as agent for the great New York trading house of Arnold, Cheney & Co., and came back from the other side of the world to go into the banking business at Worcester, under the firm name of Winslow & Allen. He died in 1898. Eliza S. died in early childhood. Charlotte Joy married Charles H. Farnsworth, who is now instructor in music at Columbia College, New York. Benjamin died in infancy. On Aug. 18, 1894, on the anniversary of her marriage, Mrs. Allen died in Beloit, while on a visit to her daughter, and was buried in Worcester, Mass. She had reached the age of fifty-nine years, and belonged to the Congregational Church, as also does her husband. After her death Prof. Allen removed to Beloit, in order to make his home with his daughter, coming here in the fall of 1894, and took the professorship of music in the college. He is still active in the performance of its duties, and is a member of the guild of organists of the United States. He is a Republican in political sentiment. Prof. Allen has had some students of music who afterward became very prominent, among them being Eugene Thayer; Henshaw Dana, the composer; Marie Stone McDonald, of the Bostonian Opera Company; her sister, Bessie Barton, who has won recognition as a singer abroad; and another sister, Agnes, who is famous as a singer. Howard Parkhurst, organist of the Madison Square Church, New York City, and George C. Gow, director of music in Vassar College, were also pupils of the Professor. Many others might be mentioned. He has been a hard-working and enthusiastic teacher of music, and the fire of art in his soul has kindled in many another soul the divine passion of music.

**JAMES KILPATRICK.** Among the agriculturalists of Grant county who have attained success from a financial point of view, and have now laid aside all business cares to enjoy a well-earned rest, is this well-known and prominent resident of Platteville. He

was born in Ireland Jan. 19, 1825, and the same year was brought to this country by his parents, Andrew and Elizabeth (Stuart) Kilpatrick, natives of the North of Ireland, and of Scottish descent. The family located in Philadelphia, Penn., where the father worked as a laborer and weaver for about ten years, but in 1835 moved to Galena, Ill., and he opened up a farm in Jo Daviess county, devoting the remainder of his active business life to agricultural pursuits. There he died in 1896, having long survived his wife, who departed this life in 1870. Of the five children born to them, James is the eldest; Mrs. Eliza Wright died in Jo Daviess county, Ill., March 2, 1881; Andrew Stuart, a farmer of the same county, died in 1896; Ellen is living near Hanover, Ill.; and Robert is an extensive farmer, residing on the old homestead in Jo Daviess county.

In Philadelphia James Kilpatrick was reared until ten years of age, and then accompanied the family on their removal to Galena, Ill., where he grew to manhood. For some time he was engaged in teaming and staging between that city and Chicago, and in 1856 moved to Lafayette county, Wis., where he followed farming until coming to Platteville, in June, 1892, since which time he has lived retired.

In response to the President's call for troops, at the beginning of the Civil war, Mr. Kilpatrick enlisted in Lafayette county, in 1861, for three years or during the war, becoming a member of Company E, 11th Wis. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the West, and was mustered in at Madison. For some time the regiment was stationed at Pilot Knob, Mo. Mr. Kilpatrick's command participated in the battles of Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, Vicksburg, and Jackson, Miss., and was then transferred to the Department of the Gulf, with which it took part in the battles of Bayou Teche and Vermilion Bayou, the siege of Mobile, Fort Blakely and Spanish Fort. Our subject was not in all these engagements, however. For three or four weeks he was confined in the regimental hospital below Helena, Ark., and for four weeks in the Sisters' hospital at St. Louis, after which he was sent to the post hospital at Ironton, Mo., where he was honorably discharged Feb. 17, 1863, on the surgeon's certificate of disability. Returning to his home in Lafayette county, Wis., he resumed farming as soon as able,

owning and operating a good farm in Kendall township.

At Galena, Ill., in 1847. Mr. Kilpatrick was united in marriage with Miss Esther Bennett, also a native of Ireland, and to them were born five children: John Andrew, a resident of Cass county, Iowa, married Maria Jane Westroke, and they have fourteen children; Martha E., Mrs. Ludlow, died in Lafayette county, Wis., June 22, 1888, leaving five sons; Thomas James, living on the home farm, married Aggie Stockdale, and has six children; Francis William, a resident of Leeds City, N. Dak., married Kittie McGowan, now deceased; and William B. married Bessie Reskill, who died in 1888, while his death occurred in Lafayette county, Wis., the following year.

On June 7, 1892, Mr. Kilpatrick married Mrs. Alice A. (Cattermole) Griffin, his present wife, who was born in the County of Suffolk, England, a daughter of John and Charlotte (Ablett) Cattermole, natives of the same place. For forty years her father followed the baker's trade in England, and then emigrated to America, over fifty years ago, locating in Elk Grove, Lafayette Co., Wis., where he opened up and improved a farm, preempting a part of the land. He became one of the leading citizens of that community, and served as postmaster at Elk Grove. He died in Platteville in 1887, and his wife passed away in 1885. In religious belief he was a Methodist. Their family numbered seven children: Alice A., now Mrs. Kilpatrick; Alfred A., who enlisted at Platteville in Company F, 10th Wis. V. I., during the Civil war, and was ill when he returned home, dying in Elk Grove in 1873; Aggie A., now Mrs. E. T. Mears, of Independence, Kans.; Agnes A., who married and died in Wisconsin, leaving six children; Anna A., who married J. B. Stockdale, of Belmont, Wis., and died in 1873; Emma, wife of William Sherburn, of Oklahoma; and Cynthia, who married William Owens, and died in 1873. For her first husband Mrs. Kilpatrick married D. Griffin, a lock and gun smith, who lived for a time in Elk Grove, and then moved to Platteville, where he died in 1888.

Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Kilpatrick are earnest and consistent members of the Congregational Church, and socially he is connected with W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., of Platteville, and Belmont Lodge, No. 282,

I. O. O. F. While a resident of Kendall township, Lafayette county, he served as justice of the peace six years, and was also a member of the board of supervisors, discharging his official duties in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. His loyalty as a citizen and his devotion to his country's interests have ever been among his marked characteristics, and the community is fortunate that numbers him among her citizens.

OLIVER F. KEENE, an old and well-known citizen of Lancaster, Grant county, and a valuable ex-soldier of the war of the Rebellion, was born in Vigo county, Ind., July 4, 1830, and was about four years old when brought to Wisconsin by his parents, Samuel B. and Lydia A. (Shattuck) Keene.

Samuel B. Keene was a native of Homer, Cortland Co., N. Y., born in 1796, son of Zehulon Keene, a soldier of the war of the Revolution. The Keene family came originally from Wales to America, in the early colonial days. Samuel B. Keene left his native State when about twenty-four years old, located in Vigo county, Ind., and there married Lydia A. Shattuck, a native of Oneida county, N. Y., who was taken to Indiana when young by her father, Dr. Eliphalet Shattuck. Samuel B. Keene brought his family from Indiana to Wisconsin in 1834, and located near the site of the present village of Darlington, for a year occupying the fort that had been erected in 1832 for defense against the Indians during the Black Hawk insurrection. The following year the family removed to Elk Grove, and two years later, in 1837, came to Lancaster township, Grant county, Mr. Keene here purchasing a tract of wild land which he converted into an excellent farm, although he was a blacksmith by trade. He continued to improve his farm and to work at his trade until he was called away, in December, 1879. For three years, during his earlier residence here, he was engaged in hauling goods between Galena, Ill., and Mineral Point, Wis., and lead on the return trip. At the death of his wife he was left with five children, four sons and one daughter, whom he reared with great care; the eldest was but fourteen years old at the time of Mrs. Keene's death, and Oliver F. was only about ten. Mr. Keene was a remarkably industrious man, and no person was ever known to speak an ill word of "Uncle Sam," as he was familiarly called.

Of the five children alluded to, two only now survive, Oliver F. and Rev. A. C. Keene, the latter a Baptist missionary clergyman, now residing in South Dakota. The three that have passed away were Delia Ann, the eldest of the family, who was the wife of Nelson Kise; Eliphalet, the eldest son; and Hon. H. S., a member of the State Legislature, a lawyer of prominence, and for three years a member of the Wisconsin Battery in the war of the Rebellion, who died in July, 1898, in Seattle, Wash., where his surviving family still reside. Two other children passed away ere the death of the mother.

Oliver F. Keene well remembers the appearance of the country when he arrived in Grant county, to which the family came overland with one team of horses and four yoke of oxen, and where he, like all the rest, endured the hardships and deprivations of pioneer life.

On June 24, 1858, Mr. Keene married Miss Jane A. Shappelle, a daughter of Andrew and Sarah Shappelle, the former of whom was born in Illinois, of French parentage; and the latter, born in New York State, was taken to Illinois when a child. Mrs. Keene was born near Galena, Ill., April 3, 1836. In 1839 her father bought land in Potosi township, Grant Co., Wis., transformed the wild place into a fertile farm, and here he and wife passed the remainder of their lives, being buried on their own premises. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters, of whom Mrs. Keene is the eldest and Mrs. Margaret W. Royster the youngest. Of the seven, three only now survive: Mrs. Keene, Mrs. Royster and Charles A. The latter served four years in the war of the Rebellion.

Oliver F. Keene and his father were working together at blacksmithing in Hurricane Corners when the Civil war broke out, and a little over two years later Oliver F. enlisted, Aug. 11, 1863, in Company H, 25th Wis. V. I., and with his regiment was ordered to the frontier to subdue the refractory Indians. But Mr. Keene contracted a severe cold, which culminated in rheumatism, and as a result he was transferred to the Invalid Corps, with which he served until honorably discharged, for disability, in April, 1865. He has never fully recovered from the disorder that seized him during his army service, and after the war he engaged in agricultural pursuits, working when able to do so. He and wife are now living in

quiet at their pleasant home in Lancaster, where they enjoy the respect and companionship of a host of friends. They have reared a family of thirteen children, eight sons and five daughters: Samuel A., Maggie A. (Mrs. Wayne), Sarah Lydia (Mrs. Campbell), Mary (Mrs. Warmes), C. Frank, George L., William H., John S., Joseph A., Ollie J. (Mrs. Sock), Albert E., Pearl Wright, and Ethel S. Six of the sons and four daughters are married, and are most worthy members of the communities in which they live.

Oliver F. Keene is a member of the G. A. R. He has always been a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and also as hard-working and industrious at his trade and at farming as his infirmities have permitted, and he well deserves the high esteem in which he is universally held.

HENRY SIMMONS is passing the closing years of a long and honorable agricultural career in the village of Hazel Green, Grant county, now living retired from all active cares and labors.

Mr. Simmons was born in Cornwall, England, March 8, 1826, son of Joseph and Mary (Goninan) Simmons, both born in Cornwall, the father in 1795, and the mother in 1805. They were married in 1823. Mr. Simmons was employed as a miner before coming to this country, in 1848. All the members of his family accompanied him with the exception of Henry, who came the preceding year. Joseph Simmons brought his people to Hazel Green and engaged in mining for a number of years, finally purchasing a farm in the western part of the town, where he died in 1858. Mrs. Simmons survived until 1873. They were members of the Methodist Church at Hazel Green, and both were consistent Christian people. Seven children were born to them: (1) Mary married William Dent, and settled at Georgetown, where she died, leaving five children, Joseph (deceased), William (of Missouri), Thomas (of Georgetown), George (of Cuba City), and Charles (deceased). (2) Henry is the eldest son of the family. (3) Jane, born in England, married William Moss, and is now dead. (4) Joseph, born in England, married Miss Charlotte Lukey, of Hazel Green, and is now living a retired life at Waverly, Iowa. (5) Grace, born in England, married James Richards, of Hazel Green, and is now dead.

She left a family, six of whom reside at Le-Mars, Iowa, and one, Elizabeth, at Hazel Green. (6) John, born in England, married Miss Jemima Bullock, of Hazel Green, and now resides in Waverly, Iowa, where he is leading a retired life. (7) Sarah A., born in Grant county, is the youngest of the family. She married Daniel Garenger, is the mother of one son and two daughters, and now lives at Waverly, Iowa.

Henry Simmons was a student in the district school at his English home, and when he was twelve years old began working in the Cornwall mines. In 1847 he came to the United States by way of Quebec, making the ocean voyage in a sailing-vessel, touching at Montreal, Kingston, Oswego, and Buffalo, and coming by way of the lakes to Milwaukee and Chicago. The remainder of the journey was made across country, and on reaching Hazel Green he found work in the lead mines. In 1849 he married Miss Julia Rowe, who was born in 1828 in England, where her parents, James and Julia Rowe, lived and died.

Mr. Simmons purchased what was known as the Enoch Robinson property in Hazel Green, and to the original tract has added extensive purchases until he now owns over two hundred acres of fine farm land. Good buildings have been erected, and extensive improvements made, so that now few farms in southwestern Wisconsin may be preferred to his for thorough cultivation, good equipment or comfortable home. Mrs. Simmons died in 1889, leaving four children. There were nine in the family, four of whom died in infancy. (7) James died when eleven years old. (1) Elizabeth, born in 1850, married Samuel NeCollins, and has two children; they live at their farm home in the town of Hazel Green. Her daughter Mamie, born in 1883, is now the wife of Joseph Egelhof, and is living with her parents. Samuel C., the son, resides at home. (3) William H. Simmons, born in September, 1853, married Miss Mary J. NeCollins, of Hazel Green, and lives on his father's old homestead. They have a family of five—William H., born in 1886; Benjamin H., in 1889; Joseph E., in 1891; James R., in 1893; and Jennie Estella, in 1895. (4) Joseph Simmons, born in July, 1855, married Miss Martha Sincok, of Illinois, and now resides in Hazel Green. Two of their children died in infancy, Julia A. and Edward H. (6) John

Simmons, born in 1857, married Miss Ella Bartell, and now lives in Hampton, Iowa, where he is rearing his two children, Julia Vine and Henry M.

Mr. Simmons belongs to the Methodist Church, where he has worshipped over forty years. Always interested in church work, he has served as trustee and steward, and has given liberally to the erection of several church buildings. In politics he has been a Republican. Some seven years ago he was stricken with a kidney trouble, and for six years he has been confined to the house.

A. C. VANDERWATER ELSTON is numbered among the most prominent citizens of Muscoda, Grant county, and has attained his eminence through his ability, business acumen, and energy, being now one of the leading merchants, banker and postmaster of that place and an ex-member of the State Legislature.

Mr. Vanderwater Elston is a native of the Empire State, having been born at Unionville, Orange Co., N. Y., Sept. 9, 1845, a son of S. B. and Hannah (Meyers) Elston, also natives of New York, of German ancestry. The parents migrated with their three children, one of whom was the subject of this sketch, to Muscoda, Wis., in 1855, and purchased the "Wisconsin House," a hotel at that place. Not finding it suitable to his requirements, Mr. Elston rebuilt it, and conducted the hotel very successfully for fifteen years, after which he sold out and purchased a farm in Eagle, Richland county, this State, on which he resided until his death, Nov. 11, 1878. He gained the respect of all who knew him. He and his estimable wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically Mr. Elston was first an anti-slavery Whig and later a Republican. His wife survived him until June, 1896, and both will be tenderly remembered by their large circle of friends, not only in Richland county, but throughout the State. The eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Elston is Albert D., of Chicago; the subject of this sketch was the second; Emma, wife of Fred W. Smith, was the third (she died at the age of twenty-two); after locating in Wisconsin two daughters were added to the family circle, Ida, now Mrs. W. S. Manning, of Soldiers' Grove, Wis.; and Eva, wife of Edward Bobb, of Thorp, Clark Co., Wisconsin.

A. C. Vanderwater Elston was about ten years old when brought to Muscoda by his parents, and is therefore one of the old residents, and well known to everyone. In addition to an academic course he studied at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, Chicago, and began his business career as a clerk in the store of McDonald & Graham, at Muscoda, in 1862. Four years later he entered into partnership with Jacob Bremmer, continuing this relation for one year. His next venture was in 1867, when he formed a partnership with Peter McIntyre, under the firm name of McIntyre & Elston, which style was continued for ten years, when Mr. McIntyre retired; his son succeeded him, and the house became known as Elston & McIntyre. They are merchants and bankers, having embarked in the latter branch of their business in October, 1884, and now conduct their affairs under the name of McIntyre, Elston & Co. Mr. Elston is also postmaster at Muscoda, having been appointed in 1897. He was elected to the State Legislature on the Republican ticket in 1889, and served his constituents most acceptably.

On Dec. 16, 1867, Mr. Elston was married to Miss Julania Lane, of Platteville, Grant Co., Wis., a daughter of Henry C. Lane, who settled in Platteville in 1837, was one of the pioneer blacksmiths of the town, and later one of its leading hardware merchants. Mr. and Mrs. Elston have had two children; their daughter died in 1899. The son, Henry L. Elston, is an electrician and manufacturer of telephones, is his father's assistant in the post-office, and is a very worthy young man.

As merchant, banker, government official and representative of the people, Mr. Elston has displayed ability of a high order, and a steadfastness of purpose that works toward the attainment of best results. His friends are legion, and his domestic and social relations are as pleasant as his business connections are successful.

**REV. THOMAS DE WITT PEAKE.**  
A. M., D. D., for several years the eloquent and devoted pastor of the First Methodist Church, of Beloit, is one of the most influential and efficient representatives of his church and the gospel to be found in southern Wisconsin, a region of strong churches and mighty preachers.

Dr. Peake was born near Princeton, But-

ler Co., Ohio, March 19, 1843, and is a son of William Burton and Cynthia (Flenner) Peake, both natives of Ohio. They had a family of four sons and seven daughters, and eight of their children are now living: Angeline, a widow, who first wedded Alexander T. Lick, a prominent lawyer in Indiana, who was killed in the war of the Rebellion, and later married John Chidester, now deceased; Joseph S., of Flora, Ill.; Mary, wife of Bishop Halleck Floyd, of Dublin, Ind.; Rev. T. DeWitt, our subject; Carrie, wife of James Major, a hotel-keeper at Flora, Ill.; Calastine, widow of James Manker, of Clay City, Ill.; Rev. Rudolph, a minister of the Advent faith in Kansas; and Louisa, wife of Rev. C. A. Beckett, of Olney, Illinois.

William B. Peake was a farmer. He moved from Butler county, Ohio, into Shelby county, Ind., about 1852, and lived there some twelve years, removing from Indiana to Flora, Ill., at the expiration of that period, and still continued farming for some years. When old age forbade his farther sowing and reaping, Mr. Peake made his home in Flora, where he died at the age of eighty-four, full of years and of honor. His wife died several years previously, when about sixty-eight years of age. Both were Methodists, and Mr. Peake was a minister at one time. He was a talented man, and did good to his day and generation. His father was Joseph Peake, a native of Virginia, a farmer, and of English descent. He had six or seven children, and died in Butler county, Ohio, when sixty years old. David Flenner, the father of Mrs. William B. Peake, was a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. He was a farmer, reared a large family, and died in Butler county, Ohio, in old age.

Rev. Dr. Peake was reared on the farm, and spent the first seventeen years of his life under the parental roof. He attended the local schools and Hartsville University, Indiana, where he received a classical education, with a view to entering the ministry. He taught school in Ohio several years, and during his period of teaching was attracted very strongly toward the law. But later, on strong conscientious grounds, he returned to his first ambitions, and became a preacher. He had his first charge in Highland county, Ohio, a field of labor known as the Newmarket circuit, and rode circuits for several years, his

appointments frequently calling for three sermons on Sunday and a journey of twenty-five miles or more. He was stationed at Milford, Yellow Springs, Portsmouth, and Pomeroy, Ohio, and from the last place was transferred to the Wisconsin Conference, and assigned to the Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Janesville; he held that important charge three years. He was at Merrill four years, at Beaver Dam three years, and four years ago came from that city to Beloit, holding his work here four years with increasing success and satisfaction.

Dr. Peake and Miss Lida Vail, a daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Vail) Vail, were united in marriage April 20, 1870. Mrs. Peake is in every way a worthy companion and associate of her gifted husband. Eight children have come to bless their union, Elmore Elliott, Quesnal DeWitt, Harriett Neff, Prue Ferren, Frederick Robertson, Noon Talford, Carrie Pearne and Edward Payson. Elmore Elliott is a literary man, his contributions appearing in the leading magazines of the country, and author of "The Darlings," one of the popular novels of the day, published in 1900. Quesnal DeWitt is a newspaper man at Green Bay, Wis.; he married Isora Hansen, and they have one child, Elmore Elliott. Harriett married Burt S. Barber, of Beaver Dam, Wis., where she died when twenty-two years old. Prue Ferren died when an infant six weeks old. Frederick R. died at Portsmouth, Ohio, an infant of fifteen months. Noon Talford died at New Carlisle, Ohio, when sixteen months old. Carrie Pearne is living with her parents; she is a very gifted woman and a fine singer. Edward Payson died at Merrill, Wis., when six years old. Mr. Peake is a Mason of the thirty-second degree. His Blue Lodge is in Milford, Ohio, his Chapter at New Carlisle, and his Consistory at Cincinnati. Both the Doctor and his wife belong to the Beloit Lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star.

During the war Dr. Peake was a revenue officer of the government at Shelbyville, Ind. When he was in Ohio he was appointed by the judge of the circuit court a member of the board of inspection for the examination of public buildings. He had two brothers in the Union army, and was himself connected with the 67th Ind. V. I., but saw no field service of any account.

Dr. Peake is a writer of much force and power. He has published a book on "Sanctification," and one on the "Symbolism of Solomon's Temple," a book on the teachings of Masonry. Many of his sermons have been printed and widely read. Dr. Peake is an eloquent and popular speaker, and his style is peculiar to himself. He is a close reasoner and a hard worker, and wherever he has been he has left behind him an enviable reputation as a loyal and devoted pastor.

ALOYS GRIMM is one of the important factors in the business circles of Cassville, Grant county, and his life is an exemplification of the term "the dignity of labor." He has utilized the possibilities that America offers to her citizens, and though he came to this country in limited circumstances has steadily and perseveringly worked his way upward, leaving the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few.

A native of Germany, Mr. Grimm was born in Coblenz, Rhine Province, June 16, 1839, a son of Valentine and Henrietta (Fuerstenhaupt) Grimm, the former also a native of Coblenz, the latter of Naumburg, Saxony. The father was a municipal officer in Coblenz, where both he and the mother died. In their family were ten children, eight sons and two daughters, namely: Hermann, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Valentine, who came to America in 1854, and became a cigar manufacturer of St. Louis, Mo., where he died; Hugo, who came to this country at the same time, and also located in St. Louis, where he engaged in the manufacture of cigars until his death; Aloys; Joseph, a resident of Bloomington, Ill.; William, a resident of Coblenz, and an official of the Prussian government, serving as superintendent of river and harbor work; Gustoph, who died in St. Louis in 1895; Ann M., a resident of Germany; Philip C., a member of the firm of Grimm Brothers, of Cassville, Wis.; and Helen, a resident of Coblenz, Prussia.

In his native city Aloys Grimm was reared and educated, and in his seventeenth year decided to try his fortune in America. On landing in this country he came at once to Cassville, Wis., where he arrived May 9, 1856. For a number of years he followed the carpenter's trade, and later engaged in bridge

building until 1870. Two years later he embarked in the drug business, near the store of Klindt, Geiger & Co., and in May, 1876, moved to his present place of business. He carries a full and complete stock of drugs, paints, etc., and is doing a large and profitable business.

Mr. Grimm was married, in Cassville, in 1865, to Miss Agnes Thormyer, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a daughter of Albert and Mary Thormyer, who at an early day located in Cincinnati, and from that place removed to Louisville, Ky. While there Mr. Thormyer enlisted in the Union army, in 1865, and was in the service until the war ended. Subsequently he engaged in farming near Indianapolis, Ind., where his death occurred.

To Mr. and Mrs. Grimm have been born seven children, as follows: Lena, now the wife of D. G. Sheesman, of Washington, D. C.; Anna, wife of G. O. Bean, agent at St. Paul for the Great Western Railroad Co.; Agnes, wife of Henry A. Robinson, a druggist of Durand, Ill.; Adolph, who is married and engaged in the drug business in Dubuque, Iowa; Philip C., a merchant at the Sac and Fox Agency, in Oklahoma; Aloys, a book-keeper for Conklin & Hoffman, at the same Agency; and Frank H., who is pursuing a course in pharmacy at Highland Park College.

As a Democrat Mr. Grimm has ever taken quite an active and prominent part in local politics, has served as town treasurer for nineteen consecutive years, and school treasurer sixteen years, resigning at the end of that time. He was postmaster at Cassville during President Cleveland's first term, and one year during President Grant's administration, and is now an efficient member of the school board. His official duties have always been discharged with the utmost promptness and fidelity, and his well-spent and honorable life commands the respect and confidence of all who know him. Socially Mr. Grimm is a worthy member of Cassville Lodge, No. 235, F. & A. M., of which he is senior warden; of Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., of Lancaster; of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

JACOB R. HETTMAN, who has been agent, for many years, of the Chicago & North-Western Railroad at Woodman, Grant county, is numbered among the veteran soldiers of the

war of the Rebellion. He was born at Baden, Germany, July 25, 1843, a son of Frederick Hettman, who immigrated with his family to America in 1846, and their first home in the New World was in Erie county, N. Y. In June, 1856, ten years later, they came to Wisconsin, locating at Norwalk, Monroe county, where the father died in 1865; the mother survived until May 24, 1900, reaching the age of ninety-three years.

Jacob R. Hettman was one of a family of eleven children, six sons and five daughters, ten of whom came to America, the other one having died prior to their immigration. Three sons and three daughters still survive: Charles F., a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Elizabeth, who lives in New Jersey; Catherine, a resident of Minnesota; Jacob R.; Christopher G., of the State of Wisconsin; and Caroline (with whom the mother resided), at Norwalk. Frederick, who was a resident of Minnesota, died March 31, 1901. Three of the brothers served their country in the war of the Rebellion, Charles being a member of the 164th Regiment, N. Y. V. I., and Frederick of the 3d Wisconsin Cavalry.

Jacob R. Hettman enlisted, in December, 1863, at Sparta, in Company G, 19th Wis. V. I., and was mustered into the service soon after, at La Crosse. The 19th was one of Wisconsin's fine regiments, serving in the Army of the Potomac, and taking part in the terrible battles of Grant's command during 1864-65, including the siege of Petersburg. It was the first regiment that entered Richmond after the evacuation; in June, 1865, the regiment was ordered to Fredericksburg, thence to Warrenton, and back to Richmond, where it was mustered out of the service in August, 1865.

At the close of his army service Mr. Hettman returned to Norwalk, Wis., and engaged in farming, but in 1872 he removed to Fayette county, Iowa. Two years later he returned to Norwalk, and engaged in the grain business; in 1880 went to Afton, Rock Co., Wis., as agent for the Chicago & North Western Railroad, and in December, 1888, was stationed at Woodman, where he has since remained, having now been in the service of this road continuously, for twenty years.

After his return from the seat of war Mr. Hettman married Miss Minnie Meyer, a daughter of Charles Meyer, and five daugh-



ters and two sons have been born of this union.

During his long service in the Civil war Mr. Hettman gave good proof of his courage and gallantry, but as years go by he is conscious that he contributed more than he then realized, for, like many of his fellow soldiers, he has never fully recovered from the effects of the forced marches, sleepless nights, poor food, exposure, and the thousand and one ills of a soldier's life. Although not seriously injured at the time, he was obliged to remain in hospital from June until December, 1864, and the insufficiency of the medical staff and appliances contributed to his present condition. He is a member of H. D. Crane Post, G. A. R., of Beloit, Wisconsin.

In politics Mr. Hettman is an ardent Republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and takes great interest in party matters. Socially he is a member of the K. of P., Janesville Lodge. Genial, accommodating and efficient, he enjoys the esteem and respect of his fellow townsmen, and is a good representative of the solid men of Wisconsin.

ROBERT WILLIAM SCOTT, the affable and courteous superintendent of Oak Hill Cemetery, Janesville, Rock county, has a thorough comprehension of landscape art, and has produced some exceedingly beautiful scenic effects in the field of his work. He has made Oak Hill Cemetery a notable and attractive city of the dead, worthy of the admiration of all who have come to feel that the last resting place of this poor mortality should be adorned with all that can speak of faith and hope and life forever.

Mr. Scott was born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 15, 1844, and remained in his native country until he had reached the age of fourteen years, when he came to Toronto, Canada. There he had relatives, with whom he made his abode for some years. In 1863 he came into the United States, and in the following February enlisted in the Union army, being mustered into service as a member of Company F, 35th Wis. V. I., and participating in the stirring scenes and events that marked the closing year of the Civil war. He was in the Mobile campaign, helped to capture Spanish Fort, and after the collapse of the Confederacy did duty in Texas until his discharge from the service, April 15, 1865. Coming back to Wis-

consin, he found employment with the Northwestern Railway Co., and was in their service several years. On Aug. 5, 1868, he was appointed to his present position, which he has filled continuously since that date. Then the cemetery consisted of only twenty acres, and the improvements were of the most meager character, the whole grounds having the appearance of a forest. The grounds now consist of fifty-eight acres, all improved beyond criticism, and maintained in the most perfect order. Mr. Scott has several assistants. After he had been with the association eighteen years his present residence, located on the grounds, was built for him. It is a handsome and convenient house, and an attractive home. The cemetery is just outside the city limits, and is reached by street cars running to its gates every thirty minutes. In 1899 a chapel was erected at the cemetery for the use of patrons, at a cost of \$2,500—a convenient and tasteful structure.

Mr. Scott owns a farm of 113 acres, adjoining the cemetery, which is yearly becoming more valuable on account of its proximity to the flourishing city near which it is located. On June 7, 1866, he married Miss Mary Jane Godden, a daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Bond) Godden. She was born in England June 8, 1844, and came to this country with her family in 1859, settling near Janesville, where her father engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have had ten children, of whom four, Willie, Charles, Archibald D. and Martha, are deceased. Two of them died in a single night from scarlet fever. The living are: James W. is married; he is now a drug clerk in Janesville. Walter R., a druggist at Puyallup, Wash., is married, and has three children. Isabel is the wife of Frank Pierce, of Janesville, Wis., and has one child. Marion E., Gertrude F., and Luella M. are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and are highly respected, not only in their church associations, but in their social relations as well. He usually votes the Republican ticket, but is not blindly partisan in his political relations, seeking always by his ballot to promote the best government of the people by aiming to bring men and principles together.

Mr. Scott's father died in Scotland in 1847, leaving a widow and one child. She subsequently married William Nixon, by whom she



*Robert W. Scott*



had three children. He also died in Scotland. She came to the United States, and lived for some years with her son, the subject of this article, dying in Philadelphia, Penn., where the three children by her second husband—William, John and Sarah—reside.

#### FAITHFUL WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

Among the many esteemed and valuable citizens of Darlington, Lafayette county, is Faithful William Chapman, the subject of this sketch, who has made that place his home, and there has centered the interests of his life. Mr. Chapman was born at Cambridge, England, Dec. 29, 1823, a son of William and Hannah (Fisher) Chapman, the former of whom was born in Bedfordshire, and the latter in Huntingdonshire. Both passed all their lives in their old English home. Mr. and Mrs. William Chapman were the parents of six children, four of whom survive: Mrs. Mary Perkins Watt, still a resident of England; Faithful W., our subject; William, who resides in England; and Jane, who lives with our subject, in Darlington. The father was a skillful carpenter and builder, and did much work in the city of London. His two sons learned the same trade under their father's instruction, and became as skilled as he.

Our subject was married to Rachel Weston, a native of Westerham, in Kent, England, in August, 1845, three years later coming to America. With his wife and one child Mr. Chapman landed Dec. 23, 1848, at New Orleans, where they remained until April, 1850, when they came up the Mississippi river to Galena, and from there to Shullsburg. On the boat on the Mississippi river Mr. Chapman became acquainted with a traveler named Absalom Townsend, who was returning from a successful sojourn in the mines of California, and by the time the families had reached Shullsburg our subject had been persuaded to return with his new friend and try to make a fortune for himself.

The company left Shullsburg on May 23, 1850, crossed the Missouri river at Omaha, and were on the way 110 days ere they reached their destination. Mr. Chapman was offered \$16 per day to work at his trade on the first day of his arrival. Two years passed before he was ready to return to his home in Shullsburg, which he reached on April 10, 1852. Upon his return he found little building going

on, and then engaged in lead mining, but later returned to his trade, and some of the buildings he erected in Shullsburg are the Brewster house, and the residences of Henry Stevens and Samuel Rickert. For some ten years our subject remained in Shullsburg, and then engaged in farming at what was then known as Stump Grove, near the line between the towns of Shullsburg and Darlington. Increasing his first purchase of land, he finally owned some 200 acres, and became a well-known farmer and stock raiser in Lafayette county. Until 1890 he continued to remain on the farm, in that year removing to Darlington, and he has recently sold the homestead to his son-in-law, who now occupies it. Mr. Chapman is an example of what honest, persevering effort can accomplish, and richly deserves the esteem and confidence with which he is regarded by his fellow citizens.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman: Clare, wife of Frank Rowe, who lives on the homestead; James Faithful, of Dawson, Iowa; Faithful William, of Darlington; Mrs. Nettie Parson, of Denver, Colo.; and William Albert, of Darlington; the others dying in infancy. Mrs. Chapman passed away Feb. 19, 1863, after having been an invalid for a long time, but leaving a sad vacancy in the household. The pleasant home of our subject in Darlington is capably managed by his estimable sister.

#### REV. WILLIAM WESLEY WOODSIDE,

the beloved pastor of the First M. E. Church of Janesville, was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, April 20, 1854, a son of William and Susan (Heller) Woodside, natives of Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, James Woodside, was born in Ireland, but came to America when a young man, and settled in Pennsylvania, near Harrisburg, where he engaged in farming. He participated in the war of 1812. When an old man he removed to Bucyrus, Ohio, where he resided with his daughter, and died when over eighty years of age. The family he and his wife reared was a very large one, and all were highly esteemed. The maternal grandfather of Rev. Mr. Woodside, Jacob Heller, was a native of Germany, who immigrated to America when still a young man, settled in Pennsylvania, engaged in farming, reared a large family, and

became very prominent, dying in the State of his adoption at an advanced age.

The father of our subject was a farmer, and about 1877 went to Kansas, where he located on a farm near Larned, that State, and lived there a number of years, finally returning to Bucyrus, Ohio, where he died in 1898, aged eighty-four. During his life he had been a justice of the peace, and quite prominent. Both he and his wife, who died in 1871, were consistent, devout and active members of the M. E. Church. Eleven children were born to them, three sons and eight daughters, four of whom are now living: Rachel, wife of D. L. McMichael, of Bucyrus, Ohio; Sarah, wife of H. D. Markle, of Elkhart, Ind.; Rev. William W.; and James J., of St. John, Kans. One son, Isaiah, served during the last year of the Civil war, participating in twelve battles; he is now deceased.

Rev. William W. Woodside lived at Bucyrus until thirteen years old, at which time his parents removed to St. Joseph county, Ind., near South Bend, where he grew to manhood. After completing the studies taught in the common schools of Ohio and Indiana our subject attended Oberlin College, Fort Wayne University (now Bishop Taylor University), and also the Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind. After attending Oberlin Mr. Woodside taught school in St. Joseph county, Ind., for eight or nine terms, working his way in college. Wishing to complete his education, Mr. Woodside went to Kansas in 1877. However, he at once entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, in the South Kansas Conference, and preached in that State for about nine years. At the end of that time Mr. Woodside came to Wisconsin, and was stationed at Kaukauna, Milwaukee, Edgerton, and Elkhorn, coming to Janesville in 1898, as pastor of the First M. E. Church, where he has since remained, endearing himself to his people, and adding many members to his flock.

On May 2, 1880, Mr. Woodside married Miss Anna Drew, a daughter of Mark and Julia M. (Bellows) Drew, and one son, Forest H., was born of this union. Mrs. Woodside died in 1885, deeply mourned. On Sept. 2, 1886, Mr. Woodside married Miss Frances E. Drew, a sister of his first wife. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Woodside, Peter Drew, was a native of England; while her

maternal grandparents were Caleb Strong Bellows and Esther Mansell, natives of Walpole, N. H., and Stencil, England, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Bellows had ten children who grew to mature years. Mr. Bellows was a colonel in the militia in Canada; also postmaster of West Meath nine or ten years; and held various minor offices, enjoying the respect and esteem of all. The father of Mrs. Woodside, Mark Drew, was a native of Vermont, the mother of Canada. Mr. Drew operated a tannery and shoe factory at West Meath, Canada, later went to Ohio, and thence to Wisconsin, locating at Eureka. In December, 1899, Father Drew died, over eighty-three years of age. His wife still survives, living with her daughter, Mrs. Woodside. They were very worthy people, and Mr. Drew was a very devout and consistent member of the M. E. Church.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodside are earnest, Christian workers, who have the welfare of their people at heart, and are very successful in their endeavors to set an example of high-minded living, and win souls to the cause. Politically Mr. Woodside is a Prohibitionist, and is an earnest advocate of the principles of that party.

HENRY MILL, now residing in Blanchardville, has found in Lafayette county a comfortable home for over half a century, and bears the distinction of being one of the comparatively few survivors of the war with Mexico.

Mr. Mill was born in Germany in 1823, and in 1846 emigrated to the United States. He landed in this country just before the opening of hostilities, and, being possessed of a somewhat daring spirit, resolved to enter the service of his but lately adopted country. Accordingly he enlisted, at New York, becoming a member of Company D, 2d Regiment, United States Artillery, and went at once with his regiment to Matamoras, where he joined the army of Gen. Winfield Scott, and participated in all the famous battles from Vera Cruz to the city of Mexico, inclusive. He served in Mexico for two years, or until the close of the war. His term of enlistment had been for five years; but two years having expired when peace was declared, more work was found for the army looking after the Indians on the border, who were very troublesome. Mr. Mill's regiment

was ordered to New Mexico, where they were engaged in Indian warfare the next three years. Before Mr. Mill had entered the army he had become engaged to Miss Margaret Bayer, and when he was returned to New York, at the close of the Mexican war, he was married, and took his bride with him to New Mexico, where they remained until the end of his enlistment. Mr. Mill's health was badly shattered by his army experience, and just two months before the time for his discharge he was granted a furlough for the remainder of his term. He and his wife went to Fort Leavenworth, Kans., where he received an honorable discharge, which to-day is carefully guarded as one of the family treasures, of which Mr. Mill is most justly proud.

A comrade in the army had told Mr. Mill of the glories of Lafayette county, Wis., and when he was ready to take up the pursuits of peaceful life he came to this county and engaged in farming. He did not, however, confine his labors exclusively to agriculture. He built the "Ryan Hotel," in Blanchardville, and generally led an active life until feebleness, aggravated by age and his hard life in the army, compelled him to retire. He and his wife have always held the high respect of the community, and Mr. Mill has ever been found on the side of progress, showing in a marked degree his love for the country he served so well. One daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mill, Katherine, now Mrs. Gould, of Blanchardville.

WILLIAM ROWLANDS holds an enviable position among the older farmers of the town of Belmont, Lafayette county, both by reason of his advanced years and his reputation as a man of character and industry.

Mr. Rowlands was born Dec. 5, 1827, a son of William and Jane (Perry) Rowlands, all born in North Wales. Our subject and his brother John came to America in 1849, and the parents in 1854. The brothers crossed the ocean in a sailing-vessel, landing in New York, in which city they made but a brief stop, journeying west to Waukesha, Wis., where they found work on a neighboring farm for some two years. In 1850 William Rowlands came to Dodgeville, Iowa Co., Wis., and was employed on a farm by Frank Dunn, where he was presently joined by his parents, who emigrated to Wisconsin in 1854. The father

bought land in the town of Belmont, and there made his home until his death, in 1868. His widow survived many years, and died in 1891, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. They were the parents of six children: (1) William is our subject. (2) John, born in Wales in 1830, is a farmer near Dodgeville; he is the father of two daughters, Elizabeth and Anna. (3) Richard, born in Wales in 1833, never married. He has prospered since coming to Wisconsin, and is now living retired in Dodgeville. (4) Anna, born in Wales, is the widow of Samuel Jones, and is the mother of six children. (5) Jane, born in Wales, came to Wisconsin with her parents, and married Orrin Morris, they settling in Minnesota, where her husband died. She came back to Platteville, and died in 1874, leaving one daughter, Jane, who is a Mrs. O'Brian, of Minnesota. (6) Ellen married Thomas Thomas, and remained in Wales, where she died in 1900, leaving seven children, four of whom are still living in the old country. The others came to Wisconsin.

William Rowlands obtained his education in the public schools of his native community. He was married in 1870 to Miss Anna Roberts, who was born in Wales in 1838, and came to Wisconsin with her brother Robert in 1870. He settled in the State of Iowa, where he died lately. In 1887 Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands moved to Union county, S. Dak., where they lived three years. For five years they lived in Lake county, same State, where Mrs. Rowlands died in 1892, leaving him with three children. Soon after her demise he returned to the old homestead in Belmont, where he has since remained. Children were born to their union as follows: (1) Katie, born in Belmont in July, 1871, was married in 1900 to Robert Williams, in South Dakota, and is now residing at Miner, that State. (2) Richard, born in March, 1874, was educated in the schools of Lafayette county, Wis., is unmarried, and lives at home with his father, taking the general management of the farm. (3) Rice Lloyd died when two years old. (4) Hannah, born in April, 1879, was well educated, and is a bright and capable young woman; she is housekeeper for father and brother.

In politics Mr. Rowlands is a Democrat, and has been roadmaster for a number of years. He began life in his adopted country with but little means, and made his way by hard work.

By wise investments he has come to be an extensive land owner in Lafayette and Iowa counties.

**DAVID H. POLLOCK.** This name will be readily recognized by any one at all familiar with the business personnel of the city of Beloit, Rock county, as that of one of its popular and successful druggists and book dealers. Mr. Pollock is a cultivated and genial gentleman, of fine character and excellent characteristics. He has a good patronage, and is rated with the best people of the city.

David H. Pollock was born at Whitewater, Wis., Feb. 23, 1860, and is a son of Arthur and Lydia (Nagle) Pollock, both natives of Ireland. They had five children, of whom all but one are now living: William J.; David H.; Sarah, wife of W. M. Van Lone, of Beloit; Mary B., deceased; and Effie A., wife of George Beedle, of Beloit. Arthur Pollock was bred a farmer, and came to the United States about 1845, when he was twenty-one years old. He found a location at Canandaigua, N. Y., where he remained some seven or eight years, and then moved West to Wisconsin, settling on the farm in Jefferson county where he died, Oct. 1, 1894, of typhoid fever, when seventy years old. His widow is still living, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Van Lone, in Beloit. He was a prominent church worker, and early in life was a Presbyterian, his wife a member of the Episcopal Church. Later they both united with the Methodists. His father, William Pollock, was a farmer in Ireland. He had four sons and two daughters. Coming to this country to make his home with his children, he died in Jefferson county at the age of seventy-nine. The father of Lydia Nagle was an Irish farmer, who lived and died in his native country.

David H. Pollock grew to manhood on his father's farm in Jefferson county. He was given unusual educational advantages, including a course at the State Normal at Whitewater, and for ten years followed the profession of teaching in Jefferson, Green, Waupaca and Walworth counties, with most creditable results. He became noted as an educator of much ability, and had he chosen to remain in the school room would doubtless have had a successful career. But the inclinations of Mr. Pollock led him toward a commercial life, and

he selected pharmacy as a field suited to his desires. He acquired a practical knowledge of the business by clerking in drug stores at Janesville and Whitewater, and, when he felt himself prepared to make the venture, came to Beloit and bought out the old and well-established drug house of F. S. Fenton, conducting same under the firm name of D. H. Pollock & Co. This was in 1888, and here he has remained to the present time, retaining the old patronage and winning many new friends. He carries a full line of druggists' supplies and sundries, books, bicycles and paints. Our subject is secretary and treasurer of the Beloit Telephone Co., and is a competent and successful business man.

Mr. Pollock has been twice married, his wives being sisters, and daughters of O. A. and Zella (Hulse) Wheeler. Myrtie E. became his wife Sept. 19, 1888, and died April 7, 1890. On Jan. 13, 1892, Mr. Pollock and Miss Bertha A. were married. She died Dec. 23, 1899. Both were fine musicians, teachers of the piano, and much interested in all matters that concerned the general progress of the community. They were great church workers, and took much thought about the successful operations of the literary clubs with which they were associated. Their great-great-grandfather Cheney's name is on Bunker Hill Monument, and the Wheeler and Cheney families belong to old New England.

Mr. Pollock is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Globe, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Republican, has been twice elected to the city council from the Fourth ward, and is now serving in that position. Religiously he is a member and trustee of the Second Congregational Church of Beloit.

**ARIAL RODDICK** was born in the house which is now his home Aug. 30, 1862, a son of John and Sarah (Batchelor) Roddick. The father was born in Wales in 1811, and the mother was born in Somersetshire, England, in November, 1814. They obtained their schooling in their native land.

John Roddick came to Philadelphia in 1832, and there worked at his trade some three years, at the end of that time moving to Pittsburg, where he married in 1836. Mrs. Roddick is still living in the old home in Ellenboro, with her son Aerial, who with his







wife leaves nothing undone to make her declining days peaceful and happy. Mrs. Roddick has witnessed great changes in Grant county. She and her husband both belonged to the Campbellite Church. After their marriage they lived in Pittsburg for about three years, while Mr. Roddick worked on a steamboat plying between Pittsburg and Louisville, Ky. They came West to Wisconsin as early as 1838, and spent two years in Elk Grove, until he purchased the present farm from the government, and he was the third settler in this locality, there being one settler in the village of Ellenboro and one in Harrison. A log cabin furnished a home for the family until the present stone house was built, in 1859. To the original eighty acres a second eighty was presently added, and the enlarged farm brought into good shape. The improvements wrought on this place were all made by Mr. Roddick and his family. He died in February, 1889, leaving a widow and six children out of the family of ten born to them. George, Reuben and Emma died in childhood. William, born on the present family home Jan. 5, 1852, died in 1885; he married Miss Mary A. Graves, who died in April, 1900, and they left two children, Mabel and William. Of the living, (1) Fernando was born in Grant county Dec. 12, 1839, and enlisted in the Union army during the Rebellion, serving in the Army of the Potomac. He married Lida Gillette, of Fennimore, and now resides on his farm, adjoining the old paternal estate. They have a family of six children, Sarah, Joseph, Edith, Samuel, Daniel, and Lewis. (2) Thomas, born in the town of Harrison in August, 1842, served in the Civil war in the 6th and 7th Wis. V. I., and participated in many of the most severe engagements of that sanguinary struggle. He saw many hardships, and was badly wounded several times. Soon after the war he married Miss Sarah Pike, who died soon after marriage, and later he married Vashti Bellwood, of Platteville. They are living on his farm in Ellenboro, and are the parents of five children, Clara, George, Lester, Nora and Eva. (3) Elizabeth A., born in March, 1846, married George Atkinson, who was born in England. Settling on a farm in Ellenboro, they have kept their home there to the present time, and are the parents of six children, George, Sarah, Allen, Walter, Mary and Jessie. Sarah married Benjamin

Cornwell, and died leaving two children, Ida and Liela. Allen is married and has two children, Jessie and Naomi. (4) Malissa, born May 14, 1849, is the wife of Lewis Pollander, and resides in the town of Harrison. They have a family of five children, Joseph, Lizzie, Genevieve (now the wife of Duane Hull, of Lima, and the mother of two children, Velma and Archie Duane), William and Sena. (5) John, born in February, 1855, married Miss Emma Dean, and now lives on a farm in Ellenboro, where they are rearing a family of four sons, George, Archie, Ora and Lloyd. (6) Arial is the gentleman whose name introduces this article.

Arial Roddick had the benefit of a district-school education, and has always remained on the old homestead, where he was manager for some years prior to the death of his father. In February, 1884, he married Miss Lucinda A. Hudson, daughter of Hiram and Roxy (Ray) Hudson, a family long established in this country. They are now living in the town of Potosi. Mrs. Roddick was born in July, 1864, and received her education in the home schools. After his marriage Mr. Roddick settled on the old Roddick estate, and devoted himself to the building up of this fine property. He and his wife have had one son, Harold Verne, who died when two years old. The Roddicks are among the most highly esteemed residents of Grant county, and Mrs. Roddick deserves equal praise with her husband for her industry and energy, which have aided him greatly. In politics Mr. Roddick is a Republican. He is on the town board. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Roddick is a born inventor and a natural mechanic. Though never taught a trade, he has invented several ingenious machines, the most striking being a corn husker and shredder that will husk from forty to fifty bushels per hour, and prepare the fodder for use.

MELFORD PRATT SMITH, of Fennimore, has been a prominent farmer in Grant county for nearly half a century, and in that time has made himself felt as a man of decided force of character and genuine integrity. He came here in 1853, and during his long residence in the county has proved himself a valuable citizen of the community, an hon-

orable man, and a skillful and progressive farmer. He is now leading a retired life in the city of Fennimore.

Mr. Smith was born in Wayne county, Penn., March 19, 1829, son of Jacob and Sophia (Wheeler) Smith. His father was born east of the Green Mountains, in Vermont, in 1802, and his grandfather was a clergyman of the Methodist Church, and lived in New England all his life. Jacob Smith was the youngest son in a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of whom were given Bible names, as was the fashion of the times. The sons were called Simeon, Reuben, Daniel, Abram, Isaac and Jacob. The names of the daughters cannot now be obtained, as that generation has passed from earth. In 1824 Jacob Smith married Sophia Wheeler, who was born in Massachusetts, her birth occurring the same year as her husband's. She was a daughter of Simeon and Polly (Noble) Wheeler. Her mother was a daughter of Capt. Charles Noble, a Revolutionary soldier, who died before the close of the Revolution, from disease contracted in the service. Melford Pratt Smith therefore is a great-grandson of a Revolutionary soldier. The Noble family was long prominent in Massachusetts. Four brothers came from England in early Colonial times, and from them are descended the greater part of the Nobles in the United States.

In 1826 Jacob Smith, with his wife and only child, removed to Wayne county, Penn., and in 1853 the parents, with their family, then consisting of six children, came to Grant county, Wis., and settled on a farm in the town of Fennimore. Within six years after their arrival five of the family had passed away. The parents and three of their children, Algernon, and Celestia and Cecilia (twins), had succumbed to sickness, and gone on "to join the great majority." The children reached maturity before they died. The mother's death occurred in 1857, and the father's the following year. There are now living of this family Esther (the wife of O. N. Smith, of Eau Claire, Wis.), Melford P., and Alfca (of Iowa).

Melford P. Smith obtained a good education in the common schools of his county, rather better than was the habit of the times. He taught two terms of school during the winter after coming to Grant county, and was regarded as a capable instructor. He was mar-

ried, a few weeks before leaving Pennsylvania, to Miss Ada M. Adams, who was born in Luzerne county, Penn., April 19, 1831. Her parents came to Wisconsin, and died many years ago. Mr. Smith bought State and government land in Section 32, of the town of Fennimore, and here he settled, and made a valuable farm, which he still owns. He resided on it until the fall of 1898, when he and his venerable spouse moved to their pleasant home in the city of Fennimore.

Mr. Smith has long been one of the representative men of his section. He was town treasurer ten years, assessor for six years, and town clerk for eighteen years. He held the office of justice of the peace for a long period, and during the greater part of his active life held some local office.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had three children: Ira, born in 1855, married Viola Shearer, a daughter of John A. Shearer, an early settler of the county. Charles, born in 1858, is a lawyer and lives in Viroqua. Ida, born in 1864, is the wife of Ambrose Peterson, and lives at Hillsdale, Mich. There are two grandchildren in the family: Irl, the son of Ira, born in 1890, and Kenneth, the son of Charles, born in 1892. Mr. Smith has always taken a deep interest in the moral and educational progress of the community. His children have had good educational privileges. Charles was graduated at the Platteville Normal in 1881, and for three years was principal of the Viroqua schools. He was a successful teacher, but, determining to become a lawyer, entered the office of Judge Wyman, read law under his instruction for one year, and then entered the law school at Albany, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1886. He immediately entered into practice at Viroqua, and has remained there up to the present time. Melford Pratt Smith is a man of extensive reading and wide information. He is a Republican, and in religious connection both he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Lancaster.

RUFUS I. CUTTS has been intimately associated with the agricultural interests of Harmony township and that portion of Rock county for the greater part of his life, and may fairly and justly be written down as one of the leading farmers of Rock county. He owns a farm in Section 6, Harmony township, and

has made it in every way profitable and attractive by industry, thrift and careful management.

Mr. Cutts was born in Sullivan county, N. H., Dec. 14, 1831, and is a son of Nathan and Mary (Burnham) Cutts, both natives of that State. Five children were born to them, two of whom are now living: Alonzo K., of Janesville; and Rufus I. Nathan Cutts, who was a farmer, came to Wisconsin in 1844, locating in the town of Fulton, Rock county, where he lived three years, and then moving into Harmony township and purchasing a farm of 178 acres. This proved to be his home for life, for he lived upon it until his death, in 1864, when he was about sixty-five years old. His widow survived many years, and was about eighty-two years old when she died. They were members of the Free-Will Baptist Church, and were in every way good people and fine neighbors. Nathan Cutts, his father, was a farmer in New Hampshire, where he was born. He was killed in the East by an accident, and left a large family. Mrs. Mary (Burnham) Cutts' father was born in New Hampshire, of English descent, and was a sailor. He died in the East, leaving a small family.

Rufus I. Cutts was twelve years old when his parents came to Rock county, and here his life has since been spent. On his father's death he came into possession of the old homestead by purchasing the interest of the other heirs. He attended the district school, obtained a fair business education, and began life for himself by helping his parents pay for the home place, as he was given eighty acres of it when he set up a home. He now owns one hundred acres, and has started his sons farming. On Sept. 22, 1858, he was married to Miss Sarah G. Daggett, a daughter of Henry and Meribah (Jackson) Daggett. Mr. and Mrs. Cutts have had three sons and three daughters, Henry, Acil, Effie, Meribah, Fred and Elnora. Henry died in early childhood. Acil married Catherine Kahoe, and lives in Harmony township; they have six children, Lawrence, Asa, Earl, Howard, Christi and Bertie. Effie married David Alverson, and lives on the old place; they have three children, Claris, Letha and Anna. Meribah is at home. Fred married Miss Lottie Wells, and lives in Harmony township; they have six children, Lester, Lelah, Gladys, Gertie, Helen and Rufus. Elnora died in early childhood.

Mrs. Cutts' parents were natives of the State of Maine, and came by the lakes to Milwaukee in 1846, making a home in Winnebago county, Ill., where her father died in 1881, at the age of eighty-six years. Her mother died in 1875, at the age of eighty-two. They were Free-Will Baptists. He enlisted in the American army during the war of 1812, though he was never in battle. When a young man he was a school teacher, but became a farmer in the West. His father, Edward Daggett, was a native of Maine, of English descent, and died in the East. Mrs. Cutts was twelve years old when she came to Wisconsin with her parents, and she has lived in Rock county for over forty-two years. Her grandmother, Elizabeth Grindell, lived to be one hundred and four years old.

Mr. Cutts is a Republican. He has lived in Rock county for over fifty-six years, and during that long period has attended steadily to his business, proved a kind friend and a good neighbor, and now in his old age has well-earned rest and peace.

JOHN H. JONES, one of the highly esteemed and substantial residents of Belmont township, has made his home in Lafayette county since 1869, and has been identified with the growth and development of his neighborhood. The birth of our subject occurred in Tioga county, Penn., Sept. 9, 1840.

John W. and Elizabeth (Hughes) Jones, his parents, were both born in Anglesey, Wales, the former in 1813, the latter in 1810. They had the advantage of being instructed in both Welsh and English. Mrs. Jones was a daughter of Griffith and Ellen Hughes, both of whom died in Wales, Mrs. Jones making the journey to America alone, arriving in 1830. Mr. Jones came later, and both located in Tioga county, Penn., where a number of their countrymen reside. There they met and married. For some ten years Mr. Jones worked in the coal mines of Pennsylvania. In 1844, with wife and three children, he removed to Dodgeville, Iowa Co., Wis., and was employed for the following four or five years in the lead mines in that locality. With him had come his father, who located near Mifflin, Iowa county, where he died in 1879, leaving a family of two sons and five daughters, of whom are mentioned: John W., the father of our subject; Hugh, who married Anna Hughes, of

Mifflin, and settled on his father's farm, where he died, his wife and family still living in Iowa county; Anna, who married Edward Edwards, a jeweler of Mineral Point, who moved to Chicago, where he died, his wife being still a resident of that city; the others of the family remaining in Pennsylvania until a later date.

John W. Jones, after leaving Dodgeville, purchased a tract of 160 acres near Mifflin, where he erected a log cabin and improved the land, this being the home of the family until the death of Mrs. Jones, in 1887. Soon after Mr. Jones and his son William began the erection of a new house on the old site, and there he resided until his decease, in 1892, leaving six children to mourn the loss of a good father. Of his family, John H. is our subject. Anne is deceased. William, born in 1844, was educated in the district schools of Iowa county, later enjoyed a term at the old academy in Platteville, and taught school several terms; he married Elizabeth Jones, who was born in New York State March 17, 1859, a daughter of William Jones, of Iowa county, formerly of Utica, N. Y., and died in 1891, while residing in Mineral Point; the children of this marriage were Jane and Elizabeth. Ellen, born in 1846, married John J. Jones, and resided on the old Jones homestead in Iowa county, where he died. Griffith H., born in 1849, married Sarah James, of Lafayette county, and they reside on the old homestead in Iowa county; their children are Anna, Ella and Alvin. Jane, born in 1851, married John Lloyd Jones, and died in Dodgeville in 1887; their children are Thomas, John, and Mary. Owen, born in 1854, married Emma Thompson, and died at Mineral Point, leaving one son, Owen, of Iowa county.

Our subject, John H. Jones, was educated in the district schools of Iowa county. He remained at home until he was about twenty-two, when he crossed the Plains to the mines of Nevada, remaining there for three years, and coming home by way of California. In 1865 he was married to Mary A. Jones, an educated young lady, daughter of John P. and Catherine Jones, of Schuylkill county, Penn. The father of Mrs. John H. Jones died in Pennsylvania, and her mother married Owen Hughes, who came West and located in Lafayette county. Although Mrs. Jones was born in the Keystone State, she obtained her education in the schools of Wisconsin.

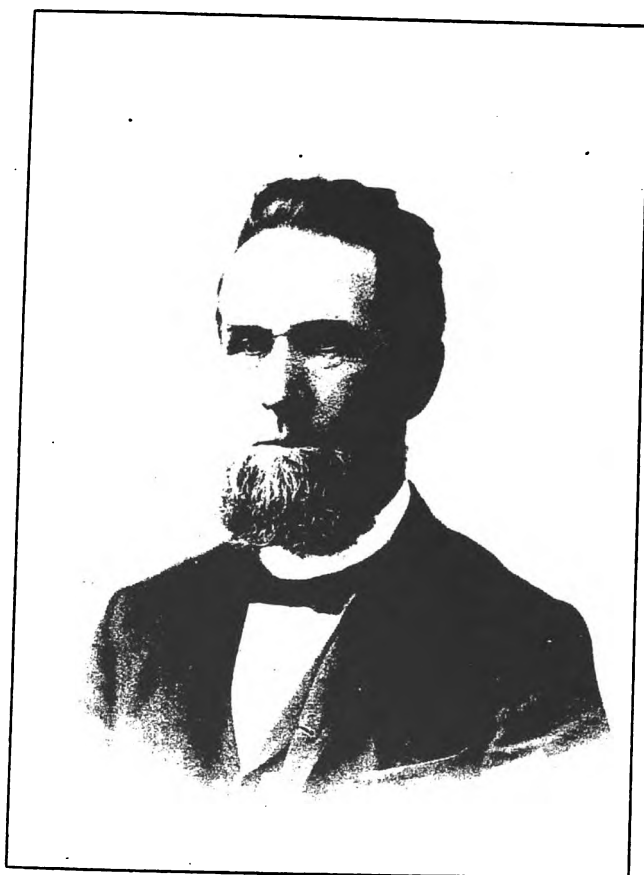
After marriage our subject settled at Coal Valley, Ill., where he worked in the coal mines for one year, and then moved to Iowa county, in 1869 purchasing his present farm. At that time the land was wild, and much labor has been required to bring it to its present fine state of cultivation, but Mr. Jones possessed the determination to make here a permanent home and insure the prosperity of his family, and he has succeeded. In addition to this comfortable place, with its commodious buildings, fences and orchards, Mr. Jones also owns a farm of forty acres in Iowa county, which is valuable land.

Children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones as follows: William R., born in 1866, resides at home. John is deceased. Elizabeth, born in 1874, married Thomas P. Thomas, and they reside on a part of our subject's homestead; they have one daughter, Anna. Miriam, born in 1879, married Charles Kinsman, of Iowa county, his death occurring in 1900, after but one year of marriage; their son is named Charles R.

Our subject has always been identified with the Republican party, and has efficiently filled many of the local offices. Both he and his wife are constant in their attendance at the Presbyterian Church, of which she is a consistent member, and to which he is a liberal contributor. Mr. Jones is one of the good, substantial citizens who form the foundation stones of the county's prosperity, sensible, honest, energetic, and willing to advance any interest which his judgment assures him is for the real benefit of the community.

HON. SOLOMON C. CARR, of the town of Milton, Rock county, is an old and highly respected member of the farming community of that portion of Rock county. He is a son of Peleg S. and Deborah (Goodrich) Carr, the father born in Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., and the mother a native of the same neighborhood. They came to this State in 1839, and settled in Milton township, Rock county, where he died in September, 1846. His widow survived many years, and passed away in September, 1874. They were the parents of ten children, and Solomon C. was the sixth child of the family.

Solomon C. Carr was born in Rensselaer county, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1830, and came with his parents to Milton Junction, which has been



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his home to the present time. He has lived on the same farm sixty-two years. He has been an extensive traveler both in this country and Europe. On Dec. 31, 1851, he married Miss Isabella Mackie, who was born in Belvidere, N. J., Aug. 4, 1830, and they had four children: William S., Isabella M., Florence S., and Kittie E. William S. is a conductor on the Wisconsin Central railroad. Isabella M. is the wife of W. C. King, of Springfield, Mass. Florence S. resides at Springfield, Mass. Kittie E. is the wife of C. E. Marquart, of the town of Milton. Mrs. Carr died April 11, 1900, leaving behind her tender memories as a good wife and mother.

Mr. Carr has been twice elected to the State Legislature, first in 1865, and again in 1874. He was master of the State Grange, of Wisconsin for a period of ten years, was chairman of the executive committee for twelve years, and State lecturer for six years, still serving in the latter position. Mr. Carr has held different town offices, and has always been associated with the Republican party. While in the Legislature in 1874 he worked for the passage of the Potter law, a measure decidedly in the interest of the people.

REV. FREDERICK DOBSON, a retired minister and farmer of the town of Platteville, Grant county, has had a long life, in which he has been a man of honor and character, filled with the lofty ambition of doing good, and helping men onward to the Kingdom of God, and has come to his old age commanding the respect and confidence of all who know him.

Mr. Dobson was born in the County of Durham, England, Aug. 14, 1822, a son of John and Emma (Gaskin) Dobson, who were born and reared in England. They had a family of eight children, and Frederick was the youngest. Thomas, the eldest son, went to New Mexico when a young man, and spent some few years in that country; returning home to England, he was taken sick on the voyage, and died on the high seas. Joseph, born in England, came first to the coal mines of Pittsburg, on the Ohio river, and two years later to Wisconsin, and settled at New Diggings, where he followed mining for some years. He later settled on a farm. He married Grace Parkin, of England, and they have four children, Joseph, Emma, Sarah, and

John. Ann (deceased) married George Willis, and always lived in England. John died in England, when a young man. William is still living in England, where he has for many years held the position of foreman in the iron stone mines. Henry came to Wisconsin in 1857, and worked in the powder mills of Platteville; he is now living at Rockville, Grant county, where he is leading a retired life. He was first married in England and has a large family—Thomas, Sarah, Henry (by his first wife), John, William, George and Mary (children of his second wife). James lived and died in England.

Frederick Dobson during his boyhood received the benefit of the training afforded by the English schools, and was mainly engaged in mining while at home. In 1842 he crossed the ocean, in a sailing-vessel, and the voyage was tedious and protracted, seven weeks being required by the slow-moving vessel to reach the harbor of New York. He came West to Illinois by way of Buffalo and the Great Lakes, and when he reached this State engaged in mining. He was then appointed a preacher in the Primitive Methodist Church, having for his circuit New Diggings, Platteville, and other points. He was the first preacher of his denominational connection in Platteville, and he has frequently preached in the New Church; he has labored as a local preacher for over sixty years.

Mr. Dobson and Miss Ellen Snowden were married in 1844. Mrs. Dobson was the daughter of Henry and Ann Snowden, early settlers in Grant county, and was born in England in November, 1823. She grew to womanhood in Platteville, which was the home of her parents until their death. Mr. Dobson purchased a farm one mile south of Platteville, where he lived until 1862, selling that year and moving to a farm in Iowa county, where he lived until 1895. That year he bought the old Mitchell homestead, one mile east of Platteville, where he is now living a quiet and retired life. His excellent wife died in 1891. She united with her husband's church early in life, and lived as a devout Christian woman should live. She was the mother of children as follows: John H., born in Platteville in 1845, married Miss Julia Kirkpatrick, and lived in Lima, where she died in 1891, leaving four children, Frank, Annie, Charles and John. Emma, born in 1847, married Albert Beers; they



settled in Lima, where she died in March, 1890, leaving five children, Emma May (born in 1881), Eva (1883), Frederick (1885), Willie (1886), and Clara (1889), Willie, Clara and May being inmates of the home of their grandfather. Miss Elizabeth, born in 1849, is at home. William, born in 1851, died the same year. Mary, born in 1852, is now the wife of Willard Moon, and lives at Boscobel; they have had four children, George, Jesse, Ida and Minnie, the two last dying in childhood. Robert, born in 1854, married Miss Frances Barber, and resides on Mr. Dobson's old homestead; they have had five children, Orville, Adda, Maggie (who died when a young lady, in February, 1900), and Edward and Samuel, who died in infancy. Margaret, born in 1857, is at home. Clara, born in 1860, was educated in the schools of Iowa county, lives at home, and with her sister Margaret is rearing the two daughters of their sister, Mrs. Beers: May Beers, the elder, is now a teacher; she was a student at the Normal. Frederick, born in June, 1863, in Iowa county, married Miss Mary Tucker, of Montfort, and lives in Iowa county; they have three children, Marcia, Ellen and Anna.

Mr. Dobson has always been identified with the Republican party. He was elected justice of the peace in Iowa county, but refused to accept the position. All the family are members of the Primitive Church, in which the husband and father has labored in Christ's cause for over sixty years.

FRANCIS A. BAKER, of Evansville, Rock county, a member of the hardware firm of that city, is widely known and highly esteemed, not only for the fine business ability which he has displayed through a long and active life, but also for his upright and honorable character, which has been a potent factor in the upbuilding of the firm.

Mr. Baker is a son of John T. and Jemimah (Robinson) Baker, natives of Ohio. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom are now living: David E., of Clermont, Iowa; Edward J., of Nodaway county, Mo.; Francis A., of Evansville; Stephen J., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Allen S., of Evansville; and Caroline Jane, wife of John Davenport, of San Rafael, Cal. The father, who was a farmer, came to Rock county in 1837, and in 1840 settled in the town of

Union, one and a half miles east of Evansville. He took up 160 acres of government land, and improved it into a fine farm. Here he reared his family. In 1864 he moved into Evansville, and died in that city in 1876, at the age of sixty-nine years. His first wife, the mother of Francis A., died in 1850. Both were strong Methodists. For his second wife he married Mrs. Jane Sales, and they had one child, Elizabeth J., now living at San Rafael. John T. Baker was a man of more than usual ability, and held various town offices. His father, Daniel Baker, was a native of West Virginia, and led a rural life, making his home in the State of Ohio.

Francis A. Baker was born in 1837 in Green county, Wis., and was reared on his father's farm in Union, where he spent the first sixteen years of his life. He attended the district school and in 1852 went to Janesville, Wis., and learned the tinner's trade, which is still his occupation. He spent the winter of 1856 engaged at his trade in Nebraska City, Neb., and the following summer he was in Kansas. In the fall of the same year he worked in St. Joseph, Mo., and crossed the Plains as a teamster in an expedition under command of Gen. Hancock, then a quartermaster in the United States army, and sent to Salt Lake City with troops and supplies on account of the Mormon troubles that year. Mr. Baker was two years in California as a miner and prospector, and five years in the same lines in Nevada, working at his trade during the winter, and spending the open season on the mountains. In 1866 he went to Montana, where he was a miner, and also employed in a sawmill, and in 1867 returned to Wisconsin. The same year he was at Ossian, Iowa, for a few months, and then worked for John Griffith, of Janesville, where he spent seven years. In 1877 he established himself in Evansville, where he has continued to the present time. He is senior member of the firm of F. A. Baker & Co., who carry the largest stock of hardware and similar goods to be found in the city, and has built up a wide circle of friends and patrons throughout the adjoining country. Fred A. Baker has been associated with him in business for the last ten years. The firm have erected a brick business block 66x100 feet. Francis A. Baker is a stockholder in the Evansville Telephone Exchange.

Mr. Baker and Mrs. Julia M. Baker, widow of his brother Aron T., were married April 21, 1869, and three children have been born to this union. Maud J., Bert F. and Lulu J. Maud J. died when two and a half years old. Bert F. married Miss Rissa Tullar Oct. 24, 1899. Lulu J. lives at home. Fred A. is a son of Mrs. Baker by her first marriage; on Nov. 19, 1885, he married Maggie Williams, and they have three children, June L., Elizabeth M. and Loyal S. Mr. Baker belongs to Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., Evansville Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M., and Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Republican, and has served on the village board of trustees. He has a handsome and well appointed home on Main street.

THOMAS H. EWING, who passed away Nov. 9, 1895, was one of the foremost citizens of New Diggings township, Lafayette county, where he had been engaged for many years in mining and farming. In his business and social relations he cheerfully met every obligation, and the record of his life, replete with all that is good, cannot fail to be an inspiration for coming generations.

Mr. Ewing was born in Cornwall, England, May 26, 1845, son of Thomas and Christiana (Mark) Ewing, who came to this country in 1850, and settled at Council Hill, Ill., later in New Diggings township, Lafayette Co., Wis., where they passed the remainder of their lives. In their family were five children, as follows: Thomas H.; James, of Peoria, Ill.; John A., of Scales Mound, Ill.; Catherine, of Scales Mound, Ill.; and Benjamin, who died in Nebraska.

Thomas H. Ewing grew to manhood in Illinois, and received a fairly good education, which he later supplemented greatly by reading and observation. In his young manhood he engaged in mining, which, in connection with farming, he followed all his life. By careful management and unceasing industry he soon acquired a firm financial footing, and his wise investments began to yield good and sure returns. First he became a stockholder of the Colman Mine, and later invested in mining and farming lands. In 1893 he purchased the "Stone House farm," known in New Diggings as the Abraham Looney homestead, and there

began general farming. The old stone house was remodeled, and other buildings added to make a comfortable home. For a number of years Mr. Ewing was superintendent of and stockholder in the Blende Mine, and was superintendent of the Eureka Mine.

In September, 1869, Mr. Ewing was wedded to Miss Jane A. Farrey, who was born in England in February, 1852, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Brown) Farrey. Seven children brightened their home: (1) Aldaretta A., born in July, 1872, and educated in the public schools of New Diggings, married Isaac Harker, who now assists in the management of the Ewing home. (2) Thomas W., born in December, 1873, educated in Dixon College, is now engaged in the livery business in Benton, Wis. (3) Benjamin A., born in March, 1877, is, with the assistance of his brother-in-law, Isaac Harker, managing the home farm. (4) Charles L. was born in February, 1879; (5) Everett H., in September, 1881; (6) George R., in December, 1883; and (7) Earl M., in August, 1890. Mr. Ewing regarded it as a citizen's duty to have an intelligent knowledge of public affairs, and he made a deep study of the political situation, and was always found thoroughly posted in the leading events of the day. He was always identified with the Republican party, and for several years served as chairman of his town. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the I. O. O. F. In his religious faith he was a devout Methodist, and a liberal contributor to all church work. Mrs. Ewing is a lady of culture and refinement, and is esteemed for her many loving qualities.

William Farrey and his wife (parents of Mrs. Ewing) came from England in 1853, and settled three miles west of Benton, where Mr. Farrey engaged in mining, which occupation he followed the greater part of his life. His death occurred at his home in 1872, just three years after his wife had been laid to rest. During the Civil war Mr. Farrey had given his service to his adopted country, becoming a member of Company I, 25th Wis. V. I., in 1862, and serving until the close of the war. He participated in Gen. Sherman's famous march to the sea, and suffered many of the hardships incident to soldier life. Mr. and Mrs. Farrey were the parents of nine children: Henry, born in 1851, now residing in Lead Mine, married Mary J. Hoffman, of Lafayette

county; Mrs. Ewing; Mary E., born in April, 1854, married Raisbeck Horsley, of Benton, Wis.; Elizabeth, born in 1855, married Seldom Sheffer, of New Diggings township; William, born in 1857, married Mary Franklin, and lives in Lead Mine; Thomas, born in Lafayette county, married Mary Neenan, and now resides in Benton; Robert, born in the same county, married Lizzie Perkins, and lives in New Diggings; Louisa, the eighth in order of birth, married Frank Horsley, of New Diggings; and John B., the youngest, married Susie Miller, and makes his home in Lead Mine.

**JASON B. LOTHROP**, a most respected citizen of Lancaster, may well be classed among the pioneers of Grant county, as he is now one of the few living who had attained manhood's years when he arrived here, in 1837. He was born in Boston, Mass., Jan. 15, 1814, a son of Calvin and Betsey (Clapp) Lothrop, who spent their entire existence in Boston and vicinity, and of their numerous children Jason B. is the sole survivor.

Jason B. Lothrop learned the carpenter's trade in Boston. On June 1, 1836, he married Miss Cynthia Cutler, who was born June 16, 1816. In December, 1836, Mr. Lothrop went to Pensacola, Fla., where he followed his trade nearly six months, and then determined to visit the West, in May, 1837, arriving at Mineral Point, Iowa Co., Wis. In 1838 he returned to Massachusetts, and in the same year brought back to Wisconsin his young wife, settling in Grant county, where he has resided ever since—a period of over sixty-three years. For nearly twenty-eight years he lived in Jamestown, following his trade and farming, and then came to Lancaster.

On July 27, 1875, Mr. Lothrop was bereft of his wife by death, and on Jan. 1, 1876, he married his present wife, Mrs. Effa (Kelts) Brown. By his first marriage Mr. Lothrop had born to him seven children, viz.: Emeline Hardy, born in Massachusetts May 16, 1837, died in Grant county, Wis., Oct. 27, 1848. George Cutler, born Feb. 13, 1840, was for three years a member of Company I, 25th Wis. V. I., in the war for the preservation of the Union, and is now a resident of Nebraska. Alonzo Hawkins, born Dec. 19, 1841, served in the same company with his brother in the Civil war; he now lives near Lexington, Ind. Franklin Baldwin, born July 3, 1844, served in

the same company with his brothers; he is a resident of Dubuque, Iowa. Agnes Melvina, born June 28, 1848, was married to Robert E. Lawrence, and died Oct. 24, 1876. Adelaide, born Feb. 13, 1852, died Feb. 23, 1868. Ella Frances, born Jan. 9, 1856, is the wife of M. H. Meyer and resides in Cleveland, Ohio. The present Mrs. Lothrop is a native of Oneida county, N. Y., and is a descendant of the oldest Dutch families of that State. Mr. Lothrop and his estimable wife are now passing their declining years in their pleasant home in Lancaster, and it is needless to add they are of the honored the most honored.

Mr. Lothrop, now eighty-seven years of age, is a remarkably well-preserved gentleman, and would readily pass for one fully sixteen years younger. His memory is vigorous and retentive, and his recollection extends to the years when Grant county was almost entirely a wilderness, from which he has lived to see it developed into one of the most productive counties in the State. His personal reminiscences would fill a large volume. In the early days he saw the French patriot, La Fayette, on the occasion of that eminent personage's final visit to the United States; he saw, likewise, Andrew Jackson, the hero of New Orleans, and once shook hands with the "great commoner," Henry Clay. In the early days Mr. Lothrop was in politics a Whig, and he has changed as the parties have changed. He has held many local offices in Grant county; for four years he was a member of the county board, and has also served on the town board. During his active life he was much interested in public education, and filled several important school offices.

In 1850, during the height of the California gold excitement, Mr. Lothrop crossed the Plains to the Pacific coast, having for his fellow voyagers Mr. Hannum and others, whose biographies may be found elsewhere. He returned by way of the Isthmus of Panama, across which he walked, from the Pacific ocean to the Gulf of Mexico.

**PROF. RUDOLPH H. MUELLER**, principal of the high school and superintendent of the public schools of Argyle, Lafayette county, is one of those German-born American citizens who have inherited the inherent noble characteristics of their race, and have combined them with the progressive spirit

of the New World, a union that gives to America a peculiarly high class of citizens.

Prof. Mueller was born in Germany, and when two years of age was brought by his parents to this country. The public schools of Dane and Jefferson counties, Wis., afforded him his early literary training, which was supplemented by a course in the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., whence he was graduated in 1890, in the modern classical course. Previous to his graduation he had taught school for four terms in Jefferson county, and immediately upon leaving school was engaged as principal of the high school at Chetek, Wis., where he remained three years, after which he assumed charge of the schools of Argyle, succeeding Prof. E. W. Pryor. These schools have long sustained a high reputation for thoroughness, and it is safe to say that under the able direction of the present superintendent they are second to none in the county. Besides himself there are five teachers employed, John W. Watson being assistant principal in the high school; Miss Mina Anderson, grammar school; Miss Jennie Peacock, intermediate; Miss Anna Davis, second primary; and Miss Inger Fenns, first primary. In February, 1901, the number of pupils enrolled was 235, fifty-two of whom were in the high school, the senior class numbering eight. Prof. Mueller is very popular with his pupils, and is held in very high esteem by the citizens of the town.

**JOHN CLINE.** In the rush and strife of modern environment it is with difficulty that we are brought to realize the courage and self-confidence possessed by the pioneers who started out from comfortable homes to penetrate into wildernesses where even communication with civilization was only possible by long days of slow travel, often over nothing but trails. But the men who made Wisconsin were tillers of the soil, and many of the complex elements that now confuse as they confront us were reduced by them to the question, "Can I find a suitable home for my family, where energy and perseverance can receive their reward from a productive soil?"

One of those hardy, sensible, honest men is John Cline, the subject of our review, who has had a residence of half a century in Lafayette county. Mr. Cline was born in Crawford county, Penn., Feb. 24, 1818, son of George and Margaret (DuMars) Cline. George Cline

came to America with his parents when a small child. His father was one of five brothers who came to America together, and made settlement on the Susquehanna river, but finally scattered to different parts of the country, two of them locating in western Pennsylvania; one of these was the grandfather of our subject. The father of our subject died in 1849, and in 1852 the mother, with her youngest son, James, came to Lafayette county, Wis. She died at the home of James, at the age of eighty-eight years.

Our subject is one of a family of nine children, all of whom became residents of Lafayette county, and all survive except Adam and Fanny, the former dying in the siege of Petersburg, during the Civil war. The survivors are John; Noble D.; George and Jacob, twins, the former a resident of Lafayette county, the latter of Burlington, Kans.; Sarah Ann, widow of Robert Henry, of Iowa; Polly, wife of Silas McMannes, of Dumont, Iowa; and James.

Our subject attained manhood in his native State where he married Mary Ann McMannes, a native of Ireland, in 1839, and seven children were born to this union, six now living: Sarah, Mrs. Abraham; John T.; George D.; Mary Melvina, Mrs. Loffswold, of Lyons, Iowa; Fanny, wife of M. F. Howrey; and Melissa, wife of L. B. Howrey. Mrs. Cline died Dec. 20, 1891, and on April 19, 1893, our subject married Miss Margaret D. Sudduth, who died April 9, 1895. On Nov. 27, 1895, he wedded Mrs. Angelina (Sudduth) Hill, a sister of his second wife, who was born in Kentucky, a daughter of John and Editha Sudduth, who passed all their lives in that State.

After deciding to make a home in the West for his growing family, Mr. Cline started with his wife, four children and a brother from Mercer county, Penn., journeying in a covered wagon as far as Cleveland, Ohio, where the party crossed Lake Erie. They then took the only train that ran through the State of Michigan, reached Milwaukee, and thence by team again came to Lafayette county, arriving on June 3, 1851, having been on the way since May 20. On his arrival in Lafayette county, Mr. Cline was uncertain just where he would locate, but had in view Grant county, where his sister and her husband, Silas McMannes, lived. Accordingly the tired little party moved onward again until Grant county was reached.

After viewing the land Mr. Cline finally decided that Lafayette county offered more advantages for settlement so he returned and purchased a farm in the town of Fayette, which was the family home for many years; in fact, all of his business life was passed there. The first purchase was of fifty acres, on which was a small house, and all of the land was wild but ten acres. Mr. Cline also entered a claim for a quarter section of school land adjoining his fifty acres, which he afterward purchased when it came into the market, getting it at the government price, and this gave him a farm of 200 acres. The little house held the family for some two years, but in 1853 he built a rock house from rock which he and his brother Adam quarried the previous year; the lumber used in its construction was hauled from Galena, on the Wisconsin river, the trip requiring two days. In this residence Mr. Cline lived for many years, but he finally rented his farm and removed to the village of Fayette, about ten years later coming to Darlington, where he has continued to reside ever since.

Mrs. Cline came to Highland, Iowa county, with two brothers, William and Franklin Suduth, in 1846, and in February, 1847, married Francis A. Hill, from Buxton, in the State of Maine, near Portland, a lawyer by profession, and a finely educated man, interested in lead mining in Iowa county, being associated with C. C. Washburn and other leading men of the early days in the lead regions. He died July 15, 1850, of Asiatic cholera, after which Mrs. Cline took charge of his business of surveying, and she met many of the leading people of the day, of whom she can tell many interesting tales. Mrs. Cline has a daughter, Fanny A. Hill, whose devotion to study broke down her health, and has made her an invalid. Mr. and Mrs. Cline have a pleasant home, and are numbered with the best people of Lafayette county. They are consistent and valued members of the M. E. Church.

BURTON F. NOWLAN, managing editor of the *Janesville Daily Gazette*, and secretary of the Gazette Printing Co., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Nowlan, and was born in Janesville June 1, 1870. He attended the city schools until 1884, when he injured one of his knees while at play, and for the next five years was an invalid, being confined to the house nearly all the time. As a source of amusement

he was given an amateur printing press, the outfit costing three dollars. He took a liking to the toy at once, and, by soliciting work, and adding to his outfit from time to time, soon had more business than he could attend to. He then sold his amateur office, inventorying more than \$250, and made arrangement with the late Garrett Veeder, the veteran publisher and printer, for the use of his material on shares. Under Mr. Veeder's guidance Mr. Nowlan mastered the printer's art in all its branches, learning the trade from its foundation. He remained with Mr. Veeder until October, 1880, when he left him to enter the employment of the Gazette Printing Co., as a reporter. By following the teachings of John C. Spencer, then city editor of the *Gazette*, Mr. Nowlan made rapid progress, and a few years later became news editor of the paper. He held this position until January, 1898, when he became managing editor.

It was as a reporter that Mr. Nowlan first showed the stuff of which he was made. Hearing that an accident had happened at the gas works, he hastened thither. It was late on the afternoon of April 17, 1891, and on the way he met Cornelius Ryan, of the fire department, and accompanied him to the scene of the accident. Arriving at the gas works, they found that three men—H. E. Merrill, superintendent of the company; William Farmer, his assistant, and Fred Henrich, the engineer—had been overcome by gas and were lying senseless in the cellar at the foot of a narrow winding stairway. Nowlan and Ryan hastened into the basement and rescued Henrich, but were nearly overcome themselves. They stuck to the task, however, and succeeded in rescuing Farmer also. By this time both were exceedingly weak, and, while Mr. Nowlan fought for breath in the street, Mr. Ryan staggered to the telephone, in another part of the plant, to summon help. Mr. Nowlan arrested the attention of a passer-by, William Irwin, by motioning, and with his assistance undertook to remove Mr. Merrill, who was still in the basement. Together they descended the stairs, and while Mr. Irwin was lifting Mr. Merrill up the stairs, Mr. Nowlan undertook to lift his feet clear of the stairs and the railing, but he fell back on the floor unconscious. He was soon missed by the others, and as an immense crowd had gathered by that time, was quickly brought forth into the open air. All recovered, but if

Mr. Nowlan's newspaper instinct had not impelled him to make haste the three would undoubtedly have died before the arrival of help.

As an editorial writer Mr. Nowlan has been as successful as he was in his news work. He is not afraid to speak his mind at all times. He lays no claim to a command of flowery language, but aims to make his meaning clear, in which he has apparently succeeded, as some of his political articles have been widely copied and endorsed by the press of the State. Mr. Nowlan realized from the first that he would be greatly handicapped in life by his lack of education, as he left school when he was only fourteen years old, and accordingly set about a systematic course of reading. The first money that he ever earned went to buy Dickens' works, a set of books he now values more than any other on his library shelves.

On June 24, 1894, Mr. Nowlan was married to Miss Jessie E. Merrill, the youngest daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Merrill. They have two children, Louise Marlette and Hiram Merrill. They reside in their own pretty, modern house at the corner of South Bluff and South Second streets. Mr. Nowlan is a lover of the rod and gun, and is secretary and treasurer of the Carcajou Shooting Club, a corporation owning a duck shooting preserve at Lake Koshkonong. He is also president of the Janesville Trap Shooting Club.

There is an object lesson for young men in Mr. Nowlan's career. Although he began life without education, and in very poor health, he has made the trip, in ten short years, from the amateur printing press to the desk of the managing editor of one of the oldest and most influential newspapers in the State. At the time he assumed his present duties he was probably the youngest man in Wisconsin to occupy so important and responsible a position.

E. J. MARVEL, the efficient superintendent of the soda mill of the Platteville Powder Co., was born in Cynthiana, Ind., in 1837, a son of George and Ruth (Jordan) Marvel, also natives of the Hoosier State, who in 1840 moved to Illinois, where the remainder of their lives were passed. By occupation the father was a farmer. Three of his sons were among the defenders of the Union during the Civil war—James A., John and E. J. James A. enlisted in Illinois, in 1862, in the 5th Illinois Cavalry, and was discharged for disability in

1864; he died in Illinois in 1872. John was also a member of an Illinois regiment, in the 100-day service; he is now living at Mt. Erie, Wayne county, that State.

The boyhood and youth of E. J. Marvel were passed in Illinois, and in the schools of that State he acquired his education. On first coming to Grant county, Wis., in 1857, he was employed at farm labor, his home being in Paris. At Platteville, in August, 1862, he enlisted in the 25th Wis. V. I., and was mustered in at La Crosse, Wis., his regiment being assigned to Sherman's command. He was with that general on the march to the sea, and participated in the battles of Resaca, Missionary Ridge and Decatur, Ga.; the siege of Atlanta; and in the Carolina campaign, including the battle of Bentonville, the last engagement of the war. Mr. Marvel took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged in that city June 7, 1865, after which he returned to his home in Paris, Wis. The following year he purchased a flouring-mill at that place, which he operated until coming to Platteville, in 1882, to accept his present responsible position with the Platteville Powder Co.

In Grant county Mr. Marvel was married, in 1858, to Miss Elizabeth C. Wilson, who died in 1865 leaving one son, George W., now a merchant of Ashton, Neb. For his second wife our subject wedded, in 1867, Miss Emma Vannatta, a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Kispaugh) Vannatta, who are mentioned more fully in the sketch of S. B. Vannatta elsewhere. By this union was also born one son, Walter E., who is married and resides in Clinton, Ill., filling a responsible railroad position.

As a Republican Mr. Marvel takes quite an active interest in political affairs. He is a prominent member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., in which he has served as commander and junior and senior warden, and is also connected with Melody Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; and the Eastern Star Chapter. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational Church at Platteville, and enjoy the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city.

JOSEPH T. MARVIN, of Darlington, Lafayette county, is an esteemed citizen, and a veteran of the Civil war whose honorable

and industrious career since his return from the "tented field" has given added meaning to his military services.

Mr. Marvin was born in Walton, Delaware Co., N. Y., in 1822, and belongs to a family whose ancestry in this country runs back to 1636, when two brothers, Reynold and Matthew Marvin, came from England and settled in the Colonies, Reynold Marvin being the progenitor of Joseph T. Marvin, whose name appears above. Recent investigations have resulted in disclosing the ancestry as far back as the early part of the fifteenth century. The Marvin family was well represented in Colonial days, and its various generations were largely stout-hearted and strong-minded men and women. During the old Colonial wars and in the French and Indian war, as well as in the struggle for American independence, it was well represented.

Matthew Marvin, the grandfather of Joseph T., served seven years in the Continental forces, was with Gen. Washington at Valley Forge, during the darkest period of the American Revolution, and was mustered out as first sergeant. It is also recorded of him that he took part in the battles of Brandywine, Red Bank, Mud Fort, Trenton and Princeton. At the capture of Cornwallis this veteran of seven years was one of sixty-eight picked men forming an escort for LaFayette.

Thomas Marvin, son of Matthew, and father of Joseph T., was a soldier in the war of 1812, and it was but natural that the grandson should feel the force of family tradition strongly enough to bear arms himself for his country when the occasion demanded.

Joseph T. Marvin remained in New York until 1855, in which year he came to Wisconsin. On April 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, 3d Wis. V. I., and they left the State July 12, under orders for Hagerstown, Md. On Feb. 3, 1862, Mr. Marvin was made second lieutenant, and transferred to Company C. On Aug. 13, following, he was made first lieutenant, and returned to Company H. On Feb. 6, 1863, he was appointed quartermaster of the regiment, in which capacity he continued to the close of the war, and was mustered out July 18, 1865. The regiment had a long and honorable record of campaigns, marches and battles to its credit, and saw service in Maryland and Virginia until after Gettysburg. It was with Banks in his Shenan-

doah campaign, and with Pope in Virginia; fought at Bolivar Heights, Winchester, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and was then sent to the West, being transferred from the 12th Army Corps to the 20th. In the West it served under Gen. Hooker, and then became a part of the command of Gen. Sherman, following him through Georgia and the Carolinas to Washington, and taking part in the grand review. Mr. Marvin made an exceptionally fine record as a soldier and as an officer.

Joseph T. Marvin was married to Miss Jennie E. Hall, of the town of Willow Springs, Lafayette county, where she was born in 1843, a daughter of Elisha Hall, who settled in the town about 1834. Mr. Hall was the first treasurer of Willow Springs after its organization in 1849, and took an active part in the early affairs of the town. He was a prominent Congregationalist, and kept a hotel on strictly temperance principles for many years. Mr. Marvin was bereft of his wife by death in 1896, and is now making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Oates, in Darlington. The surviving members of the Hall family now (1901) are Mrs. Nellie Duncan; Miss Fannie B. Hall; and Mrs. Clara Odgers, of Milford, Oregon. There were two sons in the family; George C. (who served in the Union army) and Calvin Hall, but both are deceased.

Our subject was one of a family of eight, of whom only three are now (1901) living. Matthew W. Marvin is living in New York, near the old family homestead where he was born. He also bore arms for the Union, serving in the 144th N. Y. V. I., in which he attained the rank of captain. Since the war he has been a conspicuous figure in local politics, and has been a member of the State Senate. Fred F. Marvin was a member of the 11th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, being a member of the band; he died in Canon City, Colo., September, 1900.

GEORGE HANTHORN, ex-sheriff of Rock county, and one of the representative men of Janesville, was born in Dilworthtown, Chester Co., Penn., May 26, 1832, a son of Thomas and Louisa (Cobourn) Hanthorn.

George Hanthorn, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was of Irish descent; he had seven or eight children. The maternal grandfather was John Cobourn, a native of Chester



*George Hawthorn*



*Mary Elizabeth Hawthorn*





county, Penn., of English descent, a shoemaker by trade, who died when nearly ninety; he had six children.

The parents of our subject were natives of Chester county, Penn., and of the two sons and two daughters born to them George Hanthorn is the only survivor. Thomas Hanthorn was a school teacher in his younger days, and later was assessor and collector for many years, dying in his native county in 1851, aged fifty; his wife survived until 1891, when she, too, passed away, aged eighty-three. In religious belief the mother was an adherent of the Baptist faith, and was a very good and worthy woman. Their son Oscar F. was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and died in Alexandria, Va., immediately after the battle of Antietam, from disease contracted in the service.

George Hanthorn was reared in Chester county, Penn., attending the district schools when opportunity afforded, and began to learn the trade of stone-mason when but fifteen, which occupation he followed many years. In 1857 Mr. Hanthorn migrated to Illinois, but after spending one summer in that State removed to Wisconsin, and has resided in Rock county ever since. Upon coming to this State, Mr. Hanthorn followed his trade for many years, but later purchased eighty acres of land in Johnstown township, where he resided three years. This property he then sold, and bought 160 acres in the same township, farming same until 1885, when he was elected sheriff and removed to town, and his son Duane took charge of the farm. Two years ago Mr. Hanthorn sold this property, and bought 240 acres in the town of Bradford, which his son now operates.

On Sept. 7, 1862, George Hanthorn married Miss Rebecca A. Vandenburg, daughter of William G. and Mary Ann (Leavenworth) Vandenburg, and two children, Oscar Duane and Orlando Van, were born of this union. Oscar Duane married Miss Minnie Hankie (whose parents own a farm in the town of Harmony, Rock county), and five children have been born to them, four living, Harold, Leo (who died at the age of six years), Earl, Le Roy and Carroll. Orlando Van married Miss Nellie Inman, and lives in Janesville, where he is a letter-carrier; they have two children, Lottie and Mabel R.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hanthorn, Gilbert Vandenburg, a native of Holland, died when over eighty years old, in New

York State, and was the father of a large family. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Hanthorn, David Leavenworth, who was a native of New York State, of English descent, and a millwright by trade, died when he, too, was over eighty. All of his seven children lived to a good old age, longevity being a characteristic of the Leavenworths.

Mrs. Hanthorn's parents were natives of New York State, came West in 1845, and located in the town of Bradford, Rock county, engaging in farming. The father died March 24, 1893, aged nearly eighty-six, and his wife survived him but four days, passing away on March 28, 1893, aged eighty-three. Both were consistent members of the Congregational Church, and people of prominence in their community. Ten children were born to this worthy couple, four sons and six daughters, four now living: Elizabeth C., wife of Stanley H. Joiner, of La Prairie township; Rebecca A., wife of our subject; Addie V., wife of James A. Kipp, of Badger, S. Dak.; and David L. Vandenburg, of Clear Lake, Iowa. One son, Minard A. Vandenburg, was a soldier, and died at home from the effects of exposure and hardships during the war. One died in infancy. The others were Caroline, Sarah, Josiah, and Burzinah.

Politically Mr. Hanthorn has always espoused the cause of the Republican party, and has ably represented its principles upon several occasions, having been sheriff of Rock county in 1885 and 1886; supervisor of Johnstown township several terms; chairman of the township board a couple of times, and alderman from the Second ward, one term. Mr. Hanthorn was also street commissioner for four years, and county coroner for two terms, and in every capacity proved himself an able exponent of the wishes of his constituents, and faithful in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanthorn have a beautiful home on the Delavan road, corner of Vine street, where they are surrounded by the comforts of life. Their residence was erected in 1895, and is surrounded by six and one-half acres of ground. Prior to building, Mr. Hanthorn resided on Milton avenue. In the community where he has lived so many years, and to which he has always given his hearty support in all matters of public improvement, Mr. Hanthorn enjoys a well-earned popularity, and his friends number legions.

GEORGE WIEDERHOLD, proprietor of the "Dickeyville Hotel," at Dickeyville, Grant county, was born in Prussia April 12, 1839, and is a son of Nicholas and Anna (Fidler) Wiederhold, both natives of Prussia. The father was born in 1795, and the mother in 1797. They came to this country in 1857, landing at Baltimore after a seven weeks' voyage. Coming to Galena, Ill., in June of that year, the husband and father died the following August, leaving his wife with five children. The strain was too great for her endurance, and she broke down, dying the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Wiederhold were consistent Christian people, and are remembered as ambitious and energetic to the last degree. Of their five children, all born in Germany, (1) Elizabeth, the eldest, born in 1831, was, like the other children, educated in their native land. She married Jacob Barth, a native of Baden, Germany, and they settled in Galena, Ill., where she died in 1898, leaving one daughter, Lizzie, now Mrs. Lorenzo Focht, of Galena. (2) Mary, born in 1833, married Henry Althaus, of the town of Paris, Grant county, and died, leaving no family. (3) Dorothy, born in 1835, is now the widow of George A. Leffelholz, and lives in Jamestown, Grant county. She has had five children, one that died in infancy. Annie, Lizzie, George and Henry. (4) Joseph, born in 1835, was first married in Galena, and moved to the town of Paris, where his wife died, leaving seven children, George, Joseph, Frank, John, Charles, Dorothy and Katie. Dorothy is the wife of Charles Dresler and lives in Kieler, Grant county. Katie is the wife of Christopher Dresler, of the town of Paris. Joseph Wiederhold married second Miss Dorathea Weber, of Grant county, to which union were born four children. He now lives in the town of Paris.

George Wiederhold is the fifth and youngest member of the family. A good education was given him in Germany, and after coming to this country he learned the shoemaking trade, which he followed until he enlisted in the Civil war, as a member of Company H, 25th Wis. V. I., under the command of Capt. Schwan. This regiment served in the Western Army under Gen. Sherman and other distinguished officers. On the march to the sea its presence was often made manifest to the retiring enemy. Skirmishes and fighting were daily occurrences, and they were often days

without food, barefooted and ragged, but they drove the Rebels, and the "boys" were happy. Mr. Wiederhold served until the close of the war, and received his honorable discharge at Madison, Wis., and he returned with gladness to the scenes of peaceful life.

Resuming his trade at Dickeyville, Mr. Wiederhold was married there in August, 1865, to Miss Theresia Schmerbach, of Grant county, daughter of Barth and Annie R. Schmerbach, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1848, and lived for a short time in the State of New York. Coming to Wisconsin, they settled near the Wisconsin and Illinois State line, on what was known as the Sinsinawa Mound, and there made their home for a number of years, eventually moving to the town of Paris, where they died. Mrs. Wiederhold was born in Germany in 1846, and was reared in this country. After their marriage Mr. Wiederhold and his wife located in the town of Dickeyville, where he owned a home. Later on he bought a farm near the village, and, greatly improving it with new buildings and energetic work, they there made their home until 1874. That year he purchased his father-in-law's hotel property in Dickeyville, and became a hotel man, which has been his calling to the present time. As a genial and hospitable landlord he has made many friends among the traveling public, and is known as a solid and substantial citizen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wiederhold have been born a large family of children, of whom (1) Annie and (2) Lizzie died in childhood. (3) Maggie, born in 1866, married John Hartung, a resident of the town of Paris, and has had eight children. John (who died at the age of seven years), George, Joseph, Frank, Lizzie, Lena, Arthur, and the baby. (4) Joseph, born in the town of Paris in 1868, married Miss Lizzie Utte, and lives on his father's old homestead farm. They have one son, Arthur. (5) George, born in September, 1870, is running a restaurant in Cuba City. (6) Michael, born in May, 1872, married Miss Christina Kunkle, of this county, and they now reside in the village of Dickeyville, where he is doing a good business as a contractor and builder. (7) Annie, born in 1874, is the wife of Peter Snyder, a resident of the town of Hazel Green, where he is engaged in farming. They have two children, Peter and Joseph. (8) Theresia, born in January, 1877, married

Joseph Splinter, and has her home in Cuba City; she is the mother of two children, Arthur and Hildergard E. (9) Barthel, born in July, 1880, has learned the carpenter's trade, and is now in partnership with his brother in Dickeyville. He is one of the solid and capable young men of the day.

Mr. Wiederhold has held several local offices, was a member of the town board, and for eleven consecutive years was collector of the town. Our subject, wife and family are all members of the Catholic Church.

**WILLIAM S. FIELD**, an active business man and farmer of New Diggings township, Lafayette county, has led a most strenuous life, filled with experiences difficult in accomplishment, but interesting in retrospection. He was born in New Diggings township July 17, 1840, one of the large family of children of William and Sarah (Shaffer) Field.

William Field was born in Kentucky in 1804, and his wife, Sarah Shaffer, was a native of Germany, born in 1813. They came to Wisconsin in their early married life, locating on government land now included in the township of New Diggings. He owned about 2,400 acres of prairie and mineral land in the days when Grant, Iowa and Lafayette counties were all in one, under the name of Iowa county. He erected a double log house for protection from the Indian raids, the nearest fort being at Galena, Ill., twelve miles away, but they were often obliged to take refuge there in the more exciting times. Mr. Field was a farmer and a dealer in minerals, and became very wealthy as his land increased in value. He was widely known all over southwestern Wisconsin, as well as on the Mississippi, as he did some business between Galena and Kentucky, on the river. In politics he was always interested, and voted with the Democratic party. He filled a number of offices during his time, and was one of the prominent men on the frontier. Although he was not a member of any denomination, he and his wife were both good Christian people, charitable and kind, and were greatly beloved. Mr. Field was much interested in the educational problems presented by the sparsely settled country, and helped to erect the first school house in his community. His death occurred in 1858, and that of his wife in 1887. They were the parents of a large family of children: (1) Elizabeth, born in

New Diggings, attended the district school erected by her father, and later Mount Carroll Seminary, in Illinois. She married John Chambers, of Missouri, and they first lived on a farm given her by her father, later removing to Sheldon, Iowa, where she died in 1900, leaving a family of eight children, George, William, Alice, Emily, Ida, Aaron, John and Fred. (2) Fannie became the wife of A. S. Rock, and they reside in Shullsburg, Lafayette Co., Wis., on his farm. They have two children living, Charles and Anna. Eliza, a third child, died in early womanhood. (3) Miss Emily resides on the old homestead. (4) George married Miss Anna Harker, and bought himself a farm, which he afterward sold, going to Mobile, Ala. Returning home, he was drowned in the Mississippi river. (5) Martha married Millard Townsend, and resided in Shullsburg, where both died, leaving a daughter, Edith, now Mrs. White, of Galena, Ill. (6) William S. is sixth in the order of birth. (7) Benjamin married Emeline Williams, and located in St. Cloud, Minn., where she died in 1900, leaving four children. (8) Edward married Miss Annie Collins, of England, and they make their home on his farm in New Diggings. They have children as follows—William, Edward, Charles, Katie, Gerald, Timothy, Benjamin, Emily, Rilla, and Arthur. (9) Alice married a Mr. Young, of Beetown, Grant county, who died, leaving his widow and two children. (10) Annie married Frank Bailey, and lives on a part of the Field homestead. She has four children, Carrie (wife of George Hall, of Platteville), Silas, Bertie and Ada. (11) Silas, the youngest in the family, married Bell Metcalf, and lives on a part of the old home farm. They have four children, Willis, Luella, Benjamin and Sarah.

William S. Field, while growing to manhood, attended the district schools of the neighborhood. He was early trained to frontier life, and in 1860, with two teams of oxen and one of cows, crossed the Plains to Pike's Peak, via Denver, Colo., being three months en route. He worked in the gold fields, spending a year and a half in prospecting and locating claims, and then moved to Hannibal, Mo., where with three others he contracted to furnish the lumber for the railroad from Cameron to Kansas City. After they had completed the contract, and just before it was inspected by the company and taken off their

hands, it was burned by soldiers of the Union army, while on a raid after Quantrell's guerrillas. Martial law being in force, Mr. Field was obliged to walk seven hundred miles to reach his Wisconsin home. He then engaged in lumbering in Wisconsin, but in 1863 he again made a Western trip by wagon, this time to Montana, where he was successfully engaged in gold mining until 1867, when he returned home. He had had adventures enough for a time, and resolved to settle down on the home farm and pass the rest of his days in less exciting occupations. He now has a large stock farm, with good buildings, all erected by himself, and is one of the most enterprising business men of southwestern Wisconsin.

In 1867 Mr. Field was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Hurley, daughter of John and Joanna (Driscoll) Hurley, who were natives of Ireland, married in Pennsylvania, and became early settlers of Wisconsin. Mr. Hurley engaged in farming and mining in Wisconsin until his death, leaving a widow and four children, all of whom are now deceased except Mrs. Field. Mrs. Lizzie (Hurley) Field was born in June, 1847, and grew to womanhood in Lafayette county, receiving a fair education, and in time becoming one of the successful teachers in the county. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Field: (1) Edith, born in November, 1868, married James Martin, a farmer of Benton, Wis., and has six children, Mary, Regina, Catherine, Joseph, John and Edith C. (2) William J., born in May, 1870, now a farmer in New Diggings, married Eliza Hillary, and has four children, Florence, Catherine, Cheresa, and Lizzie. (3) Charles A., born Feb. 16, 1872, married Minnie Rodgers, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and now resides in Des Moines, Iowa. They have two children, Florence E. and Elizabeth. (4) Edward was born March 14, 1876. (5) George, born March 13, 1878, resides in Fort Dodge, Iowa. (6) Annie, born in January, 1880, married William Newman, of New Diggings, and has one son, Mannuatus. (7) Zita, born in May, 1882, attends the home schools. (8) Nellie was born in December, 1883. (9) Lizzie, in October, 1885. (10) Gertrude, in September, 1887. (11) Joanna, in November, 1890.

While Mr. Field has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of the day, he has never aspired to office, having found that his own

private business engrossed all his time and attention. He is very progressive, and ever ready to take hold and investigate improvements and developments, and owns the first separator threshing machine that came to this part of the State, the original cost of which was \$2,500. For thirty years he has followed threshing over this section. He is the founder of the Co-operation Creamery at New Diggings, owning a large share of the stock. In religious belief he has allied himself to no denomination, but as his wife is a member of the Roman Catholic Church he has liberally contributed toward the support of same. The family are very popular socially, and their pleasant home is always open to give visitors a hearty welcome. They have paid great attention to music, and two of the daughters, Zita and Nellie, are fine musicians. The entire family are talented, and attract a most cultured circle of friends.

**JOHN FREEMAN KEMMERER.** A native of Rock county, Mr. Kemmerer has throughout life remained a resident thereof, employing his earlier years in farming, then engaging in business at Clinton, and since 1898 acting as traveling salesman for the Deering Harvester Co., of Chicago. Successful in whatever he has undertaken, he is a representative citizen of the State, active in affairs of public interest, and contributing by his force of character and clear principles to the welfare of the community in which he lives.

Mr. Kemmerer was born in Rock township, Rock county, Sept. 17, 1854, son of Samuel (deceased) and Elizabeth (Gish) Kemmerer, who were natives of Pennsylvania, both belonging to sturdy German families of the Keystone State. The paternal grandfather was a farmer and the maternal grandfather a miller; both died in Pennsylvania, well advanced in years. Both reared large families.

Early in their married life the parents of our subject resolved to found a home in the then distant West. In the fall of 1849 they came to Rock township, Rock county, and here Samuel Kemmerer purchased a tract of forty-four acres and began his successful business career in the Western home. He steadily added to his modest acres until he possessed and tilled a well-cultivated farm of 258 acres. In 1884 he retired from active life, moving to Janesville, where he ever after continued to



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reside. In politics he was a Republican, in religious faith an earnest Methodist, and he was always active in church work, in his younger days acting as steward, class-leader, etc. To Samuel and Elizabeth Kemmerer were born six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Abram, of Redfield, S. Dak.; Charles W., of Janesville, whither he recently removed from Shopiere, Rock Co., Wis.; Blandena; John F., our subject; Lewis, of Janesville; and Ida, wife of W. Van Valen.

John F. Kemmerer was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the district schools. He began active life for himself by renting a farm, which he operated for four years, and then bought 183 acres of land in the townships of Turtle and La Prairie, later adding fifty acres to the tract. He lived there until 1891, when he removed with his family to Clinton, and there engaged in the stock and machinery business. In 1898 Mr. Kemmerer accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Deering Harvester Co., which he still holds.

On Sept. 12, 1877, Mr. Kemmerer married Miss Ella E. Smith, daughter of Artemus and Olivia P. (Pike) Smith, and to them have been born four children, George I., Ethel B., Forrest G., and Walter F. In 1898 George and Ethel graduated from the Clinton high school, and he is now attending the State University; Miss Ethel is teaching at Manchester, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Kemmerer and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been steward for a number of years. Politically he is a Republican. Among the societies Mr. Kemmerer is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is held in high esteem, and his influence has ever been exerted in advancing measures for the general welfare.

Artemus Smith (deceased), father of Mrs. Ella E. Kemmerer, was born in Chester, Vt., April 11, 1818, son of Artemus Smith, Sr., a native of Massachusetts. Artemus Smith, Jr., was engaged in business in the East until 1854, when he came to Chicago and engaged in the manufacturing of bonnets. He sold out there and moved to Shopiere, Wis., where he was engaged in the coopering business. In 1863 he bought a farm of 100 acres located a short distance from Shopiere, to which he afterward moved. On Nov. 1, 1843, he was married to Olivia P. Pike (now deceased), daughter of Jonathan Pike; her grandfather on the mother's side was a brave soldier in the Revo-

lution and in the war of 1812, and her grandfather on her father's side enlisted in the army of the Revolution when sixteen years old. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had seven children, five of whom are still living.

J. W. JONES, deceased. Many of the successful and prominent farmer citizens of the great State of Wisconsin had their birth on the other side of the Atlantic ocean, and coming to this country took rank among the best citizens. Such was the case with our subject, the late J. W. Jones, than whom no more estimable citizen ever passed out of life in Lafayette county.

Mr. Jones was born in South Wales Feb. 10, 1822, coming to the United States in 1841; he made the long trip in a sailing-vessel. Landing in New York, he remained in that State for two years, and in 1844 joined the settlers who were then flocking to the fertile lands of Wisconsin. Selecting Elk Grove as a suitable place for settlement, he purchased eighty acres of land, and improving this, added more, and still later another tract, as his means permitted, until his estate now comprises 472 acres in one body, both of cultivated and wooded land, the larger portion being under cultivation. Remaining industriously employed on this place, he became one of the most substantial men of the township.

In 1853 Mr. Jones married Miss Catherine Webster, a daughter of Stephen and Anne (Holman) Webster, who were both born in Cornwall, England, where they married, coming to this country in 1848. The family settled in Potosi, in British Hollow, Grant Co., Wis., and remained there some years, later moving to Mineral Point, after which the parents lived retired. Of a family of eleven children, but three survive. Our subject's wife, Catherine, the youngest, was born in England Sept. 17, 1827, received a fair education in the common schools of her own land, and upon coming to America was engaged as a needlewoman, her accomplishment in this line making her services in great demand, and enabling her to live in comfort and independence.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jones settled down to domestic life in a little log cabin which he had erected, and in which they continued to reside until the building of the present commodious and comfortable home, in 1876. For



five years previous to his demise Mr. Jones was afflicted with blindness, which prevented him from attending to much business, but the capable woman who so bravely cared for herself when a stranger in a strange land came to his aid, in his age, and her assistance and management relieved him of many cares. Mr. Jones was a consistent member and cheerful supporter of the Swedenborgian Church, his influence in the community ever being in favor of religion and good citizenship. For many years he was a member of the town board, and held other offices in the gift of his townspeople. Politically he upheld the principles of the Democratic party. Children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones as follows: Harriet, born in 1855, was educated in the best schools, married Edward Curkeet, of Elk Grove, and has children—Lillian, John and Orville. Ruth, born in 1857, married Frank Bently, of Platteville, and has children—Francis, Robert, and Bayard. Bessie, born in 1860, married James Murphy, a leading lawyer of Platteville. John, born in 1862, was well educated, and is now the competent manager of his father's large estate. Katie was born in 1865. Frank W., born in 1868, graduated in the class of 1890 at the Platteville Normal School, and in 1891 entered Madison University as a geological student, graduating from that institution in 1898. Coming home, he was taken sick, and shortly after his brilliant young life ended. The community was saddened by this untimely end to a bright career.

EDWARD H. RYAN, A. B., LL. B., a member of the Rock County Bar, was born in Janesville April 3, 1852, of Irish descent.

Edward Ryan, his father, was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, and his mother, Eliza O'Donnell, was born in Burlington, Vt., although her parents, too, came from Tipperary. His paternal grandfather, also named Edward, was a farmer in the Irish county whence some of the younger members of the family emigrated to seek a new home and better fortune in this country, and passed his life in the old country. He was twice married, and three children were born of the first marriage, and six of the second. Edward Ryan (2), the father of Edward H. Ryan, after coming to America spent seventeen years in the city of New York. He was industrious and economical, and in 1850 found himself

in a position to seek a new home in the broader Western country, where the virgin soil and the unbroken forest yet awaited the plow of the farmer and the axe of the woodman. He settled in the town of Plymouth, Rock Co., Wis., on a farm of eighty acres, and, by careful management and judicious investment, gradually increased his holdings, until at the close of his life he was the owner of 800 acres and was regarded as one of the prosperous, substantial men of the community. He died in 1883, in his seventy-fourth year. His wife, Mrs. Eliza (O'Donnell) Ryan, was one of a family of two sons and four daughters born to Michael O'Donnell, of Tipperary, Ireland, who came thence to the United States by way of Canada. Crossing the border, he lived for a time in Vermont, and later in New York, going thence to Wisconsin in 1847. For a short time he lived in Janesville, but soon removed to Green county, where he engaged in farming, and owned a farm of 160 acres. He was noted for his integrity, no less than for his gentle disposition and equable temperament. He entered into rest after reaching an age seldom paralleled—one hundred and two years.

Edward H. Ryan was the first-born of a family of seven children, the others being Ellen E., James M., John F., Joseph A., William H., and Thomas Ambrose. Ellen E. is the wife of Daniel Ryan, of Janesville, of which city James M. and Joseph A. are also residents. John F. lives in Montana, and Thomas Ambrose resides upon the old homestead in Plymouth, where the father of the family settled more than half a century ago. William A. was a soldier in the 19th United States infantry, serving gallantly in Porto Rico during the Spanish war, and was mustered out at Camp Meade, Pennsylvania.

Edward H. Ryan was given a college education. His preparatory collegiate course was taken at Milton (Wis.) College, and in 1870 he entered the Freshman class of the State University, receiving his degree of A. B. in 1874. From March until September, 1875, he studied law with Hon. John Winans, of Janesville, and then matriculated at the law school of his Alma Mater, graduating with the degree of LL. B. in 1876. He was admitted to the Bar on June 18, of that year, and remained in Madison until March, 1877, as an assistant to Judge J. H. Carpenter. Going thence to Shreveport, La., he was admitted to practice

in the courts of that State, but not finding his surroundings congenial he returned to Rock county, after six months. For the fourteen following years he was engaged in railroad construction, and for four years afterward he found satisfaction in the independent life of a farmer. Then coming to Janesville, he once more began the practice of his profession, in 1899 forming a partnership with J. L. Mahoney which continued two years. He is a life-long Democrat, and his religious creed is that of the Roman Catholic Church, in the profession and practice of which faith a long line of his ancestors have lived and died. He is a man of happy temperament, and of marked individuality. Possessing the genial humor and ready wit of his race, no less than its unselfish generosity, he has a strong personality, which enables him fearlessly to maintain the right and combat the wrong. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Ryan married, in 1886, Susie C. Ingersoll, daughter of Charles L. and Susan Curry Ingersoll, of Vernon county, Wis., and they have had two children, Edward A., born March 19, 1887; and Genevieve I., born June 19, 1890. Mrs. Susie C. Ryan's paternal ancestors came to America in 1638. Six of her ancestors on the paternal side, and two on the maternal side, were in the Revolution. Her uncle, John Curry, is a Judge of the Supreme Court of California; her grand-uncle, Daniel Curry, was a noted Methodist divine, was at one time bishop, and also editor of the "Christian Advocate."

A. H. BARBER, M. D., an eminent physician and surgeon and honored resident of Lancaster, Grant county, was born in Fairfield, Vt., in 1843, a son of John J. Barber. Dr. Barber's father died a number of years ago, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years; his mother, who was born in 1819, is still living. The Doctor is the only son, and he has two sisters, namely: Mrs. Eleanor Durand, of Crookston, Minn.; and Mrs. Lucy Tomlinson, of Osage, Iowa.

Dr. Barber was brought to Grant county by his parents in 1845. His earlier education was acquired in the public schools, and at a private school in Lancaster, and for a year he was a student in Beloit College. He began the study of medicine with Dr. Hyde in

1866, and attended his first course of lectures at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. In 1870 he was graduated from the Long Island (N. Y.) College Hospital, and later took a course of instruction at the College of Physicians & Surgeons, beginning practice in Lancaster, where his ability was soon recognized, and where he has ever since been favored with a large and lucrative patronage.

To the marriage of the Doctor with Miss Lucy Holloway have been born two children, viz.: Elvira, wife of N. B. Bailey, cashier of the bank of Baldwin, Wis.; and Herbert, who died in infancy.

SILAS HILL, one of the early settlers of Darlington, Lafayette county, is also distinguished because of his valiant service during the Civil war. Mr. Hill was born in Salem township, Washington Co., Ohio, Feb. 4, 1825, a son of William and Elizabeth (Hill) Hill.

William Hill was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and crossed the ocean to America when but ten years of age. His wife was a native of Maryland, and of English ancestry. Her father, James Hill, was a soldier under Washington from the commencement of the Revolution, was one of the company who made the perilous passage across the Delaware on the night before the battle of Trenton, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. The subject of this sketch was one of a family of twelve members, eleven of whom, seven sons and four daughters, reached maturity. The survivors are: Silas, our subject; Mrs. Eliza Huber, his twin sister, who resides in Shullsburg, Lafayette county; James, who is a resident of Sedalia, Mo.; Ruth, who resides at Mondovi, Wis.; and Mrs. Mary Wilson, a resident of Nebraska. Our subject had the great misfortune to lose his devoted mother when but thirteen years of age, and in 1845 his father also died.

In 1847 Silas Hill left his former home and came to Shullsburg, Wis., where he engaged in mining, and in 1850, with scores of miners from the local districts, he crossed the Plains to California, and applied his lead mining experience to gold mining, spending three years in that State. Mr. Hill returned to his home in Lafayette county three years later, arriving on April 1st. Previous to going to California he had married Mary Franklin, who died in

1854, leaving one son, William Hill, now a resident of Duluth, Minn. The second wife of Mr. Hill, Elizabeth Collier, died in 1873, leaving six children. Mr. Hill's present wife, formerly Miss Florence Ball, of Mineral Point, Wis., was born near there in 1854, one of the eight children of William and Maria Ball, both of whom are deceased. Her father was born in Cornwall, England, in 1812, coming to this country when twelve years old, and her mother was a native of Massachusetts, born in 1818. Mr. Ball located at Mineral Point, Wis., for some years, but in 1867 moved to Darlington, where Mrs. Hill was residing at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have one son, Clarence E., who was born Dec. 9, 1887. The younger son, Orville, died Feb. 4, 1897, after a brief illness, his demise being a lasting grief to his parents.

Mr. Hill enlisted in the Union army, on Aug. 21, 1862, and was mustered into the United States service at Racine, Wis., as a member of Company H, 33d Wis. V. I., under Col. J. B. Moore. This regiment had an honorable record, and took part in many of the most important engagements in which the Western Army was engaged. Soon after the siege of Vicksburg Mr. Hill was given a furlough to come home on account of sickness. He rejoined his regiment at Natchez, Miss., but his malady returned, and he was obliged to enter a regimental hospital at Jacksonville, Ark., rejoining his regiment again at Nashville, Tenn. He was honorably discharged Aug. 9, 1865. Mr. Hill has never recovered from the effects of his army service, and has been a great sufferer from rheumatism ever since. Always an honest and industrious man, he is a much respected and esteemed citizen of Darlington. Socially he is connected with Harvey Post, No. 35, G. A. R. Mr. Hill has for several years been successfully engaged in the culture of strawberries, for the market.

**PROF. JOHN SIEBERT TAYLOR**, one of the leading instructors in vocal and instrumental music in Janesville, Rock county, was born in Leechburg, Penn., Sept. 15, 1869, a son of John and Julia (Bair) Taylor, natives of Pennsylvania.

Matthew Taylor, the paternal grandfather of our subject, a native of England, was a merchant tailor by trade, and came to America, locating in Pennsylvania, near Leechburg,

where he died at the age of ninety-five. He had a large family. The grandfather on the mother's side, John Bair, was a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. The family he reared was a large one, and he died at eighty-four.

In his younger days John Taylor, father of Prof. Taylor, learned the trade of a tanner, which he followed for fifty years, but now lives retired from active business, at Leechburg, Penn. His wife died in 1882. He is a consistent member of the M. E. Church, as was also his wife. Seven children were born to this couple, five sons and two daughters: George B., of Birmingham, Ala.; Mary C., wife of J. H. Parks, of Leechburg, Penn.; Millard F., of Leechburg; Harriet, wife of S. M. McCracken, of Leechburg; Charles G., of Leechburg; William L., of Leechburg; and our subject.

Prof. John S. Taylor was reared in Leechburg, Penn., where he attended the public schools, and later took a course of instruction in the musical department at Oberlin (Ohio) College. In 1895 Prof. Taylor came to Janesville, and has taught vocal and instrumental music ever since, becoming very popular, his methods of instruction being such as to commend him as a teacher, while his pleasing personality gains him numerous friends. For the past five years Prof. Taylor has been the leader of the Y. M. C. A. band: is a member of the M. E. Church, and is an important factor in the musical circles of Janesville. In political matters Prof. Taylor is a Republican, and supports the principles of his party upon all occasions.

The musical studio of the Professor is located in the Court Street M. E. Church block. Not only does he possess the power to impart his knowledge to others, but he is also a composer of considerable note, among his compositions for band, orchestra and piano being: The New Annapolis, The Knight of Liberty, Old Colonial, Paris Exposition, Peace Jubilee, March of the Citizen Soldier, March of the Maroons, The Cosmopolitan, Sylvan Rapids, Princetonian, Glen Cathedral, National Guards, Apollinaris, De Aluminis, Silver Plume and The Alligator. Prof. Taylor possesses a fine baritone voice, of good range and timber, and since assuming his professional duties at Janesville has given further attention to voice culture under the direction of Madam Johanna



*J. Siebert Taylor*



Hess-Burr, of Chicago. He not only sings well himself, but his pupils show well placed voices and a good style.

WILLIAM WHITE, of Mount Hope, Grant county, is a well-known citizen and a veteran of the Civil war, having been a member of Company I, 20th Wis. V. I.

Mr. White is a native of the land of Burns, having been born in Corshill, Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1831, a son of Alexander and Jane (Walker) White. The former died when the subject of this sketch was about ten years of age. In 1852 the mother and her three sons immigrated to the United States, and their first home in the New World was in Bovina, Delaware Co., N. Y., where the mother died in 1865. All of this good woman's sons served their adopted country in the war for the preservation of the Union. Robert was a member of the 144th N. Y. V. I.; he now resides near Denver, Colo. Alexander, who was also a member of a New York regiment, still lives in Delaware county, New York.

William White served a three-years apprenticeship and one year as journeyman at the baker's trade. He came to Wisconsin in 1855, about three years after coming to America, having been given a glowing description of Grant county, Wis., by a Mr. Lewis, father of the well-known citizen of Lancaster, Wis., William Lewis. Deciding that it would be a good place in which to settle, he accordingly, accompanied by Alexander Sloan, turned his steps westward, traveling directly from the State of New York to Galena, Ill., and thence to Platteville, Wis. The young travelers reached Platteville by stage, but by that time their scanty hoard of money was exhausted, and as it was Saturday they asked to be kept over Sunday, continuing their journey to Lancaster, on foot on Monday. At this latter place William White bargained with the driver of the stage to take them to Patch Grove for a shotgun which he had brought with him from the East. In addition Mr. White received a dollar in currency, but it proved to be counterfeit, there being so much "wild cat" money in circulation at that time that it was difficult to distinguish genuine from false. Arriving at Patch Grove, Mr. White went directly to the home of John Lewis, a brother of William Lewis, with whom he remained for some time chopping wood for his board, until

he had an opportunity to work for money. It was not long before a man named Moses Burns, who had learned Mr. White wanted work, came to John Lewis's, in Patch Grove, to hire him. Not having received any money, Mr. White was beginning to be destitute of clothes, and resolved to make an extra effort to buy a vest, which he very much needed, on credit. With this end in view he called on the merchant of the town, I. G. Wery, and stated his case, promising to pay as soon as he had earned the money. However, as he was a comparative stranger to the merchant, the latter refused. There happened to be present, at that time, a countryman of Mr. White's, Alexander Paul, who interceded for him, and promised to stand security for the young stranger. Just at this time the employment was very welcome, but after working two weeks Mr. White found it impossible to continue with his employer, and was therefore obliged to ask an extension from the merchant. However, he soon obtained another place, with a man named Jacob Snyder, with whom he remained two years. At the end of this time Mr. White had paid for his vest, purchased other necessary clothing, and saved one hundred dollars, which he applied toward the payment of a quarter section of land he and his friend Sloan had bought, each contributing one hundred dollars. Later Sloan wanted to sell his interest, but Mr. White had no money, although he was very anxious to get the land. At last he obtained the name of a man, George Pike, with whom he had become acquainted while working for Moses Burns, upon a note, which enabled him to get the land he desired.

After securing his land, the next thing was the building of a house, and again the money question confronted the ambitious young settler. However, to the sturdy pioneers who developed these Western States, difficulties were overcome with surprising energy. Not having the money to buy materials, Mr. White, with a friend, E. Y. Ousley, went to Crawford county, in the timber land, built a winter cabin, sawed the logs, and in the spring rafted them to Millville. One of their oxen died from the effect of a rattlesnake bite, the rattlers being very numerous in that country. From there Mr. White hauled his lumber to its destination, and erected his first residence, a build-

ing 16x24 feet. When it was finished, Mr. White began to feel that he was making some progress in the world.

At about this time occurred the most important event of Mr. White's life, his marriage to Miss Mary Moore, a native of Ohio, a daughter of William Moore, one of the pioneers of that State. The wedding trip of Mr. and Mrs. White was not one that would be recognized as a model one in these days. When the home was ready Mr. White journeyed in an ox-cart to the home of Mr. Moore, returning with his bride in the same manner. The happy life of the young couple was destined to be rudely broken upon. The war cloud burst, and among the early enlistments was that of Mr. White, who enrolled himself in Company I, 20th Wis. V. I., and took part in the various marches, campaigns and engagements in which his regiment participated, including the battle at Prairie Grove, in which the gallant Capt. McDermott, and the first lieutenant, Bintliff, were killed; siege of Vicksburg, from which the regiment went to Yazoo City, then to Port Hudson, and from there to New Orleans. From that city the regiment marched to Brownsville, on the Rio Grande, Texas, where they boarded a Gulf steamer, and encountered heavy storms during the sixteen days they were on the Gulf of Mexico, thence to the siege of Forts Morgan and Blakely, and finally to Mobile. At this latter city occurred an unfortunate event, in which Mr. White had a narrow escape. By accident, a large amount of ammunition exploded, and a large number of men were killed. Mr. White was near the place of explosion, in charge of a detail of men, but fortunately a piece of timber fell upon him in such a way as to protect him, without seriously injuring him. However, he was nearly unconscious when rescued, and has never fully recovered from the shock, one of his legs having since been shorter than the other as a result, and the halt in his walk is a constant reminder of his services to his country. A horse that was in his charge at the time was killed.

Returning home Mr. White, with the help of his good wife, commenced improving his home, and their efforts were attended with success. His first purchase was largely added to, until he became one of the largest and most successful farmers and stock raisers in his township, and he remained on the farm until

1900, when he sold out to his youngest son and built a fine residence in Mount Hope. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. White, three sons and five daughters: Jane, wife of Anthony Morton; William, a contractor and builder of Minneapolis, Minn.; Alexander, a carpenter and builder, a resident of Mount Hope; Ulysses, wife of Harly Handy; Jessie, wife of George Harrower; Edward; Mary, wife of William Decker; and Cora, wife of Otis Russell.

William White enjoys good physical health, considering his age and experience as a soldier. Politically he is a Republican, and has served as member of the town board for five years, and on the school board for fifteen or sixteen years. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the G. A. R. post at Mount Hope. Mr. White inherits from his Scottish ancestry a high sense of honor and integrity; his word is esteemed as good as his bond, and he enjoys the blessings that come from an active, honorable and industrious life.

THOMAS WALKER, one of the leading citizens of Preston, Grant county, is a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, and relates many entertaining and thrilling stories of the days when he was one of the "boys in blue." His birth occurred in Yorkshire, England, Sept. 28, 1825, and he is a son of James and Dorothy Walker. The good mother died when our subject was only seven years old, and his father passed away when he was sixteen, leaving three sons and two daughters, of whom only Thomas and Peter came to America. The other brother, James, and the two sisters, Mary and Dorothy, are now deceased.

Leaving Liverpool Feb. 25, 1849, the two brothers came to the New World via New Orleans, landing in that city after a stormy passage, in a sailing-vessel, of nine weeks. There they took passage for Galena, Ill., but this being the great cholera year, scarcely had the steamer left the harbor when fifty of the passengers were dead or dying. The captain of the boat suggested to Thomas and Peter Walker that they add a little alum to their drinking water, and take as a preventive a little brandy and red pepper. Whether this is an infallible remedy or not Mr. Walker cannot say, but he and his brother were among the few who escaped the scourge. From Ga-

lena, our subject traveled to a place near Benton, in Lafayette county, Wis., where he engaged in lead mining, but as he was a mason by trade he decided to return to Illinois, and located in Jo Daviess county, working in the summer at his trade, and in winter as a miner. Finally he was employed to purchase minerals, and was located near Shullsburg, Wis., for about a year, at what was known as Big Patch Furnace, at a higher salary than he had as yet received. However, in a year, Mr. Walker engaged in mining again, and then worked in the smelting works near Hazel Green for about one year. Having accumulated sufficient money, Mr. Walker about this time purchased a farm of 240 acres, about nine miles south of Muscoda, but a year later exchanged it for one in the town of Clifton, Grant county, where he has made many improvements, converting the property into a good farm. In addition to his property in Wisconsin, Mr. Walker possesses 160 acres in Sherman county, Kan., which he purchased while spending several years in that locality, making the trip in 1888. On account of broken health, as a result of his army experience, Mr. Walker has not been actively engaged in farming for a number of years.

On Feb. 1, 1864, Mr. Walker was enrolled a member of Company H, 7th Wis. V. I., which regiment formed a part of the famous Iron Brigade, and for a time after enlistment he was drilled in Camp Randall, Madison, Wis. As spring approached, the regiment was sent to Culpeper Court House, Va., and on May 4, 1864, entered upon the famous campaign of the Wilderness. Mr. Walker participated in all of the battles of that bloody campaign around Petersburg, including the battle for possession of the Weldon railroad. The regiment joined in the pursuit of Gen. Lee, and was at Appomattox, being mustered out of the service July 30, 1865. Although never wounded, seriously, Mr. Walker had a very curious experience during the battle of Petersburg. Four bullets struck the buckle of his cartridge belt, in rapid succession, but he was not injured, although any one of them would have meant certain death if he had not been protected by the buckle. Among his most valued possessions, to-day, may be seen this self-same buckle, dented and showing evidence of hard usage, but more precious than if encrusted with diamonds. At the battle of

Hatcher's River Mr. Walker took cold, which resulted in rheumatism and catarrh, from which he has never recovered.

Mr. Walker married Miss Mary Ann Thomas, daughter of Thomas Thomas, Sr., of Wingville, one of Grant county's old and well-known farmers, now deceased. During his term of service in the army Mr. Walker's wife and children remained on the farm at Clifton, where he rejoined them at the close of the war. To Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been born ten children—James M., who lives in Dixon county, Neb.; Tanner, who lives in Wingville township; Ulysses, now residing on the home farm; Norvel and Benjamin, of Wingville; Stella, living in Liberty township; Alda, living in Wingville township; and Mary Ellen, May and Llewellyn, deceased.

Mr. Walker is a worthy member of Sam Montith Post, G. A. R., and enjoys the confidence of a wide circle of friends, by whom his many excellent traits of character are appreciated at their true value.

WILLIAM M. CURRY and his wife, who reside on Section 25, in the town of Lamont, are among the early settlers of that part of Lafayette county, having been there since 1853.

Mr. Curry was born in Adams county, Ohio, April 3, 1823, a son of Thomas and Mary (David) Curry, both natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio by way of New York, and in Ohio passed the remainder of their lives. William M. Curry was the youngest of nine children, and is now the only survivor of the family; he is the only one who ever came to Wisconsin. Our subject attained manhood in his native State, under the parental roof, and was married May 28, 1844, to Sarah Close, who was born in Mifflin county, Penn., Jan. 16, 1824. After their marriage they moved to Maysville, Ky., where they lived two years, then returning to their old Ohio home, where they had their residence until coming to Wisconsin, in 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Curry made their home in the town of Lamont, on Section 26, where they lived until, in March, 1879, they moved to their present place, the old homestead coming into possession of their son Irving G. Curry, who is now living there.

The children of William M. Curry and his wife are as follows: (1) Henry C., who was born at Maysville, Ky., March 7, 1845, is now



living in Dickinson county, Iowa. (2) Mary, the wife of D. C. Shockley, of the town of Lamont, was born in Ohio June 2, 1846. (3) Irving G. was born Dec. 1, 1848. (4) Caroline, born May 27, 1850, is the wife of William S. Armstrong, of O'Brien county, Iowa. All were born in Ohio with the exception of the eldest.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry are among the oldest settlers in Lafayette county, both in age and point of years of residence in the county. Their long and honorable career is known to all who are at all conversant with the affairs of the county, and they command universal respect. When they came into the county, almost a half century ago, the country was comparatively new; wild game abounded; the Indian had moved on, but deer, wild turkey, and many other beasts and birds long strange to the prairies and woods of Wisconsin were still abundant. Mr. Curry and his estimable wife brought little money with them, but by industry and good management they have acquired a fine property, and in the last years of their stay on earth are surrounded with the results of successful toil and careful management.

Mr. Curry, like all his father's family, was reared according to the teachings of the Methodist church; Mrs. Curry came from a family indoctrinated in the tenets of the Presbyterian faith, and since their marriage both affiliated with the followers of the great Wesley; they have always been active in Christian work. Mr. Curry has for years been associated with the Republican party, but has come to hold more and more strongly to the affirmations of the Prohibition movement, and is looking upon the liquor question as the foremost problem in American politics to-day. Both he and his wife are held in the highest esteem, and their children are upright and honorable people, highly respected by all who know them.

ASAHEL P. SMITH, a noted citizen of the town of Lamont, Lafayette county, was a soldier for the Union in the Civil war, and served as a member of Company E, 31st Wis. V. I.

Mr. Smith enlisted in August, 1862, and his military career is an integral part of the history of his company and regiment, from which he was absent only ten days in a three years' service, at which time he was in the hos-

pital at Columbus, Ky., on account of sickness. Company E was composed chiefly of men from the four towns of Darlington, Fayette, Argyie and Wiota, and was noted as presenting to the service an exceptionally fine lot of robust and stalwart men. The regiment was organized at Prairie du Chien, was mustered into the service Oct. 9, 1862, was ordered to Columbus, Ky.; its first service was in guard and picket duty. It was assigned to the 6th Division, 16th Army Corps, and on July 3, 1864, in general orders, was transferred to the 3d Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps, in that command taking a leading part in the capture of Atlanta, and in the important events that attended the famous march across Georgia to Savannah. The regiment was in the battles at Averysboro, March 16, 1865, and at Bentonville, N. C., three days later, where it lost about sixty men, killed, wounded and missing. They were at Goldsboro, N. C., when Gen. Lee gave up and the war was ended. The regiment was then marched to Washington, where it was encamped for a time, was sent to Louisville, Ky., and there mustered out. Our subject returned to Wisconsin. The final discharge papers for the soldiers of this command were issued at Madison, Wis., July 8, 1865.

Mr. Smith was born at Tolland, Conn., Nov. 12, 1830. John P. and Anna (Darby) Smith, his parents, were also natives of Connecticut, and never left their native heath. Asahel P. Smith was one of a family of thirteen children, and three of the sons served in the war of the Rebellion, Asahel P. being the eldest of the gallant trio; the others were Milo D. and Joel L. Smith, who belonged to the 7th Conn. V. I., commanded by Col. Alfred Terry, who rose to high rank as a gallant soldier and dashing commander. Both our subject's brothers died in Confederate prisons, having been taken by the enemy while Butler was retreating from the James river, in 1864. One died in Charleston, S. C., and the other at Florence.

In 1854 Mr. Smith came from his Connecticut home and settled in the town of Lamont, which was then a part of the town of Fayette. In 1860 he was married to Miss Jane Tresner, a daughter of William and Sarah (Warner) Tresner. They were at one time Illinois people, but came into Lafayette county from Indiana, and settled in the town of Willow Springs. Peter Tresner, a brother

of Mrs. Smith, served in the war with Mr. Smith, and died in 1867. Mrs. Smith was born in 1834, and is still hale and hearty. They have two sons, Milo and Luman, and one daughter, Hettie L.

Mr. Smith has lived on his present farm since 1860. It is one of the better farms of the county, and has on it a comfortable and inviting residence and ample farm buildings of every kind. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and cast his first vote for President for the first Republican candidate, John C. Fremont.

**STANLEY H. JOINER.** This influential farmer of La Prairie township, Rock county, justice of the peace, and town clerk, is one of the oldest settlers of the county, and is justly regarded as one whose mind and heart are in sympathy with his fellow men, and whose counsel it is always safe to follow. If one were to inquire into the causes which give men personalities of especial usefulness, account would have to be taken, in this instance, of Mr. Joiner's ancestry. Both his grandfathers were soldiers of the war of 1812. His maternal great-grandfather, Lieut. Abraham Locke, was an officer in the Revolutionary war. The achievements of the family have made it possible to trace the lineage back to a remote period in history.

The Locke family is known in this country back to William Locke, a mariner of the County of Suffolk, Stepney Parish, one of the largest subdivisions of London, England. The earliest representative in America was Deacon William, who was born in December, 1628, and in 1634, when an orphan boy of six years, was brought to America in the ship "Planter," settling in Woburn, Mass. Stanley H. Joiner, our subject, has the coat of arms of the Locke family, which was probably granted to Sir William Locke for his exploit at Dunkerque, France, in tearing down the Pope's bull of excommunication against the King, a deed then hazardous as the storming of a castle, on account of the temporal power of the Pope and the loyalty of the masses to him. It is believed that Sir William Locke was the son of John Locke, who was sheriff of London in 1461. If so, the ancestry can be traced to Thomas Locke, of Merton Abbey, 1291.

The immediate paternal ancestors of our subject were Harvey R. Joiner, his father;

and Erastus Joiner, his grandfather, a farmer of New York State, who reared a large family, and lived to a good old age. The immediate maternal ancestry is traced as follows: (I) Daniel Locke, a weaver, and Abigail, his wife; (II) Dr. Daniel and Mary Locke; (III) Lieut. Abraham and Hannah Locke, our subject's great-grandparents, Vermont farming people; (IV) Daniel Locke, his grandfather, a native of Vermont, and a farmer of New York State, who had a large family, and lived to a ripe old age; and (V) Mary (Locke) Joiner, our subject's mother.

Harvey R. Joiner, our subject's father, was born Jan. 25, 1815, in New York State, there married Mary Locke, and in 1855 came to Wisconsin, locating in Bradford township, Rock county, and ten years later moving to La Prairie township, where he bought a farm of 106 acres in Section 1. This he improved and operated until 1891, in which year he moved to Rockwell, Iowa. Six years later he became a resident of Lake City, Minn., where he died Jan. 15, 1899, aged nearly eighty-four years. His wife died in 1880, at the age of sixty-one years. Both were devout members of the M. E. Church. Of their four children two are now living: Stanley H.; and Adin E., of Lake City, Minnesota.

Stanley H. Joiner was born Dec. 30, 1838, in Essex county, N. Y., and there remained until seventeen years old, attending the common schools and the academy. In 1855 he came with his parents to Rock county, and from that time has been identified with the development and growth of Wisconsin. He taught one term of school after coming to Wisconsin. He lived with his parents on the farm in Bradford township for a number of years, and in 1861 purchased forty acres which he farmed until 1863, in which year he bought his present home place of eighty acres in La Prairie township, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, and where he has lived ever since.

Mr. Joiner married March 12, 1861, in Bradford township, Miss Elizabeth C. Vandenburg, daughter of William G. and Mary Ann (Leavenworth) Vandenburg, and granddaughter of Gilbert Vandenburg, whose parents came to America from Holland. On her mother's side Mrs. Joiner traces her ancestry back to Thomas Leavenworth, who emigrated from England to New Haven, Conn., about 1624.

William G. and Mary Ann Vandenburg migrated to Rock county, Wis., in 1845, locating in the town of Bradford, where he died March 24, 1893, his wife surviving him only four days. To Mr. and Mrs. Vandenburg were born ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom four are now living: Elizabeth C., wife of our subject; Rebecca Ann, wife of George Hanthorn, of Rock county; Adeliza V., wife of James A. Kipp, of Badger, S. Dak.; and David L., of Clear Lake, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Joiner have one daughter, Estelle M., who married Lewis McDaniels, and has two children, Dee Jay and Ella May.

Politically Mr. Joiner is a Prohibitionist. He is a prominent agriculturist, and an active member of the Patrons of Husbandry, Grange No. 79. He is town clerk, an office which with the exception of three years he has filled continuously since 1884, and since that year he has also served most of the time as justice of the peace. Mr. Joiner is secretary of the La Prairie Creamery Co., and in business, social and public affairs is recognized as one of the foremost citizens of his township.

**JOHN OETTIKER.** Among the old residents of Lafayette county the name of Oettiker was prominent fifty years ago, and the descendants of those estimable pioneers are among the best citizens of to-day. Our subject, as his name signifies, is of Swiss parentage, his parents, Jacob and Mary (Brightenstein) Oettiker, both having been born at Mannedorf, Switzerland, in 1801 and 1821, respectively. Both came to America when young.

Jacob Oettiker was a tailor by trade. He located in Pittsburg, Penn., where from 1832 to 1847 he worked diligently, applying himself at night with books in order to educate himself in the language of his adopted country. In 1839 he married Mary Brightenstein, and before leaving Pittsburg two children, Henry and John (our subject), were born to them. Henry is now one of the leading men in the hardware line in Platteville; James, another son, born later, is a leading physician of Platteville; Jacob is a stock farmer well known through this whole locality. In 1847 Mr. Oettiker started with his small family for Wisconsin, making the trip by boat down the Ohio river, but on account of the ice in the Mississippi river they were obliged to winter

at Hannibal, Mo. In the spring they resumed their journey, and finally located near the old State capital, near old Belmont, now known as Leslie, at which place Mr. Oettiker entered 160 acres of land, entirely unimproved; later adding more by purchase until he possessed several hundred acres. There the two younger sons were born, the family home being there until 1893, when Mr. Oettiker moved to Platteville. Much of the superintendence of the farm was left to the very capable management of his wife, Mr. Oettiker working at his trade until 1889, in which year they celebrated their Golden Wedding. The death of Mr. Oettiker took place in 1900, when he was almost a centenarian. Throughout life he had been a man of remarkable vigor of both mind and body, and took a deep and intelligent interest in the leading issues of the day, the game of politics having for him a peculiar fascination. His friends were numerous, and held him in high respect. His aged widow is still living in Platteville.

Our subject was born at Pittsburg, Penn., Jan. 1, 1844, and received a district-school education. When the Civil war was declared he entered the 44th Wis. V. I., and gallantly served through the war. In 1867 he was married to Catherine Bartle, of Grant county, Wis., a daughter of Zeddick and Nancy (Armstrong) Bartle, both of whom were born in Ohio, where Mrs. Oettiker was born in 1848. Her parents moved to Ellenboro, Grant county, where her father died soon afterward. One of her brothers lives in Platteville, two in Dakota, and a sister in Wisconsin.

After marriage our subject settled on eighty acres of land near Leslie, on the Northwestern railroad, where he has erected excellent buildings, all modern in structure and finish, and in 1883 he built his present comfortable and attractive home. The surroundings proclaim the fact that he is a careful farmer, his buildings, stock, improvements and farm all bearing that stamp. Among his neighbors he is regarded as one of the most substantial of the stock raisers of the township, and his farm, now consisting of 280 acres, is one of the best cultivated. Mr. Oettiker also became the owner of the old homestead, but has disposed of it.

To Mr. and Mrs. Oettiker have been born five children: Elmer, born in 1870, married Mary Gormer, of Grant county, and resides on the old homestead; they have one daughter,

Margie. Luella, born in 1872, married William Nodolf, and resides on his farm in Belmont. Bert was born in 1880. Lessie was born in 1884. Ethel, born in 1889, is deceased.

For some years our subject has been a member of the town board, and he is the most progressive member on the board of school directors. His politics are Democratic, and he has held local offices in the gift of his party for a number of years. Although not connected by membership with any denomination, his influence has ever been in favor of religion, and the family are church attendants. They are noted in Belmont as enterprising and energetic, and no better citizens can be found in Lafayette county than the Oettiker brothers, as they are familiarly known.

ROBERT POLLOCK, who may be found at No. 265 South Bluff street, Janesville, Rock county, has but recently retired from active farm life, and is just entering upon a period of well-deserved leisure. He has been an industrious farmer all his life, and has lived in Rock county since he was fourteen years of age. He is to be congratulated that, while he is still hale and hearty, he can pause from the grind of life and take his ease as long as he shall tarry here below.

Mr. Pollock was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, Aug. 21, 1838, and comes of a long line of wise and "canny" Scotchmen. His parents, Robert and Lillies (Hodge) Pollock, who were natives of Ayrshire, had a family of four children, two of whom are now living. The father, a farmer, came to the United States in 1852, locating in Rock township, Rock Co., Wis., where he bought a farm of eighty-eight acres, and died there the following year, aged seventy-one. His widow survived many years, and died in 1883, aged seventy-one. They were Presbyterians. He was a member of the home guards in Scotland, but saw no active service as a soldier. His father, Robert Pollock, was a farmer, and lived and died in Scotland; he had a large family. His father-in-law, John Hodge, who was born and reared in Scotland, died in that country when nearly eighty years of age. He, too, had a large family. His occupation was that of a farmer.

Robert Pollock, the subject of this article, was fourteen years old when his parents came to Rock county, and here he has continued to

live. He was fairly well educated in Scotland before emigrating to this country, and after his father's death felt quite competent to undertake the work of the home farm, which he carried on for some eight years. The farm was then divided among the children, and young Robert bought more land in the town of La Prairie, beginning with an eighty-acre farm and increasing his real estate until at one time he was the owner of 400 acres. He now owns a half section of land, which is regarded equal to any in the State for agricultural purposes, as well as for beautiful location and appearance. In 1893 he moved into Janesville, and spent four years in the city, but he did not feel quite ready to cease farming, and accordingly went back to his country home. In April, 1900, he rented his farm and resumed his residence in Janesville, where he had bought a fine and commodious home in 1892. Mr. Pollock has always been a general farmer and stock raiser, and during the last few years of his stay on the farm gave much attention to horses, particularly draught stock, Clydesdales and Percherons. He imported some fine stock in 1889.

Mr. Pollock was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Gower, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Young) Gower, June 3, 1859. They became the parents of nine children, Lilly, Rose E., Leuie, Albert, Agnes, Nora, Myrtie, William and Jennie. Agnes and Myrtie are the only ones now living. Lilly died when a child of three years. Rose E. married Oliver Grant, had one child, and is now deceased. Leuie died when thirty-two years old, unmarried. Albert died when an infant of one year. Agnes married W. B. Hodge, and lives on the home farm in La Prairie township; they have three children, Robert A., Mary and Bethel. Nora married John H. Wright, and had one daughter, Mildred Blanche. Myrtie married John H. Hugunin, and lives in La Prairie township; they have two children, Carrie May and Gladys Irene. William and Jennie died in infancy. Mr. Pollock is a Republican, has been supervisor a number of terms, and chairman of the town board one term.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Pollock, our subject's first wife, died in 1886, at the age of forty-two, and on Jan. 9, 1891, he married Mrs. Elizabeth Gower, the widow of D. E. Gower, and daughter of T. L. and Mary (Comstock) Hollister. No children have been born to this union. Mrs. Pollock had three sons by her former mar-

riage, Bert L., Forest E., and George Wesley. Bert L. married Mary Cox, and has one child, Evelyn. Forest E. married Julia Marble, who bore him one child, and is now deceased. George Wesley is a farmer, and unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock are members of the Baptist Church.

WILLIAM ASA MAYHEW, postmaster at Clinton, Rock county, and one of the successful business men of that town, has had a residence in Wisconsin covering a period of nearly a third of a century. It began soon after the close of his honorable career in the army. His education, interrupted by his enlistment as a soldier in the Civil war, was completed the following year, and prepared him for his successful business life.

Mr. Mayhew was born on Point Peninsula, Jefferson Co., N. Y., Sept. 23, 1844, son of St. Valier and Calista M. (Wheelock) Mayhew, natives, respectively, of Vermont and New York, and grandson of William Mayhew, who was born on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, of French descent. He was a man of high educational attainments, followed farming as a vocation, and also engaged in surveying. He lived past his ninetieth birthday, and died at Terre Haute, Ind., at the residence of his eldest son. His family consisted of eight children, four sons and four daughters. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Asa Wheelock, was a native of New York State, of Scottish and Welsh extraction. He was a sea-faring man in early life, and later served in the war of 1812. He settled down to farming, and migrated from New York to Jo Daviess county, Ill., becoming a pioneer, and living there to a good old age. He left a large family.

St. Valier Mayhew, the father of our subject, was a farmer of Jefferson county, N. Y., and during the Civil war was an earnest supporter of the Union cause. One of his most pleasant recollections was the purchase of one of the series of ten government bonds which during the dark days of the Rebellion, when the government credit was low, had been sent to Watertown, N. Y., for sale. In 1868 he moved to a farm of 130 acres which he had purchased in Clinton township, Rock Co., Wis., two and a half miles east of the village of Clinton. Two years later he sold this property to his son, our subject, and returned to

his old home in Jefferson county, N. Y., where he died in 1882, aged seventy-five years. His wife survived until Feb. 22, 1894, passing away at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Both were devout members of the Methodist Church. Of their six children, four sons and two daughters, two are now living: Albert V., of Watertown, N. Y.; and William A., our subject. The father was an earnest man, of deep religious and political convictions, highly respected by his many friends and neighbors, who occasionally elected him to some local township office.

William A. Mayhew, our subject, was reared on the old homestead in New York, and attended the neighboring schools. In 1862, before he had reached his eighteenth birthday, he enlisted in Company M, 10th N. Y. V. Artillery, serving until mustered out, July 7, 1865, a little over three years. Mr. Mayhew participated in the battles of Cold Harbor, Whitehouse Landing, the first attack upon Petersburg, and Burnside's "blow-up." He was with Sheridan at Cedar Creek, and was in the charge on the Howlett House battery before Richmond, just before the battle of Appomattox, besides engaging in numerous skirmishes. After his return from the army he entered Belleville Union Academy, in Jefferson county, N. Y., and was graduated in the class of 1867, one of his classmates being A. D. Shaw, who from 1899-1900 was Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.

In 1868 Mr. Mayhew came to Wisconsin with his father, and for eight years engaged in farming during the summer, and in teaching school during the winter months. In 1890 Mr. Mayhew embarked in the drug business in the village of Clinton, in the room now occupied by the postoffice, and continued to conduct the drug store successfully until his appointment, Feb. 23, 1898, as postmaster at Clinton. He entered upon the duties of the office April 1, 1898.

Mr. Mayhew married, Oct. 19, 1870, Miss Rissa M. Mayhew, a native of Jefferson county, N. Y., daughter of Thompson and Cornelia (Hardy) Mayhew, farming people of that county. Two of her brothers, Theodore D. and Edwin V., served in the war of the Rebellion, Edwin V. as first lieutenant of Company G, 94th N. Y. V. I. To William A. and Rissa M. Mayhew has come one son, William A., Jr., born Jan. 16, 1883.



*John A. Mayhew*



Politically Mr. Mayhew is a Republican. He has served six years on the county board of supervisors, and has frequently represented Clinton in the county and State conventions. In 1885 he was appointed committee-room attendant in the State Legislature. Fraternally he is a prominent Mason, a member of Morning Star Lodge, of Beloit, F. & A. M., Beloit Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M., and Beloit Commandery, No. 9, K. T. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., Knights of the Globe, Modern Woodmen, Home Forum, Mystic Workers of the World, and Alexis Tallman Post, No. 70, G. A. R. Mr. Mayhew read commercial law in Belleville, and has practiced in the justice courts of Clinton, is a notary public, and does conveyancing. He is a progressive, active, influential citizen of Clinton, and popular among an acquaintanceship which extends throughout Rock county.

CHARLES E. STEHL was born in Prussia, Germany, March 29, 1833, and is a son of John and Otallie (Wachsmith) Stehl, who spent their entire lives in that country. He was given a good education in the German schools, and in 1853 came to New York on the sailing-vessel "Oregon," the same year going to Philadelphia to work at the trade of a shoemaker. This calling he followed until 1865, when he came West. Mr. Stehl and Miss Caroline P. Myers were married in 1857. Mrs. Stehl is the daughter of Jacob Myers, a native of Germany, where she was born in 1833, coming in 1848 with her parents to Philadelphia, where her father died in 1855. The mother came West, and died in 1892 in Grant county.

When the Civil war broke out Mr. Stehl responded to the first call for volunteers, and enlisted in the 27th Penn. V. I. He took part in the second battle of Bull Run, at that time serving in the Army of the Shenandoah. Mr. Stehl participated in a number of battles in the Army of the Potomac, under Gen. Pope. He served under Gens. Burnside and Hooker, and was in the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg and a number of others less important. Mr. Stehl re-enlisted at the expiration of his first term, becoming a member of the 12th Penn. Volunteer Cavalry. Under Gen. Crooks they fought the Rebel army of Early, and on July 4, 1864, they were driven out of Harper's Ferry. This corps was then attached to the army of Gen. Sheridan, and served under that

distinguished cavalryman until the close of the war. Mr. Stehl was at the battle of Winchester, and at Cedar Creek fought Mosby's guerrillas during the closing months of the war, and came home with the consciousness of having done his duty. A brave and efficient soldier, he was promoted from the ranks to official standing before the close of the war.

Mr. Stehl returned to Philadelphia when the war was ended. In the summer of 1865 he came West, locating in Arthur, in the town of Lima, Grant county, where he worked at his trade until 1893. After coming to the village he purchased the home which he owns at the present time, and he has other real-estate holdings. The career of Mr. Stehl is an honorable one. Landing in New York, he had only fifty cents with which to begin business in a strange land. From that humble beginning he has become one of the prosperous and well-to-do men of Grant county. Mr. Stehl was elected justice of the peace in 1875, serving continuously until 1898, was assessor for ten years, and in 1890 was census enumerator in his district. In 1898 he received the appointment of notary public. He is oil inspector for the State in his district.

Mr. and Mrs. Stehl are the parents of six children, of whom four are living at the present time: (1) Caroline and (2) Frank were both born in Philadelphia, and died in Wisconsin while children. (3) Louisa, born in Philadelphia in 1858, was a student at the State Normal at Platteville, and taught for several years in Grant county. She married W. E. Brown, of Lyon county, Iowa, and is the mother of eight children, Frank, Charles, Ora, Katie, Minnie and Winny (twins), George and Luella. (4) Charles E., Jr., born in Philadelphia in 1860, is now an engineer in one of the mills in San Francisco, Cal. (5) Katie, born in Grant county in 1866, married John Scott, a resident of Des Moines, Iowa, and they have two children, Stella and Inez. (6) Minnie, born in Grant county in 1868, is the wife of Thomas Harsha. They reside in the city of Nora Springs, Iowa, and have two children, Harry and Elton.

In politics Mr. Stehl is a Republican, has been prominent in the affairs of the town, and has been a delegate to the county convention for twenty-four consecutive years. As might be expected, he belongs to W. T. Sherman Post, G. A. R., at Platteville, and for forty-six



years has been a member of the I. O. O. F., of the local lodge of which order, instituted Jan. 5, 1874, in the town of Arthur, he is a charter member. Mr. Stehl was reared a Lutheran, but attends the Methodist Church in company with his wife. Mr. Stehl left two sisters in the old country, Dora and Mary, and is now the only living member of his family.

JOSEPH R. BIRD, for many years engaged in farming in New Diggings township, Lafayette county, is a native of Canada, born at St. Andrews, on the Ottawa river, in August, 1832.

Robert and Anna Bird, his parents, were both born in Cumberland, England, where they were married. They removed to Canada, and engaged in farming. Mrs. Bird died when Joseph R. was about six years old, and the family then moved into Hamilton, in Upper Canada, where the children grew to maturity, nine out of ten reaching mature years: Samuel, Thomas, William, Joseph R., Margaret (deceased wife of Thomas Jacques, of Canada), Elizabeth (deceased wife of Thomas Buchan, of Canada), Esther (deceased wife of Malcolm MacIntyre, of California), Mary (deceased wife of James Buchan, of Canada), Annie (deceased wife of John Vandyke, of Canada), and Sarah (wife of John Benner, who resides at Niagara Falls, on the Canadian side). Of these, Samuel and Thomas were born in England, the others in the New World.

Joseph R. Bird was trained to farm work in Canada, and attended the district schools near his home there. In 1852 he came to the United States, being the only member of his family to leave Canada, and settled in New Diggings township, Lafayette Co., Wis., engaging in mining, which he continued for a number of years. After his marriage, in 1860, he settled on a part of his father-in-law's farm, and devoted himself to farming. In 1869 he erected his present home, and later two large barns, and now has one of the most highly improved places in the township, all due to his thrift and industry.

In 1860 Mr. Bird married Miss Mary Robinson, daughter of Thomas and Annie (Lee) Robinson, born in England in April, 1838, and by this union has become the father of a large family of children, of whom two died in infancy: Thomas died in early manhood; Grant, born in May, 1864, died in 1897;

Esther, born in 1866, married John Thorn-dyke, and has three children, Ray, Birdie and Mary; William, born in August, 1870, a farmer on his father's homestead, married Miss Maggie White, and is a prominent worker in the K. of P. lodge at Benton; Annie L. was born in September, 1872; Joseph, in November, 1875; Ella G., in 1877; and Stella F., in 1880; the last named is now a student in Warren Academy, at Warren, Ill. The family are all members of the Primitive Methodist Church, of which Mr. Bird was one of the founders in this community. In politics he has always been identified with the Republican party, and has held a number of local offices, having been a member of the town and school boards. He has proven himself a good citizen, a capable officer, and a kind and loving husband and father.

Thomas and Annie (Lee) Robinson, parents of Mrs. Bird, were both born in the county of Cumberland, England, and coming to Wisconsin as early as 1844, settled in the village of New Diggings, where they lived some years, moving thence to a farm in that township, where they passed the rest of their lives. Mr. Robinson was a blacksmith by trade, and during his residence in the village followed same as a means of livelihood. His death occurred in August, 1888, and that of his wife on May 6, 1889. They were the parents of four children who lived to maturity: Ruth, who married Christopher Allen, of New Diggings; Isaac, who married Eliza Graham, and moved to Hampton, Iowa, where he died Oct. 29, 1886, leaving his wife with eight children, Luella, Thomas, George, William, Estella, Alice, Ruth and Isaac; Matthew, of South Dakota, who married Lizzie Robson, and has four children, Thomas, Willie, Etta, and Elmer; and Mary, who became Mrs. Bird, and is one of the most genial of companions, always ready in her womanly way to shed sunshine wherever she goes.

HENRY BAKER, a retired pioneer farmer residing in Lancaster, Grant county, but who settled in Iowa county in 1842, is a native of Cornwall, England, born in 1821, a son of Digory and Thomasin (Uglov) Baker, who were the parents of a numerous family of children.

In 1832 two members of the above named family, Thomas and Edmund, came to the

United States, settling in Wayne county, Penn. In 1836 Thomas returned to England, coming back to America in 1837 with a wife and two of his brothers, John U. and Francis. In 1838 Edmund and John came West on a prospecting tour, or in search of cheap land, and traveled over a large extent of territory with a team and wagon, visiting, en route, several English families of their acquaintance. They passed the winter with the well-known pioneer, Moses Meeker, on the Blue river, in Iowa county, Wis., worked for him one season, and, being pleased with the country, purchased 320 acres of land in the township of Linden, Iowa county.

In 1842, a year after the death of the mother of the family in England, the father, with his son Henry and two daughters, Elizabeth and Joanna, came to America, and at once proceeded to Honesdale, Penn., where Thomas and Francis were still domiciled, arriving in the month of June. In October the entire family set out for Iowa county, Wis., with the exception of Francis, who remained behind until 1844, when he and his family joined the others in Iowa county. The eldest child of the family, William, died in England in 1825, at the age of twenty-two years. The father lived with his children in Wisconsin until 1847, when he passed away. One son, named Digory, did not leave England until 1850, when he came to Wisconsin. In 1863 he returned to England, staid two years, and then came again to America, remaining till 1874, when he returned to England; he died in 1875, unmarried. The brothers who remained in Wisconsin all secured good farms in the township of Linden, and became prominent and respected citizens, occupying their homesteads for a long series of years. But time has wrought its changes, and there now remain only Henry and his brother, John U., the latter a resident of Madison. Of the deceased members of the family, Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson died in 1863; Mrs. Joanna Pierce, in 1871; Digory, as stated above, in England; Edmund, in 1881; Thomas, in 1888; and Francis, in 1897.

Henry Baker on coming to Wisconsin, at the age of twenty-one years, at first hired out as a farm hand, and also was employed at times in mining, as were nearly all of the pioneers of his part of the State. In 1847 he purchased forty acres of land in Linden township, Iowa county, to which he added, as he

waxed wealthier, until his homestead comprised 340 acres, which he still owns.

On Jan. 1, 1846, Henry Baker married, in Honesdale, Penn., Miss Martha Kirby, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John and Jerusha Kirby, with whom Mr. Baker became acquainted while on a visit to the Keystone State, but a short time before his marriage. To this union were born thirteen children, of whom three died in infancy and two after reaching mature years. The eight survivors are named Edmund, Joanna (Mrs. Philipps), William, Finley, Lincoln, Daniel, Annetta and Emma. The two last named still have their home with their father; all were born on the homestead in Iowa county.

In 1892 Mr. and Mrs. Baker sought in Lancaster the rest and quiet required by their advancing years, and their well-earned competence fully justified them in seeking the desired repose. In the meantime, however, they had resided, from 1882 to 1884, in Prairie du Chien, in order that Mr. Baker might avail himself of the benefit of the baths at that place. In Lancaster Mr. and Mrs. Baker enjoyed their beautiful home until her death. By a fall Mrs. Baker sustained a resulting paralytic shock, and she died after a prolonged illness, Jan. 6, 1900, in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which she and her husband had been members since early life. She was seventy-four years of age, was one of the most faithful of help-mates and one of the most affectionate of wives and mothers.

Henry Baker began life a poor boy, in a frontier country, but by energy, industry and good management has secured for himself a competency for his old age. It is true that his early educational advantages were but limited, yet he was blessed with retentive memory, and still more blessed with a loving mother, who had some knowledge of books, and who so instructed him that at the age of seven years he was able to read. His actual attendance at school did not exceed six months, but by travel, observation and self-instruction he acquired a fund of solid and useful information.

Mr. Baker has twice visited his native England since he came to the United States, first in 1863, and again in 1894. He has attended two world's fairs—the Centennial in 1876, at Philadelphia, Penn., and the Columbian Exposition, at Chicago, Ill., in 1893, and it may well be inferred that a man of his keen ob-

servation and intelligence profited to no little extent from these visits. A conservative estimate of the number of miles traveled by Mr. Baker might be made at 20,000 by water and 30,000 by land, and yet in all his journeyings he never met with a mishap or lost a dollar. He stands today among the substantial men of Wisconsin, and his simple word is as solid as a rock.

**ANSON P. WATERMAN.** Among the more prominent business men of Beloit, Rock county, men characterized by both business ability and personal probity, Mr. Waterman is conspicuous. His career as a business man has been highly successful, and his personal integrity is unswerving. Such is the affirmation not only of his warm friends, but the sober judgment of every student of the city of Beloit as portrayed in the lives of its leading citizens. He is assistant treasurer of Beloit College.

Mr. Waterman was born in South Ballston, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1819, son of David and Phœbe (Hollister) Waterman. They were the parents of nine children, of whom only one is now living, Anson P. The father, who was a farmer, died in Saratoga county, N. Y., when seventy-six years old. His wife survived a short time, and died in her seventy-sixth year. Both were Presbyterians. He was a captain of an artillery company in the war of 1812, and was stationed at Ogdensburg. He was a man of considerable prominence at home, held various local offices from time to time, and was clerk of the town for many years. His father, Asa Waterman, was a native of New York, coming from English ancestry, and followed a rural life. He died when a young man. He reared a family of six children. His father, who also bore the name of Asa Waterman, was a soldier, fought under Benedict Arnold at Stillwater, and helped to carry Arnold off the field when wounded. He was appointed lieutenant-colonel in June, 1778, his commission, signed by Gov. Clinton, being still in the possession of the family. The maternal grandfather of A. P. Waterman was a native of Connecticut, and a descendant of Col. John Hollister, of Glastonbury, Conn. He was a farmer, reared a large family, and died in middle life.

Anson P. Waterman grew to manhood in his native State. He spent his first twelve

years on his father's farm, and then entered a country store as a clerk, where he was employed for five years, later clerking in a hardware store in Schenectady, N. Y., for four years. When he became a young man he went into business for himself, as proprietor of a hardware store in Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., and was there engaged for about twelve years. In 1851 the young merchant came West to Beloit and bought an interest in a hardware store. In 1854 he brought his family West, and Beloit has been his home to the present time, though he has had business investments in St. Louis for thirteen years or more. For some thirty years Mr. Waterman was a hardware merchant in the city, and altogether has had about fifty years' experience in that line.

Mr. Waterman and Miss Jane A. Hubbell, daughter of Andrew and Sally (Sears) Hubbell, were married Dec. 31, 1840. They have had four children, Arabella F., Annie R., Jennie S., and Clara, of whom the last named died at the age of six years. Arabella F. married Major B. D. Lee, a prominent lawyer of St. Louis, who died in the spring of 1897; they were the parents of two children, Edwin W. and Wayne. Annie R. married Charles E. Whitman, president of the Whitman Agricultural Implement Manufactory of St. Louis. Jennie S. married Carroll S. Gregory, a plumber in Beloit, and a graduate of Beloit College; they are the parents of two children, Margery and Gladys.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Waterman celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage Dec. 31, 1900, the children and grandchildren all being present. They are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder for sixty years. He was a member of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1847, and has filled the same position on several subsequent occasions. For forty-five years he has been connected with Beloit College, as trustee and member of the executive committee, and for seventeen years as treasurer and assistant treasurer. His election to numerous other positions of prominence testifies to the utmost confidence entertained in his trustworthiness, efficiency and energy. He is now serving his fortieth year as trustee of that marvel among corporations, the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., having been connected with the company in



Yours Truly  
A. J. Waterman.



that capacity since its organization, in 1861; with one exception he is the oldest member of the board of trustees in point of service, and has witnessed the growth of the concern from an insignificant beginning to its present position of importance, unexcelled, and scarcely equalled, in the country. For years Mr. Waterman served as a trustee of the Wisconsin Insane Asylum, at Madison, until the reorganization of the charitable institutions of the State.

In political sentiment Mr. Waterman is a staunch Republican, but takes little interest in the workings of party machinery. He was mayor of Beloit from 1857 to 1859. The business career of Mr. Waterman has been remarkably creditable. It is said that for several years he had the only exclusive hardware store between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi river. His life has been very active, and his influence strongly pronounced on the side of religion, temperance and good government. He was educated in the public schools, but he has read and studied much all his life, and his ideas are based on sound information and accurate knowledge. He has a pleasant home at the corner of College avenue and Bushnell street.

**WILLIAM DUTHIE**, of the town of Bradford, Rock county, belongs to the older generation of farmers in this part of the State, and has won his present enviable position by hard work and wise economy. His industry has been unflagging through all his active life, and his character beyond question.

Mr. Duthie was born Jan. 8, 1831, in the parish of Garvock, Kincardineshire, Scotland, son of William and Mary (Christison) Duthie, who had a family of four children: Mary, William and Jessie (twins), and John. Our subject was nine years of age when he lost his father, and his mother died a year later. The father was also born in Kincardineshire, and the family was descended from Norman crusaders. The mother, Mary (Christison), was a daughter of Alexander Christison, who was a farmer in the same county.

William Duthie after his parents' death was cast upon a cold world, and early learned to make his own way among strangers. He had but little opportunity for schooling, though the love for learning did credit to his parentage. At fifteen he had saved enough to give

himself half a year's attendance at a district school, and it may be imagined with what zeal the orphan lad applied himself to his studies. Then he resumed his work among the neighboring farmers, and at nineteen went to the city of Edinburgh. There he spent six years at various occupations, the principal one being a protracted service on the police force of the city. In October, 1856, Mr. Duthie came to this country, and settled in Wisconsin. He was two months in Madison, and then engaged with a Rock county farmer to help him at monthly wages. After spending several years at farm labor he rented land for several years. In 1863 Mr. Duthie had become sufficiently prosperous to warrant his purchase of a farm. He bought that year a quarter section near his present residence, and proved so successful in its cultivation that he soon bought more, and bought again until he had acquired 66½ acres in the town of Bradford.

Mr. Duthie and Miss Mary Robinson were married in 1858. She was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Lamb) Robinson, of Stirlingshire, Scotland, farming people, who came to this country as early as 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Duthie are the parents of six children: William C., Elizabeth, James R., Annie M., Margaret J. and Edward. William C. married Miss Nellie Eldridge, daughter of George Eldridge, of Clinton, and they have one son, William Edward. James R. married Miss Belle Lyttle, a daughter of John Lyttle, of Janesville, Wis. Annie M. married John Casper, of Waterford, Wis., and is the mother of three children, Mary, Jud and Burr. Margaret J. married Charles Boynton, and lives at Emerald Grove, Wis.; they have one daughter, Katharine.

Mr. Duthie is independent both in politics and in religion. He has been a supervisor for seven years, and is highly respected by all who know him as an honorable and capable man.

**E. RIEGE**, a retired business man of Platteville, Grant county, was born in Hanover, Germany, Jan. 14, 1837, a son of Joachim and Helena Riege, who were natives of Germany, and died there when the subject of this biography was a boy. Joachim Riege, the father, was a soldier under Blucher in the German army, and took part against Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo, but lost his health and died comparatively young.

In the spring of 1856 Mr. Riege, of this sketch, landed in New York City, well prepared as a young business man, and for about a year was employed in a store as clerk; he then formed a partnership with his employer, a Mr. Hinners, in general merchandising, the co-partnership lasting about three years. In 1860 Mr. Riege came to Wisconsin, and in 1862 entered into mercantile trade in Platteville, was prosperous, and in 1885 was able to retire on a competency.

In 1862 Mr. Riege married Miss Katie Doscher, the amiable daughter of Nicholas and Annie Doscher, then prominent in Platteville, who were natives of Hanover, Germany. Mr. Doscher came here in 1851, and here he still resides, at the age of eighty-two years; he lost his wife in 1874. They had two children: Katie, Mrs. Riege; and Henry C., quite a prominent citizen of Platteville. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Riege eleven children have been born: C. H., who for the last ten years has been engaged in the book, stationery and fine art business in Fresno, Cal., is a member of the Masonic order, and is a scholarly young business man. Lillian, the eldest daughter, born in 1869, was graduated from the State Normal School at Platteville, where she received a fine German classical education; was for five years a teacher of languages in the public schools of Wisconsin, and is now the wife of Judge R. B. McCoy, of the Monroe county court at Sparta; they have four sons, Malcolm, Bruce E., Robert R. and Harold Doscher. Henrietta, born in 1873, a young lady of scholarly attainments, is at present a member of the home circle; she also graduated from the State Normal, taught two years, and later was graduated from the St. Louis (Mo.) Training School for Nurses. Adolph, born in 1880, was educated at the Normal School, and graduated from the business college of Platteville. Clarence L., born in 1883, was advanced in the languages and music at the State Normal, and is now in the Conservatory of Music at Chicago. Benjamin, born in 1886, is also a student at the State Normal. Nellie E., born in 1888, attends the Platteville high school. Four children of the family died in childhood.

Mr. Riege and his wife and children are members of the German Presbyterian Church, in which they are foremost in the work of the congregation, and of which Mr. Riege is a trustee and a strong financial supporter. In

politics he is a staunch Republican, and for six years has filled the office of town councilman.

Although Mr. Riege came to America a poor young man, he came, as has been stated, well prepared educationally for the transaction of mercantile business. He was saving in his early days, had a keen understanding of monetary affairs, was shrewd and judicious in the investment of his surplus funds, and, withal, rigidly honest and strictly attentive to his duties as an employee. As a merchant he was obliging and urbane, and seldom lost a patron after he had an opportunity of once dealing with him. The result is that he now owns a large amount of real estate in the city of Platteville, including several brick business blocks on the main streets, and has been a stockholder and director in the First National Bank since its organization, and also one of the directors of the Electric Light Co. of Platteville.

In 1898 Mr. and Mrs. Riege relieved the monotony of their retired life by visiting their son at Fresno, Cal., and there spent the winter, taking in many of the beautiful scenes and natural wonders of the Golden State, but were not sorry to return to the city where so many of their years had been spent, and which Mr. Riege had aided so greatly in developing, here to pass their declining days in the peace and comfort so well earned in their days of activity and vigor.

**SAMUEL C. RANSOM.** Wisconsin had many brave sons who valiantly fought for the preservation of the Union during the trying days of the Civil war, and among the number was this gentleman, who was a member of the famous 20th Regiment. He is a resident of Mt. Ida township, Grant county, and is identified with its agricultural interests.

Mr. Ransom was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1830, a son of Elisha and Hannah (Camp) Ransom, natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively. The mother died in Chautauqua county in January, 1855; the father survived her many years, and spent his last days in Grant county, Wis., where his death occurred in August, 1872. Samuel C. was their only son, and they had five daughters.

Samuel C. Ransom spent his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity, early becoming familiar with every department of farm work, and for several years before coming

West was engaged in lumbering. The year 1852 witnessed his arrival in Wisconsin, and, after spending four years in Sauk county, he came to Grant county, in December, 1856, locating in what is now Mt. Ida township, of which he has since been a resident, with the exception of two years passed in Nebraska.

In 1850 Mr. Ransom married Miss Elizabeth Ambler, a native of New Jersey, who came to Sauk county with her parents in 1851. They have six children, four sons and two daughters, as follows: Melinda, wife of Joseph Du Charme; Frank C.; Sidney E.; Edgar; Carrie, Mrs. Jacobs; and John J. They have also lost three children by death: Edith, Mrs. Marshall; Lettie, Mrs. Lowe; and Chauncey Henry, who died in infancy.

Mr. Ransom was successfully engaged in farming when the Civil war broke out, but he laid aside all personal interests to enter the service of his country, enlisting Aug. 12, 1862, in Company C, 20th Wis. V. I., the company being under command of Capt. McDermott, who fell at the battle of Prairie Grove, and was succeeded by Capt. Charles C. Stevens. Mr. Ransom took part in the battle of Prairie Grove, the siege of Vicksburg, and the engagements at Yazoo City, Atchafalaya, Fort Morgan, Franklin Creek and Spanish Fort, remaining with his regiment until mustered out, at Galveston, Texas, July 14, 1865. He received his discharge at Madison, this State.

On his return home Mr. Ransom resumed farming, which he has followed as a business when able to carry on arduous labor, his health having been greatly impaired by his army service. He has a pleasant home in Mt. Ida township, where he and his wife reside. He was a faithful soldier for the Union, and is now an honored member of Sam Monteith Post, G. A. R. Religiously he and his wife are both worthy and consistent members of the Baptist Church.

JAMES HUGHES is one of the prominent citizens of Glen Haven township, Grant county, and a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, in which he served in defense of the Union, proving his bravery beyond all dispute.

Mr. Hughes was born in Ireland April 8, 1828, son of Hugh and Agnes (Sey) Hughes, both born in Ireland, and of Welsh descent. Both Hugh Hughes and his wife lived and died in Ireland, our subject being the only one of the

family to come to America, which he did in the year 1853, locating in Pennsylvania, where he resided for three years. In 1856 James Hughes removed to Cassville, Grant Co., Wis. In January, 1858, he moved to Beetown and commenced mining. In 1865 he bought some land in the woods in Glen Haven, on to which he moved the same year, opening up and improving a fine farm of over 160 acres.

In 1861, fired with patriotism, our subject enlisted in Company C, 2d Wis. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was mustered in at Madison, Wis., and consigned to the Army of the Potomac, participating in the first battle of Bull Run and the engagement at Gainesville. At the latter place our subject was wounded in the arm and taken prisoner, being exchanged eight days later, and was confined in hospital at Washington, D. C., for three months. From there Mr. Hughes was taken to a hospital at Philadelphia, whence he was honorably discharged Jan. 29, 1865, returning to Beetown. Several months later he re-enlisted, in the 2d Cavalry, and went to Prairie du Chien, Wis., but was not accepted.

In December, 1866, our subject was married to Miss Mary M. Showalter, a native of Pennsylvania, and one child was born to this union, Myrtle, who is now attending college at Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Mr. Hughes is a member of the G. A. R. at Bloomington. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and he is one of the prominent and respected men of Grant county. The success that has attended his efforts is the just reward of his years of labor, and he can look back with satisfaction upon an honorable and well-spent life.

CHARLES HENRY MENZIE. If the locomotive engineers of the country are a picked body of men; this gentleman is a fine representative of the craft. Though over sixty years of age he is still alert and vigorous, and no steadier grasp than his is laid upon the throttle along the entire line of the Milwaukee road.

Mr. Menzie was born in Hobart, Delaware Co., N. Y., June 26, 1837, and is a son of Robert R. and Rebecca Ann (Thorpe) Menzie, whose sketch appears elsewhere. They came to Walworth county, Wis., in June, 1850, and made their home in this State as long as they lived.



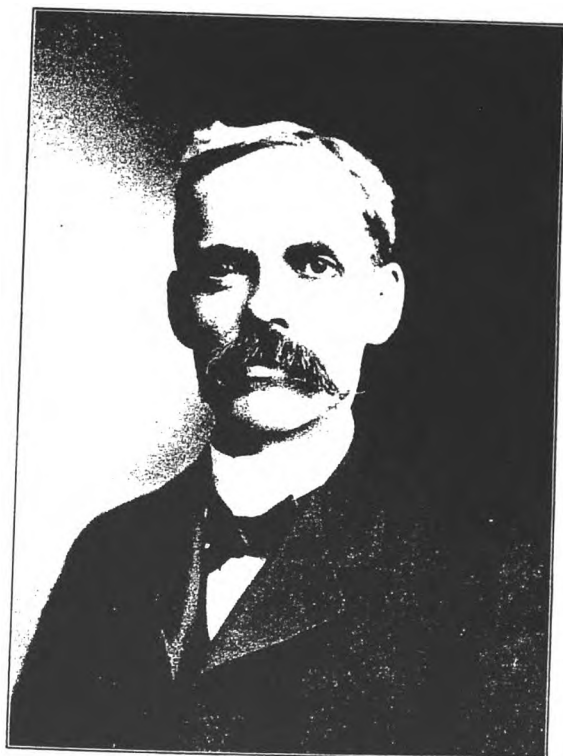
Charles H. Menzie was only thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Wisconsin on their removal from New York. He grew to manhood in Delavan, and finished his literary education in the public school of that thriving town. When a boy he worked at various occupations, and early had the ambition to get on in the world and be of some account. His school days over, he was employed on the Racine & Mississippi railroad, now the Racine & Southwestern division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, and was engaged in that capacity two years. Then, the Civil war breaking out, Mr. Menzie enlisted as a member of Company D, 22d Wis. V. I., and was in the service two years, eight months and thirteen days as a non-commissioned officer. He was a loyal soldier, participated in some of the most noted struggles of the Middle West, and was wounded in the left leg at Overall Creek, Tenn., carrying the ball in his hip to the present day. He was also in the battles of Spring Hill, Brentwood Station, and many other contests, which were called skirmishes, but which in any lesser war would have been called battles. His wound was severe, and rendered his retirement from the service necessary. Returning home, Mr. Menzie resumed his work on the railroad, this time as a fireman, having previously been a brakeman. He fired four years, and in 1869 was promoted to engineer, which has been his vocation to the present time. Since 1881 he has been continuously in the passenger service of the railroad, and is regarded as one of the most trusty and capable men on the entire line.

Mr. Menzie and Miss Nancy Emeline Beebe, a daughter of William L. and Sallie (Tripp) Beebe, were married July 17, 1867. They have one adopted daughter, Alice, who is now the wife of Rufus Baker, of Freeport. Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Menzie are members of the Episcopal Church, and he is a Mason of high standing, belonging to Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M.; Freeport Chapter, No. 23, R. A. M.; Freeport Commandery, No. 7, K. T.; Freeport Consistory; Tripoli Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, Milwaukee, Wis.; and is well versed in the secret lore of the order. He is also a member of L. H. D. Crane Post, of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Beloit. Politically Mr. Menzie is a Democrat. He lives at No. 912 School street, where he built a fine home in 1897. Mrs. Menzie is a genial

and accomplished lady, and is very prominent in social circles. She belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, and was the first Worthy Matron of Beloit Chapter, No. 77; is a member of the Ladies' Relief Corps; the Daughters of the American Revolution; the Eminent Ladies; the Lee Parliamentary Club; and other social and intellectual movements, doing everything possible to uplift and advance humanity in general.

STEPHEN B. LEWIS is president of the Knitting Co. which bears his family name, and is one of Janesville's honored citizens. Both his father and grandfather were natives of Connecticut, of English stock, although he himself was born at Turtleville, Rock Co., Wis., on July 12, 1848. Abel F. Lewis, his grandfather, for many years commanded vessels engaged in the coasting trade. It was not his wish that his sons should follow this calling, however, and as they began to grow up he removed inland, taking up his residence at McGrawville, Cortland Co., N. Y. In 1842 he came to Wisconsin, settling at Turtle Creek, in Rock county, where he constructed a dam and erected a saw and grist mill, from which he furnished lumber and flour to all the surrounding country. At that time Janesville was in its infancy, and life was comparatively primitive in its simplicity, the farmers hauling grain and flour with ox-teams. Mr. Lewis was a man of considerable prominence, and an active worker in the Baptist Church, occasionally filling its pulpit in the absence of the regular preacher. He died in Rock county in 1864, from pneumonia, aged about sixty-one years. He was the father of three sons and one daughter.

Edward F. Lewis, son of Abel F., and the father of Stephen B., was born in Connecticut, before the migration of the family to New York, and was about eighteen years old when he accompanied his father to Wisconsin. About 1849 he removed to Columbia county, Wis., before it had been surveyed, and there opened a hotel, which he successfully conducted for several years, until he was elected sheriff. After filling that office for two years he opened a store. He was a man of substance and of influence, and during the Civil war filled the post of deputy provost marshal. He was virtually the founder of the Lewis Knitting Co., although he began



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manufacturing in 1871 in a smaller way. Prior to the above date there were no machines adapted to knitting double-ribbed underwear, it being the custom to sew together strips made of as great width as the machines then in use could produce. In that year he invented the process (which now bears his name) of knitting double-ribbed garments entire. He first experimented with underwear for his own use, and from this small beginning sprang the present large business of the Lewis Knitting Co., of Janesville. His first factory was at Portage, and there he resided until his death, in 1885, at the age of sixty-two. He was a Baptist in faith, as was also his wife, Betsey Barrett. She was one of nine daughters of Stephen Barrett, a descendant of Col. Barrett, commander at Concord Bridge, where was fought the first battle of the Revolutionary war. Stephen Barrett was a woolen manufacturer, and moved from Concord, Mass., to New York, thence to Ohio, and in 1842 to Rock county, Wis., settling at Turtle Creek. He was a deacon in the Baptist Church, and a man held in high esteem by his neighbors. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Lewis, in his eighty-fourth year. His widow died about two years later, at the home of Mrs. Lewis, and was buried beside her husband at Portage, Wis. To Edward F. Lewis and his wife were born seven sons, of whom only three are living, Stephen B., Franklin F., and William L. Their first-born, Judson A., was a sergeant in Company C, 23d Wis. V. I., during the war of the Rebellion, and was killed by a bullet through the forehead while charging the enemy's works before Vicksburg.

Stephen B. Lewis was reared a farmer's boy, although his educational advantages were of a far higher order than were usually enjoyed by Wisconsin country lads of his day. He was educated in the Normal school at Whitewater, being graduated therefrom in 1874, and for ten years was principal of the high school at Clinton. At the expiration of that period he abandoned the chair of a teacher for the more active life of a business man, he and his brother Franklin F. associating themselves with their father in the manufacture of knit goods. Upon their father's death, in 1885, the brothers succeeded to the control of the business, which they removed from Portage to Janesville, in 1887, the name

of the firm having been changed from E. F. Lewis & Sons to Lewis Brothers, and later to the Lewis Knitting Co. Some eighty-six hands are employed in the factory, and the output of the concern finds a ready market in all the principal cities of the country. Mr. Lewis is a deacon in the Congregational Church, and a liberal supporter of the cause of evangelical religion. A man of keen perception and sound business sense, he is respected for his high moral principle, and beloved for his many amiable traits of heart. He is a Republican, but has always declined office.

Our subject was married July 10, 1877, to Elizabeth, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (White) Church, and they have one son, Rollin C., born Aug. 29, 1884.

STEPHEN JOHNSON, whose history is long and intimately associated with that of Grant county, was born near Appleby, in the County of Westmoreland, England, Feb. 14, 1821, a son of John and Lucy (Hall) Johnson, both also natives of the County of Westmoreland. In April, 1830, they sailed from Liverpool on a sailing-vessel bound for the city of New York, and were eight weeks on the Atlantic. They came West from New York by way of the canal, over the Buffalo route, to Pittsburg, where Mr. Johnson was engaged in farming for five years. In 1835 he moved his family to Madison county, Mo., where he died soon after entering the State; his wife's death occurred two days before his own. They left a family of seven children, of whom (1) William, the eldest, was born and reared in England, where he married. He settled in Madison county, where he died in 1840. (2) Thomas, born in England, grew up, married, and died in Missouri. (3) John, born in England, lived for a time in Platteville, Grant county, and in 1864 went to California, where he followed farming until his death, in 1895. His family still live in that State. (4) Joseph, born in England, married and settled in Missouri, where he was killed by Quantrell's guerrillas during the Civil war. Children of his are still living in that State. (5) Jane was born in England, and remained in Pittsburg, where she married Thomas Hodgeson. They settled in Washington county, Penn., where she died in 1890, leaving one daughter, Emma. (6) Stephen is the youngest of the family.

Stephen Johnson attended school in England, in Pennsylvania, and also in Platteville in 1842 and 1843, coming to Grant county in 1837, and working in the lead mines of this region some twenty years. In 1850 he married Miss Mary J. Neeley, of Platteville, daughter of John and Martha Neeley, who came West from Mercer county, Penn. Mrs. Johnson was born in 1834. After their marriage Mr. Johnson and his wife settled near Platteville, and remained in that place until 1855, when they moved to his farm in Millville. That year he bought a second farm in Ellenboro, which has been his home to the present time. In 1864 he enlisted, in Company B, 43d Wis. V. I., and was in the Army of the Cumberland. They were stationed at Johnsonville, Tenn., for a time, and engaged in the battle at that place. They were part of the forces gathered to oppose Hood at Nashville, and the entire march to Clarksville, Tenn., was a constant skirmish. The 43d was mustered out at Nashville June 24, 1865.

Mr. Johnson came back to Wisconsin, and at once resumed with eagerness the rounds of peaceful industry. He built a new house on the farm, and put the place in fine order. Mrs. Johnson died in November, 1868, leaving behind precious memories of a good and true-hearted woman. She was the mother of these children: (1) John N., born in Platteville in February, 1852, married in Kansas, where he is living on a farm in Jewell county with his four children, Lee, Stella, Elmer and Nettie. (2) William B., born Oct. 24, 1853, moved to Kansas while he was still a young man, married there, and is living at the present time in Red Cloud, Neb. He has two children by his first wife, Walter and Frank. By his second wife he has four children. (3) Nettie, born in the present home in February, 1858, is now the wife of Alvin Hall, near Platteville, and has one son, Stephen O.

On July 4, 1869, Mr. Johnson married for his second wife Miss Priscilla N. Hayward, of Potosi, daughter of Elisha T. and Elizabeth (Warfield) Hayward, who were born and reared in Boston. In 1834 they came West to Dubuque, Iowa, and the next year moved to Potosi, Wis., where Mrs. Johnson was born in April, 1835. Her grandfather Warfield was in the Black Hawk war. Mrs. Johnson was educated in Grant county, where she was engaged as a teacher. A lady of culture and refine-

ment, she shows the influence of her New England ancestry. Her father, Elisha T. Hayward, was a prominent man in Grant county, and served as judge of the Bench one term. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have had three children, all still under the parental roof: (1) George Grant, born in 1870, was educated in the home schools. (2) Virgil F. was born in 1876. (3) Maggie V., born in 1880, has had a good education.

Mr. Johnson is a Republican, and has been justice of the peace twelve years, also filling other local positions. He and his wife are members of the Primitive Church, where he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school a number of years. Mr. Johnson belongs to Sherman Post, of Platteville, the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a genial and sympathetic character, and is willing always to do what is right and honest, and his kindly nature has endeared him to a host of friends.

HORACE H. STREETER is one of the heroes of the war of the Rebellion, and deserving of special mention in the annals of his county, State and Nation, for the active part he has played as a patriotic citizen. He is a native of the Empire State, born near Sacket's Harbor, in 1837, a son of Horace and Rebecca Streeter. During his childhood the family removed from the place of his birth to Erie county, Penn., where the mother died, the father's death occurring previously, in the State of New York. In their family were five children, three of whom are living at the present writing: Horace H., of this review; and Mrs. Roxy Cushman and Norman S., both residents of Rewey, Iowa county, Wisconsin.

Horace H. Streeter came to this State company with his sisters, Mrs. Laura Taylor (now deceased) and Mrs. Roxy Cushman, and later they were joined by their brother, Norman S. On his arrival in Wisconsin Horace was a lad of eighteen years, and in Iowa county he grew to manhood. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Martha E. Moore, who was born in Iowa county in 1841, her father, David Moore, being a well-known pioneer of the county, and a veteran of the famous Black Hawk war of 1832. He was a native of New York State, while his wife, America Parry, was a native of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Streeter are the parents of fifteen children.

namely: Norman C., Nania R., Horace D., Laura E., Sherman S., Eugene F., Orville O., Myrtle J., Carl B., Arthur G., Ivy M., Ervin E. and Harry H., still living; and Martha E. and Harvey H., both deceased.

Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, Mr. Streeter enlisted Aug. 13, 1862, in Company E, 30th Wis., V. I., which regiment was considerably divided during its service, and was engaged very largely in detached duty. It was mustered into the United States service at Camp Randall, Madison, Wis., and, after performing various duties, at different places, was finally ordered to St. Louis, Mo. From Benton Barracks, in that city, it went to Cairo, Ill., where the command was long on duty. Mr. Streeter was honorably discharged at Louisville, Ky., July 29, 1865, for disability.

Since the war Mr. Streeter has been variously employed, and since 1871 has been a resident of Mt. Ida township, Grant county, where he has a pleasant home. In his political relations he is a Republican, and is a warm advocate of the main principles of that great political organization. Mr. Streeter possesses much influence in the local councils of his party, and has most creditably filled the office of town clerk for seventeen years. Fraternally he is an honored member of Sam Monteith Post, No. 73, G. A. R., of Fennimore, and religiously both he and his wife are worthy members of the United Brethren Church.

ALVIN S. COOK is one of the old Union veterans to whom the citizens of Grant county delight to do honor, alike for his patriotic services throughout the war of the Rebellion and for his moral and intellectual worth as a man. He was born in Erie county, N. Y., in 1838, one of the seven children of Orson and Resina (Alby) Cook, who came from the Empire State to the (then) Territory of Wisconsin in 1845. Two years later the father died.

Alvin S. Cook grew up in Grant county, which has been his home for fifty-five years, and both for his own and his parents' sake he is held in high regard. It was there that he married Miss Emily Jane Nixon, and there, too, their nine children—four sons and five daughters—were born, as follows: Emma, July 14, 1864 (died April 14, 1871); Olive M., June 22, 1867; George J., Nov. 1, 1869 (died Feb. 15, 1895); Claria F., July 26, 1872; Nettie M., Oct. 26, 1874; Elmer P.,

June 3, 1878; Alta R., June 15, 1881; Henry A., Aug. 26, 1883; Melvin T., May 11, 1885.

Our subject was scarcely more than twenty-one years of age when the harbor of Charleston, S. C., reverberated with the echoes of the first shot fired upon the American flag by Rebel hands, and it stirred his patriotic soul to its very depths. He and his brother Orson enlisted in Company C, 2d Wisconsin Cavalry, the brother losing his life in the service. After a year spent at the front Alvin S. was sent home on a "sick furlough," as there appeared to be danger of his constitution giving way, and not long afterward he received an honorable discharge. But, with restored health, he once more resolved to do battle in his country's cause, and re-enlisted, this time in the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry. He remained in active service until the close of the war, participating in all the sieges, skirmishes and battles in which that justly famed body of troops took part, and aiding in the capture of Jefferson Davis as that redoubtable chief conspirator was about to flee. At Burnt Hickory, Ga., his horse was shot under him, and, falling upon its rider, inflicted upon him injuries of so serious a nature that he has never fully recovered from them. As years pass over the head of this grizzled veteran of many a hard-fought field he remembers his devotion to his country in her hour of need with pleasure and pardonable pride; though as age brings more and more forcibly to mind the privations and sufferings which he underwent, his broken health and weakened frame, he heaves no sigh of regret, and utters no word of complaint. Mr. Cook is a Republican in political faith. His religious connection is with the Church of God.

JAMES W. CLEMENTS, a retired farmer of the town of Ellenboro, Grant county, whose career through life has been singularly clean and creditable in every way, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., April 24, 1831, a son of Cornelius and Jenette (Haight) Clements, both natives of the same county. After their marriage Cornelius Clements and his wife settled in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he followed the trade of a carpenter, and also engaged in farming, on his own land, until his death, in 1868. He left his wife, who survived him two years, and three children. She came to Illinois, and passed her last days with her daughter. (1) Sallie, her eldest

daughter, was born and reared in New York, where she married Morgan Wilbur. They moved to McHenry county, Ill., where Mr. Wilbur engaged in farming, and there Mrs. Wilbur died, leaving one son, Charles, now a resident of Chicago. (2) Nancy, born in Herkimer county, N. Y., died when a young lady, at the old homestead in Chautauqua county. (3) Emelyne died in childhood. (4) James W. is the fourth member of this family. (5) Edward, born in New York, married Miss Sarah Hopkins, a lady of that State, and they now reside in Michigan, where he is engaged in agriculture. They have one daughter, Emma. (6) Emily, twin of Edward, married Joseph Gibbs.

James W. Clements passed his childhood at home, working on the farm, and attending the district schools until he reached his maturity. In February, 1853, he married, in New York, Amanda Francis, who was born in Genesee county, N. Y., in June, 1837, daughter of Amos and Isabelle Francis, old and prominent residents of that county. Amos Francis was born in Connecticut, and his wife, Isabelle (Doud), in Vermont. They lived for a time in Genesee county, and then moved to Chautauqua county, where Mr. Francis was a farmer up to the time of his death in 1853. Mrs. Francis died in 1851. Mrs. Clements is one of fourteen children, and was reared in New York. She and her husband were living on a farm in Chautauqua county at the outbreak of the Civil war. Mr. Clements enlisted in Company E., 154th N. Y. V. I., which was a part of the 11th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. Gen. Hooker was their first commander. Mr. Clements was in the battle of Chancellorsville, where he was taken prisoner and held at Belle Isle by the Rebels for fourteen days, being then released on parole. This gave him an opportunity to make a brief visit to his family, and when his parole was cancelled his regiment was at Bridgeport, Tenn., where he joined it, and served until the close of the war. The regiment was sent West once, becoming a part of the 20th Army Corps, and then joined Sherman's army and took part in the march through the South up to Washington, where it was in the grand review, and finally mustered out.

During our subject's service in the army Mrs. Clements was left at home with three

small children, and Mr. Clements made haste to rejoin his family. In New York he worked at farming and carpentering until his removal to Wisconsin. Here he purchased a farm from Samuel Francis, in the town of Ellenboro, and there made a permanent home. Substantial improvements were made, and the place became very neat and attractive. In 1897 Mr. Clements erected a home, furnished with all modern improvements possible in its location, and finished in hardwood; it is one of the elegant homes of the town. Mr. Clements owns a quarter section of fine farming land in Ellenboro, and for the past few years, on account of his health, has put his son Neil in active charge of his farming interests.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clements have been born five children: (1) Ella J. was born in Chautauqua county in 1855, where she obtained good education, and was a teacher in her native State. She is now the wife of Albert Miner and resides at Chautauqua, where she is rearing two daughters, May and Hattie. (2) Hattie, born in New York in 1857, was well educated, and taught in the public school prior to her marriage with Theodore Sage of Chautauqua. They have two daughters, Olive (Mrs. Walter Dudley) and Amy. (3) Alma, born in New York in 1859, married Ab Fuller, and is now deceased. (4) Lida, born in New York in 1866, was educated in her native State and in Wisconsin, married Harry Russell, and has four children, James C., Roswell, Eva and Ella. They reside in the town of Harrison, Grant county. (5) Neil, born in New York in 1877, grew up in Grant county, remains at home, and has charge of the farm. In 1899 he married Miss Minnie Baker, of the town of Harrison, and they make their home with his parents.

In politics Mr. Clements is a Republican but has never sought an office. He and his family attend the Methodist Church, and especially he is a member of Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., at Platteville.

ALLEN F. PHILLIPS lives in Janesville, Rock county, and has a beautiful and commodious residence at No. 227 South Main street. He has been a resident of the city some eighteen years, and in that time has commanded wide recognition as a capable and honorable business man and an upright citizen whose word is as good as his bond.

Mr. Phillips was born in Woodstock, Conn., Aug. 18, 1835, and his parents, Addison and Mary (Waldo) Phillips, were both natives of that State. They had two children: Allen F., our subject; and a daughter, Anna, who died when about twelve years old. The father in early life was a farmer, but in his later years was a merchant in the city of New York. In 1837, in company with his wife and son, he came West to Rockford, Ill., and there took up a half section of government land. In March, 1839, he accidentally shot himself, while going to the timber for a load of rails. His wife lived till the fall of 1898, dying at the advanced age of eighty-six. She was a Congregationalist, and a lady of many marked excellencies of mind and heart. Wheeler Phillips, paternal grandfather of the subject of this article, was born in Connecticut, and came of English stock. He was a prominent man in his day, being town clerk for many years, and long time judge of probate. He died on his farm in the village of West Woodstock, about seven miles from Gen. Putnam's wolf den, at the age of eighty-three. He was twice married, and had four sons, three by his first and one by his second wife. Francis Waldo, the father of Mary Waldo, was also a native of Connecticut, and of English descent. He was a farmer, and lived to celebrate his seventy-second birthday. He was the father of five children.

Allen F. Phillips was not quite four years old when his father's death occurred. The widow and her children were received into the home of her husband's father, and there Allen lived until the outbreak of the Civil war called him to the front in 1861. He enlisted in the fall of that year in Company A, 1st Connecticut Cavalry, and did gallant service in the cause of the Union for three years, his regiment being attached to the Army of the Potomac. He led a stirring life, and passed through many hot engagements, being under the command of Schenck, Milroy, Sigel, Pope, and Burnside. After the battle of Falmouth he returned to Stafford Court House, where the regiment lay encamped for a number of weeks, and was then ordered to report to Gen. Schenck, at Baltimore. Mr. Phillips was detailed for special duty in that city, and was there when the battle of Antietam was fought. With forty men he conducted five thousand Rebel prisoners through the city to

Fort McHenry. Mr. Phillips at that time was second lieutenant. A day or two later his troops were ordered to Harper's Ferry, and were the first to cross on the new pontoon bridge, that they might help protect the Capital against the advance of Gen. Lee. Of the forty-nine men he led across twenty-four were afterward captured, among them Major Charles Farnsworth, who never returned, but died in Charleston, S. C., while a prisoner. This was about July 5, and the regiment lay at Harper's Ferry until the following January or February, mainly engaged in picket duty. Our subject was in the battle of McDowell under Gen. Milroy, and immediately afterward joined Gen. Fremont in his campaign for the expulsion of Gen. Jackson from the Shenandoah valley. In the second battle of Bull Run he was under the command of Gen. Pope. He was in many of the most important struggles and bloodiest combats of the war, and to-day he marvels at his escape unscathed. He bore a soldier's part in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Ashland, Kearneysville, Cedar Creek, in front of Richmond, in the Shenandoah Valley, and at Winchester, and was in an almost continuous state of action during all of his three years' service. He entered the army as a private, was promoted to second lieutenant, and made a record of which any man might well be proud.

After his discharge from the government service Mr. Phillips went to New York City, and engaged in the flour and feed business, which he followed until 1872. That year he sold out, and coming West located in Rockford, Ill., where he spent the next ten years. In 1882 he removed his business to Janesville, in which city he has made his home since that time. From the time he came West he has bought and sold stock, and in the pursuit of that calling he has made a host of friends.

Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Emma Childs, a daughter of Elias and Nancy (Perrin) Childs, Nov. 13, 1861. Mrs. Phillips is a lady of character and intelligence much above the ordinary, possessing those qualities of mind and heart that command and retain warm friendship, and has ably assisted her husband in his life labors. She is the mother of two children, Herbert A. and Myrtis A. Herbert has charge of the sheep and lamb department of the Hammond Packing Co., at Hammond, Ind.; Myrtis married John Soulman, and lives



in Janesville, he being engaged in the wholesale tobacco business; they have three children, Ralph, Ruth and Helen. Mrs. Phillips belongs to the Congregational Church. He is a Republican.

CHARLES WARING, one of the representative citizens of the village of Livingston, Grant county, is of foreign birth, but his duties of citizenship have ever been performed with a loyalty equal to that of any native son of America, and when the nation was imperiled by rebellion he went to the defense of the Union, and protected the cause of his adopted country on many a Southern battlefield. He enlisted in December, 1864, in Company I, 47th Wis. V. I., and was mustered into the United States service at Camp Randall, Madison, on the 21st of January, following. The history of his regiment is too well known, and its honorable record too familiar to those versed in the history of the war between the States, to require special mention in this sketch. Suffice it to say that Mr. Waring faithfully discharged all the duties that devolved upon him, and during all the time that he was in the service lost but one day, and then from illness, returning to his command the following day, against the advice of the physician in charge. After hostilities ceased he was honorably discharged, Sept. 4, 1865.

Mr. Waring was born in Derbyshire, England, July 24, 1835, a son of John and Alice (Andrew) Waring, natives of the same country, the former born Aug. 2, 1812, the latter Oct. 13, 1815. They never came to America, but spent their entire lives in England, where the mother passed away Dec. 17, 1857. The father married again, and survived until 1896, dying at the age of eighty-five years. No children were born of the second union. There were five by the first, four sons and one daughter, but only Charles and John are now living, the latter a resident of Manchester, England. It is interesting to note in this connection that the above dates were taken from an old family Bible sent to Mr. Waring by his father a few years before the latter's death. The title page of this ancient book states that it was instituted in London in 1804.

At the age of fourteen years Charles Waring came to the United States, with an uncle by marriage, and it may be stated here that he worked a year to pay his passage, his par-

ents being too poor to send him, and landed in America without a cent in his pocket. Arriving in Grant county, Wis., Nov. 16, 1850 he has since made his home in Clifton township, and has been absent from the township no length of time but twice—the time spent in the army and a sojourn of about six months in the Rocky Mountains. Yielding to a desire to once more see his aged father and visit the scenes of his early boyhood, Mr. Waring visited the land of his birth in 1895, and about a year later his father passed away. In his earlier days in Grant county he was engaged in mining, later in farming, and for twelve years conducted a hotel which he owned in Livingston.

On Dec. 16, 1857, Mr. Waring was united in marriage with Miss Harriet L. Hudson, who was born Jan. 2, 1833, in Delaware county Ohio, and came to Platteville from that State in 1844. They have a family of five children, one son and four daughters, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Alice A., Jan. 4, 1859; Jennie, Oct. 15, 1863; Harriet E. June 28, 1866; Martha M., March 2, 1871 and Charles W., Feb. 24, 1878. One daughter, Henrietta, born March 3, 1876, died Feb. 1877.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Waring's health was permanently impaired by his army service, he has led an industrious and active life, and has accumulated a competence for his declining years. He has ever been held in high esteem as a man of honesty and integrity. Although born on English soil, he is truly an American citizen, and the flag who honor he helped to sustain he esteems above all others. In his political views he is a Republican, had the honor of casting his first vote for the first Republican Presidential candidate, John C. Fremont, in 1856, and has supported every Republican nominee down to McKinley. He voted twice, in 1860 and 1864, for the martyr President, Abraham Lincoln, whose memory is sacred to every true American citizen. Mr. Waring served on the board of supervisors in the town of Clifton for several years.

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, formerly foreman of the Rand & Laflin Powder Works at Platteville, is now living on a farm in the town of Harrison, Grant county, and is spending the last measure of his life in the enjoyment of leisure.

and comfort that he has richly earned by years of honest industry and unbending integrity.

Mr. Griffith was born in Ebensburg, Cambria Co., Penn., in October, 1838, son of Griffith and Hannah (Rese) Griffith, natives of Wales and Cambria county, Penn., respectively. His parents moved to Platteville, Wis., in the fall of 1840, and spent their last days in this State, the mother dying in 1846, and the father in 1850. They left a family of five young children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eldest. The eldest daughter, Harriet, born in Platteville, after her father's death returned to Pennsylvania, grew to womanhood, and married John Tibbit; they are still living in Cambria county, that State. George, born in Platteville in 1843, died when ten years old. Newton, born in 1845, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. David, born in 1846, was drowned at Platteville in boyhood.

Samuel Griffith obtained his early education in the schools of Platteville and at Ebensburg, whither he was sent after his father's death. He remained in Pennsylvania until 1859, when he came back to Wisconsin, and secured employment in the powder works of Rand & Laflin, of which in after years he became foreman, serving in that capacity from 1872 to 1894. The young powder-maker enlisted in August, 1862, as a member of Company E, 25th Wis. V. I. He was at the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Chattanooga, and on Sherman's march to the sea; was a participant in the fierce fighting around Atlanta, the battle of Decatur, and in many other fierce and bloody struggles. He survived the perils of that mighty war, and returned home after its close, to resume his position in the powder works.

Mr. Griffith and Miss Margaret Travis were united in marriage in 1877. Mrs. Griffith is a member of one of the first pioneer families of Grant county, being a daughter of Abram and Sarah (Cramier) Travis. Her father was born in Pennsylvania in 1798, was a soldier in the Black Hawk war, under Capt. Gentry and Major Rountree. The mother was born in 1813. They were married in that State in 1835, and came to Wisconsin the following year, by wagon, settling in the town of Harrison, Grant county, where he entered a large tract of government land. He put up a large

hewed-log house, which was his home for ten years, and is still standing, in a good state of preservation. In 1846 he put up the house which Mr. Griffith and his wife, Mr. Travis' second daughter, now occupy. Mr. and Mrs. Travis lived in this home as long as they were spared. Mr. Travis was an Old-line Whig, and the first election in the town of Harrison was held in his own log house. He was widely known all over this country, where he was largely engaged in mining. He died in 1853, and she survived until 1894, reaching the venerable age of eighty-one years. Mrs. Travis married for her second husband John Petty, by whom she had one son, Moses, now a resident of Platteville. John Petty is still living, hale and hearty for one of his years, and makes his home on the old farm. Seven of the children born to Abram and Sarah Travis attained mature life, and came to occupy an honorable position in the world. Buckless C., his oldest child, was born on the present home in 1837, and was the first white child born between the Plattes; he married Miss Mary Vannetta, and they live in Grand Island, Neb., and have seven children living. George W., born in the town of Harrison, Grant county, Aug. 24, 1839, is now a resident of Idaho. John H., born in Grant county in 1841, is a merchant of Loup City, Neb.; he is married, and has a family of eight children, James, Abraham, David, Anna, Neily, Etta, Mollie, and Jessie. Mahala, born in 1843, is the wife of David C. Philips, of Dubuque, Iowa, and has one daughter, Maggie, now Mrs. John Kruger, of Chicago. Margaret, the wife of Samuel Griffith, was born at their present home June 28, 1847, obtained her education in the public schools, and here has largely spent her life. Anthony, born in 1849, now resides in Loup City, Neb., where he is a merchant. Abram, born in 1852, migrated to the far West in his early manhood, and settled in Nevada, where he married Miss Julia Edwards; after their marriage the young couple moved on to California, where they lived many years, and where Mr. Travis died in 1895, leaving his wife and one son, John.

After his marriage Mr. Griffith bought the old Travis homestead, where he has made his home to the present time. They have no children, but Mrs. Griffith has brought up the son of her brother, Robert, who is now a young man and is making his home with them. Mr.

Griffith has always been identified with the Republican party, and was much interested in politics in his early life, when he worked as a printer in the office of the *Cambria* (Penn.) *Times*. He is a member of Sherman Post, No. 66, Grand Army of the Republic, at Platteville, and takes much interest in its associations. For thirty years he has been a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to Platteville Lodge, No. 6. Mr. Griffith is one of the solid men of the county and has many warm friends. Mrs. Griffith is a woman of fine character and much housewifely ability, an efficient worker in all benevolent causes and societies, and her home is always open to the needy and friendless. She is a member of the Rachel Rebekahs and the Order of the Eastern Star.

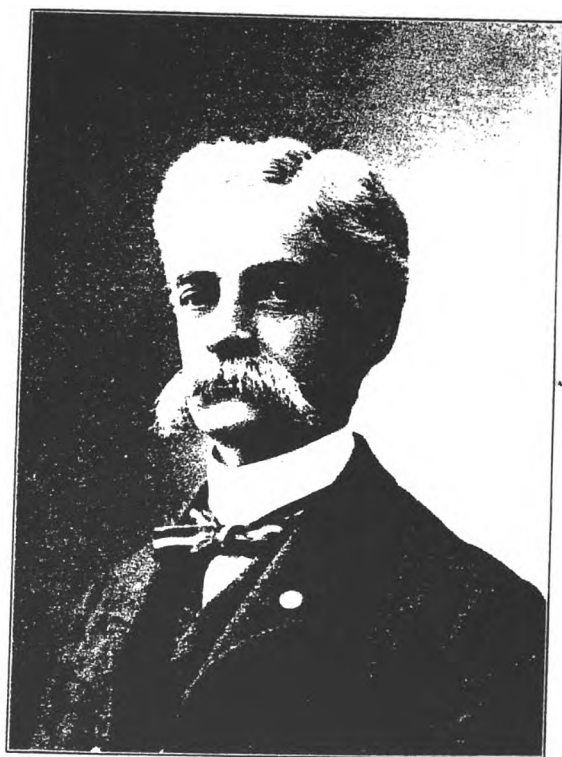
FRANKLIN F. LEWIS enjoys an enviable reputation, as well as a wide popularity, through Rock and Columbia counties, not only because of his business success, but also on account of his recognized probity, and his earnest Christian character. He is one of Janesville's public-spirited citizens, conservative while progressive, a friend of the poor, and a liberal supporter of the cause of religion, for whose advancement he is an earnest worker.

A somewhat detailed history of his family, for three generations, is given in the biographical sketch of his brother, Stephen B. Lewis, to which the reader is referred for fuller information in reference thereto. Franklin F. Lewis was born at what is now Lewiston, but was then Fort Winnebago, in Columbia county, Wis., Sept. 28, 1850. During his childhood the Winnebago Indian villages surrounded the fort, the curling smoke of their wigwams mingling with that of the sunrise and sunset guns, while the tepees of these sons of nature swung low from the forest trees. His boyhood was passed upon his father's farm, and his early education was obtained at the high school in Portage and at the State Normal School at Whitewater. For several years he taught at Waupun, for two years being superintendent of the "west ward schools" in that city. Returning to Whitewater, he was principal of the "East Side School" for twelve months, and afterward general superintendent of the city schools. His innate physical activity, however, demand-

ed an outlet, and he laid down the chalk, the pencil and the birch to embark in commercial life. His first experience in this line was at Red Wing, Minn., where he remained two years. Next he became a traveling salesman for the Whitewater Manufacturing Co., selling furniture and undertakers' supplies. His keen intelligence, common sense, good judgment and tactful address insured him success, and it was not long before he was tendered a better position by the Cleveland Burial Case Co., his territory covering Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, the (then) Territory of Dakota and northern Illinois. In 1883, however, he severed his connection with that concern, to embark in the manufacture of knit goods, in association with his father and brother, at Portage, Wis. A succinct history of the enterprise may be found in the sketch of Stephen B. Lewis. Incorporation under the name of the Lewis Knitting Co. was effected in 1889. Franklin F. Lewis became secretary and treasurer, which responsible position in the concern he yet holds. In addition to rare capabilities as a man of affairs, he possesses native genius as a mechanic and inventor. The company avails itself of not less than four of his patents for improvements in machinery and garments and in addition to the manufacture of underwear he successfully operates a plant for the manufacture of automatic knitting machine (of the same pattern used in the company's factory), devised and patented by our subject.

Both Mr. Lewis and his wife are active members of the Congregational Church, while he has been both a pioneer and a leader in Christian work. For eleven years he has been secretary of the First Congregational Church and society. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Janesville, was chief organizer of the Young Men's Christian Association concert band, and for six years has been its president. The organization has succeeded beyond his fondest hopes, having successfully played, under the auspices of the Association at Baraboo, Madison, Delavan, Beloit, Green Bay, Wis., and at Grand Rapids, Mich., under the auspices of the International Association.

Politically Mr. Lewis is a Republican. His kindly disposition and generous impulses, together with many cares which weigh heavily upon him



*J. J. Lewis*



shoulders leave him but little time to devote to personal recreation and social pleasures. For twenty-two years he has been a member of the A. O. U. W., but he belongs to no other fraternal organization. He was married Nov. 29, 1877, to Victorine, a daughter of Anson and Hannah (Thorpe) Rockwell. The issue of the marriage has been one son, Edward Rockwell, who died in infancy, and two daughters, Mabel Barrett and Frances Eleanor, the elder born at Whitewater, and the younger at Janesville.

JOHN STOCKMAN, a well-known agriculturist, whose home farm is in Section 6, Harmony township, has been a resident of Rock county for many years, and his career is a noble illustration of the possibilities of country life for the industrious and saving, who are willing to work hard, and wait patiently for the legitimate results of their toil and care.

Mr. Stockman was born in the North of Ireland, in County Antrim, Sept. 2, 1827, and is a son of James and Rebecca (White) Stockman, both natives of Ireland. They were the parents of three daughters and four sons, and three of their children are now living: John; Jane, widow of Rev. Andrew Walker, of Milton, Wis.; and Hugh H., of Milton township, Rock county. The father followed the trade of stone-mason, when he was a young man. He crossed the ocean in 1831, and followed his trade in Philadelphia some two or three years, from that city removing to Saratoga, N. Y., where he combined farming and stone-cutting. In 1843 he came to Wisconsin, bought a quarter section of farm land in Milton township, Rock county, and devoted his life to its improvement. As a farmer he was highly successful, holding what he bought and making large additions to it until, at one time, he owned nearly if not quite a section of land. He died there in 1873, at the age of seventy-seven. His wife survived him some five or six years, and was about the same age when she died. Both were Presbyterians.

Hugh Stockman, father of James, died in Ireland, when he was about seventy years of age. He was a farmer, was of Scottish descent, and had a family of four sons and two daughters. John White, the father of Rebecca, was a native-born Irishman, though of Scottish descent. He came to this country in

early life, lived in the State of New York for some years, and moved into Canada, where he spent the last years of a life that lasted almost a century. He had four sons and three daughters, and his youngest son was the father of Gen. White, who served in Africa as an officer of the English army operating against the Boers in the late war.

John Stockman was about sixteen years old when he came with his parents to Rock county. He attended school in Philadelphia and afterward in New York, and obtained a good common-school education. He lived at home until he was twenty-six, when he started for himself on a farm of 130 acres, part of which was a present from his father. He has added eighty acres to it since, and now owns a choice tract of land, consisting of 213 acres, which has become under his capable tillage a very valuable farm. He has lived in Wisconsin since 1843, and has occupied his present home since 1856.

Mr. Stockman and Miss Elizabeth Nicholson were married Dec. 14, 1853. She is a daughter of William and Mary (Booth) Nicholson. Mr. and Mrs. Stockman are the parents of eleven children, James William, Robert Henry, Mary Jane, William James, John B., Rebecca Alice, Sophia, Martha Jane, Ellen Elizabeth, Matilda and Mary Estella. James William died when three months old. Robert Henry married Isabel Peck, lives in Fulton township, and has two living children, Chester and Blanche Pearl. Mary Jane died when nine years old. William J. married Alma F. Story, lives in Harmony township, and has one child, Earl. John B. married Ella Anderson, of Mason City, Iowa, and now lives at Eldora, Iowa, where he is teaching school; they have one child, Harold. Rebecca Alice is the wife of Dr. Bennett, of Beloit, and is the mother of two boys, George and Howard. Sophia is deceased; she married Frank Gunnison, of Jefferson county. Martha Jane married Henry C. Yale, and is the mother of four children, Nellie Estella, Eugene Henry and Emmett (twins), and Albert. Ellen Elizabeth died at the age of twenty-one. Matilda married Harry Smith, and had one child, David Earl; she died March 13, 1900. Mary Estella died when a mere child of two years and eight months. Mr. and Mrs. Stockman are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder for thirty years. He is a member

of Milton Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F., and of Du Lac Lodge, No. 72, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a Prohibitionist, and has held various local positions of trust and honor, was supervisor three years, and chairman of the board one year; was town clerk two years; assessor four years; has been justice of the peace twenty years; and is secretary of the mutual fire insurance company that covers the four townships of Harmony, Milton, Fulton and Janesville, which position he has held since 1872. He has also held a commission as notary public for many years. From 1856 to 1885 he was a Republican, but in the latter year he voted with the Prohibitionists, and has since acted with that party.

Mrs. Stockman's parents were natives of England. They had five children, of whom she was the eldest child, and the only one now living. Her mother was first married to Robert Meggott, and bore him two sons and two daughters, two of whom are now living: Mary, widow of John Lewis, now living at Escanaba, Mich.; and William Meggott, of Janesville.

CHARLES R. SENDELBACH, of Fennimore, Grant county, was one of the members of the gallant 20th Wis. V. I., and made a record as a soldier that any man might be proud of. He was born in Saxony, Germany, March 15, 1828, son of David Sendelbach, who died when he was eight years old. His mother, Margaret Sendelbach, died when he was eighteen years old. They were the parents of seven children, Charles being the youngest son. He learned the trade of cabinet-making, and in 1849 came to this country with his youngest sister, Louisa. They landed at Baltimore, and went from there to Pittsburg, where he worked at his trade for a few months, also for a time at St. Louis. In 1850 he made his first appearance in Wisconsin, and soon after his arrival pre-empted forty acres in the town of Liberty, Grant county.

Charles R. Sendelbach and Miss Sarah A. Connolly were united in marriage Jan. 31, 1853. She was born April 21, 1830, daughter of Henry and Sarah Connolly, who came from Kentucky, and settled in the town of Mt. Ida, Grant Co., Wis., in 1844, spending their last years in that town. He died in 1859, and she in 1873. They were the parents of twelve children, only three of whom are living: Louis, who was born in 1828; Mrs. Sendelbach; and

her youngest brother, James, who has his home in Nebraska. In the fall of 1853 Mr. Sendelbach bought a portion of his father's farm in Mt. Ida, and at a later period purchased what was left of the homestead, he and his wife living on this farm until 1895, when they moved to Fennimore.

Mr. Sendelbach enlisted, Aug. 13, 1862, in Company I, 20th Wis. V. I., and was with his regiment until the battle of Prairie Grove, where that gallant soldier, Capt. McDermott, was killed. A few moments after he fell Mr. Sendelbach was badly wounded, being struck three times by bullets in his legs, and was taken to the hospital at Fayetteville, Ark. This battle was fought Dec. 7, 1862, and Mr. Sendelbach was kept in the hospital and the convalescent camp until the following spring, when he returned to his regiment, at that time stationed about twelve miles south of Rolla, Mo. He continued with the command to the end of the war, and was discharged at Galveston, Texas, in 1865.

Mr. Sendelbach came home and went back to work, and has been greatly prospered. He was a brave soldier of the Union, and is a worthy member of the community. He belongs to the Sam Monteith Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Politically he is a Republican. He was reared a Lutheran, and his wife is a Baptist. They are the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living: David, born Nov. 23, 1853; John L., June 21, 1855; Sarah M., May 24, 1857; William H., Aug. 12, 1859; James, April 17, 1861; Fannie Ann, Feb. 3, 1863; Charles R., May 30, 1866; Dorothy Jane, Feb. 28, 1869; and Mary E., Aug. 2, 1875 (died Jan. 23, 1894).

THOMAS SCOTT holds an honored place among the retired farmers of the town of Hazel Green, Grant county, where his long and useful life wins respect as its simple and unpretending virtues carry their own lessons.

Mr. Scott was born in Cornwall, England July 17, 1831, a son of Thomas and Mary Scott, both natives of England; the latter died when her son Thomas was a child. Our subject's father was twice married, and Thomas was the only child of the last marriage; John and Frederick were the offspring of the first union. John Scott died in England, and Frederick came to America and West to Wisconsin, where he lived some twenty years, the

moving to Missouri, where he became a prosperous farmer. Thomas Scott, Sr., moved to Canada, where he died.

Thomas Scott obtained his early education in the public schools of England, and in 1852 came to Hazel Green, Grant county, where he was employed by the neighboring farmers for about two years. He purchased a forty-acre tract about this time, which he improved and added to it adjoining land from time to time, until he had a magnificent farm of 280 acres. He put up good buildings, and now owns one of the fine farms of southwestern Wisconsin.

Mr. Scott and Miss Ann Ralph were married in 1859. Mrs. Scott was the daughter of William Ralph, of Hazel Green, and was living in Hazel Green at the time of her marriage. To this union were born seven children: (1) Thomas is a grain buyer in Iowa. (2) Abbie is the wife of Richard Scadden, of Hazel Green. (3) John W. is single, and at home. (4) Jessie is the wife of G. C. Anderson, of Iowa, and they have one son, Lesley Percival. (5) Elizabeth, born in Hazel Green, married G. C. Anderson, and died leaving two children, Lyle and Lancelot. The other members of the Scott family died in childhood. The mother died in 1869. In 1870 Thomas Scott married Mrs. Cottingham, daughter of Joseph and Winnifred Richards, both natives of Cornwall, England, and pioneers in Grant county. They came to this country in 1847, and three days after their arrival Joseph Richards was drowned, while crossing the Platte river, leaving his widow and four children to struggle alone with pioneer hardships in a strange country: (1) Lizzie married Leonard Lowe, and is now dead. (2) Joseph died in Humboldt county, Iowa. (3) Henry is in Iowa. (4) Mrs. Scott was born in Cornwall, England, in 1839. She bore three children to her first husband, two of whom, Matthew Cottingham and Isabel (now Mrs. Scott), live in Colorado. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott have been born four children: (1) H. Erwin, born in Hazel Green in 1872, is a graduate of the State Normal School at Platteville, and is now cashier and teller of the Farmers Bank at Cuba City. (2) Joseph O., born in 1874, married Miss Charlotte Jeffreys, a resident of Hazel Green, and a teacher of the public schools, and they have one son, Hillis A. They now live in the village of Hazel Green. (3) Margaret, born in 1876, a young lady of many

charms and graces, is at home. (4) Sarah Irene, born in 1878, is the wife of Edward Scadden, and lives on a farm in Grant county, Wisconsin.

Mr. Scott is one of Grant county's earnest Republicans, and in religion is associated with the Methodist Church, of which his wife and daughters are members. He was one of the founders of Wesley Chapel forty years ago, on the prairie in the town of Hazel Green, where services are still held. Mr. Scott also helped to build the first school building in the town. In 1896 Mr. Scott purchased the Richard Ingraham property on Main street, in Hazel Green, and thoroughly remodeled the house, making it in every respect modern and up-to-date. He and his wife enjoy the unstinted appreciation of their friends and neighbors, and are regarded as honorable and reliable people, with kind hearts, and of generous disposition.

GEORGE BLAKESLEY, deceased. Among the citizens of Grant county who, early in the war of the Union, responded promptly to the President's call for volunteers to defend the old flag was George Blakesley, who enlisted in October, 1861, in Company C, 2d Wisconsin Cavalry, and died May 31, 1862, in the hospital at Jefferson City, Mo. He was born in Connecticut Sept. 11, 1828, and when a boy removed with his parents from his native State to Steuben county, N. Y. Later the family became residents of Michigan, where the father died, and the mother subsequently came to Wisconsin, her death occurring at the home of her daughter, in Plainfield, whom she was visiting at the time. In the family were nine children.

Mr. Blakesley grew to manhood in Steuben county, N. Y., where he became acquainted with the young lady who on Oct. 13, 1850, became his wife. In her maidenhood she was Miss Ruth Welling, a native of Dutchess county, N. Y., and a daughter of Josiah and Sarah Welling. In early life Mr. Blakesley commenced learning the blacksmith's trade, and soon after his marriage returned to Steuben county to complete his apprenticeship. In 1857 he came to Grant county, Wis., where he followed the business of blacksmithing until he entered the army. Although he was in the service but a short time, he left an honorable record as a faithful soldier, who was always



found at his post of duty, ready to defend the old flag and the cause it represented.

When Mr. Blakesley went to the front he left his wife with four small children, the youngest being but a few months old. Upon the mother devolved the responsibility of rearing the family, and this duty she faithfully and creditably performed, although the task was at times a severe one. The family consisted of three sons and one daughter. The sons, Max, Frank and George, are all living at the present writing (1901), but the daughter, Ella, and her husband, John Lewis, are both deceased. They left one daughter, Barbara, who makes her home with Mrs. Blakesley. There was also another daughter, Ida May, who died in infancy, before the father left for the war. Mrs. Blakesley has a pleasant home in Patch Grove, where she resides, and is held in high esteem by her many friends and acquaintances.

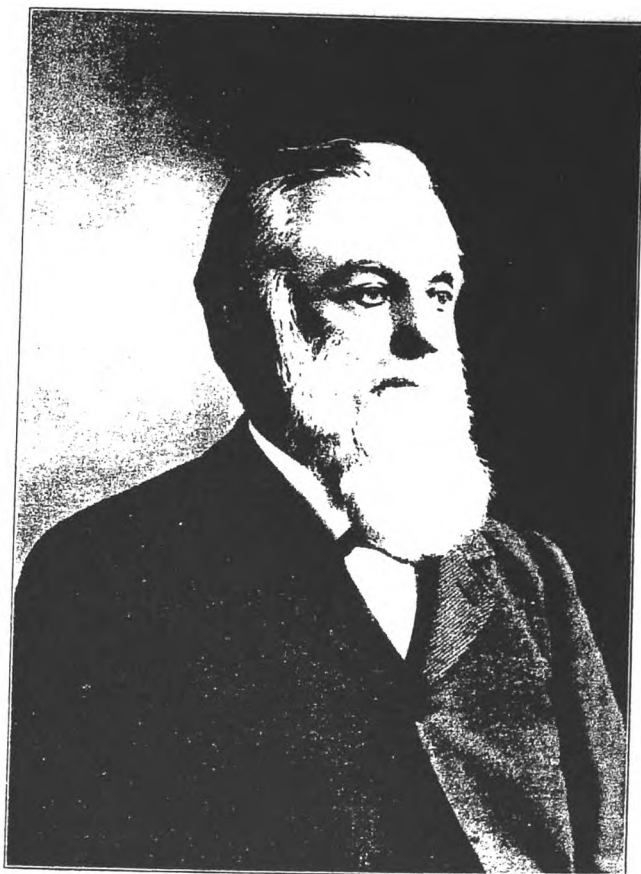
**WILLIAM B. STRONG.** This honored and beloved resident of the city of Beloit, Rock county, may well look back with gratitude as he marks the lengthening shadows along the dusty way of life. God has given some privileges of help and cheer along with the burden of duty that He has put upon him. Loyally and gladly he has met the demands that have come to his ears from the suffering and needy.

Mr. Strong was born in Brownington, Orleans Co., Vt., May 16, 1837, and is a son of Elijah Gridley and Sarah (Partridge) Strong, both natives of that State. They were the parents of four children: Ellen Sylvia, who married Charles G. Rolfe, and died in 1864, in her thirty-fifth year; Dr. Henry P., a practicing physician in Beloit for over forty years; Rev. Dr. James W., president of Carlton College, in Minnesota, for nearly thirty years; and William B. The father was a farmer, merchant and hotel-keeper in Brownington and Montpelier, Vt., and in Beloit, coming to the latter city in 1851, and opening the "Beloit House," on the site of the present station house of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. He died in January, 1859, in his fifty-sixth year. His widow died in 1865, in her fifty-ninth year. Both were members of the Congregational Church. He was sheriff and deputy sheriff of Orleans county, Vt., for nearly thirteen years.

William B. Strong was fourteen years old

when he came to Beloit. When sixteen years old he had charge of the telegraph office in Beloit. Early in 1855 he was in charge of the telegraph office at Janesville, and was made agent for the old Milwaukee & Mississippi Railroad Co. at Milton. He was station agent at Whitewater for six months, and at Monroe for six months. He was returned to Janesville, where he represented the company for more than seven years, being called to McGregor at the expiration of that time to act as assistant superintendent of the McGregor Western railroad, now a part of the Milwaukee system. He served in this position two years. For three years he was in Council Bluffs, Iowa, as the general western agent of the Chicago & Northwestern, after which he was made assistant general superintendent of the Burlington & Missouri River railroad, and had his office at Burlington, Iowa. Two years later this line became a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and Mr. Strong went to Chicago as assistant general superintendent of the entire system. After two years spent in the employment of that corporation he was made general superintendent of the Michigan Central, and acted in this capacity for a period of two years. He was recalled to the "Q" system as its general superintendent, which position he held for two years, and then became vice-president and general manager of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad. In 1881 he was called to Boston, to take the office of president of this corporation, and there he remained until ill health necessitated his retirement, in 1889. In 1894 Mr. Strong made his permanent home in Beloit.

Mr. Strong and Miss Abby J. Moore were united in wedlock Oct. 2, 1859. She is a daughter of Holland and Meribah (Cheeney) Moore. Three children have been born to this union: Fred M., Ellen S. and William James Henry. Fred M., who graduated from Yale in 1882, is vice-president of the Second National Bank of Beloit; he married Miss Ella L. Ross, of Chicago, and they have three children, Leila Griswold, William B., and Henry Ross. Ellen S. married George A. Burdett, of Brookline, Mass., and they have three children, Elizabeth Martin, Ellen Moore and Silvia Strong; they now live at Newton Center, Mass. William J. H., now professor of rhetoric in the University of Wooster, at



*Wm B Strong*



Wooster, Ohio, was graduated from Harvard in 1893, and from Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, in 1898. Mrs. William B. Strong was the first white girl born in the New England colony that first settled Beloit, in 1838. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Strong are Congregationalists, and in politics he is a Republican. They live two miles out on the Beloit road, on what is known as the "Part-ridge" farm.

Among the many good deeds of this generous man and public benefactor was the gift of Gridley chapel, a beautiful brick edifice for religious worship, a memorial to his father. This noble structure was dedicated Aug. 27, 1899, and our subject's brother, Dr. James W. Strong, at that time president of Carlton College, at Northfield, Minn., delivered the memorial address, largely a character study and a historical sketch of their father and mother. A beautiful tribute was paid to the saintly character of the man, Elijah Gridley Strong, in whose memory the building is erected, and much stress was placed upon his devout spirit and high character; the address was throughout an eloquent presentation of the spiritual and religious side of the life of the man whose memory was thus honored. The name itself is significant as that of Capt. Gridley, who opened the dread engagement in Manila Bay, and in the Church is commemorated by Gridley Hall, at Carlton College, the gift of a New England cousin. Elijah Gridley Strong was a descendant in the sixth generation from Elder John Strong, of Northampton, Mass., who came from England in 1630, and became the father of eighteen children, fifteen of whom reared families of their own. No larger family in this country is known as descended from one progenitor.

**ULYSSES MILTON HUNGERFORD**, of the town of Watterstown, Grant county, is a well-known citizen of the county. He is one of five brothers who served as soldiers in the war of the Rebellion.

Mr. Hungerford was born in Livingston county, N. Y., April 12, 1834, son of Josiah and Elizabeth Hungerford, also natives of Livingston county, where all their children were born. Our subject learned the trade of a carpenter with his father, and attended the district schools of his native county during boyhood. In 1854 the family migrated from their

home in Livonia, Livingston Co., N. Y., to Kankakee, Ill., where the father died in November of the same year. The family came thence to Wisconsin, locating at Spring Green, and the mother survived to an advanced age, passing away Jan. 6, 1893, in Sauk county, Wis., at the age of nearly ninety.

It was in March, 1854, that our subject went from his native State to Illinois, and in the fall of the following year, 1855, he came to Wisconsin, stopping at Spring Green, Sauk county. In the spring of 1856 he removed to Crawford county, remaining there until August, 1857, when he went to Grant county, where, on Aug. 30, 1857, he was married to Sarah Carson, daughter of Lott and Margaret Carson, early settlers of Wisconsin, formerly of Lafayette, Ind. Mrs. Hungerford was born Oct. 9, 1836, in Tippecanoe county, Ind., and came to Wisconsin in 1854 with her parents. Soon after his removal to Grant county Mr. Hungerford became a permanent resident of the town of Watterstown.

On Dec. 28, 1863, our subject enlisted in the 6th Wisconsin Light Artillery, and in February of the following year the command proceeded to Huntsville, Ala. In June, 1864, the command started to join the army of Gen. Sherman, which was attacking Atlanta, and was detailed to guard the railroad bridge near Cartersville, while the siege was in progress. When Sherman started for the sea Mr. Hungerford went with his command to Nashville, and took part in the important events at that place under Gen. Thomas. From Nashville the command proceeded to Chattanooga, and from there to Madison, Wis., where it was discharged in July, 1865. Although not wounded, Mr. Hungerford lost an eye in the service, by accident, and suffered severely from scurvy, from the effects of which his health has never fully recovered.

The eldest brother of Ulysses M. Hungerford, Eugene C., was also a soldier. Born April 25, 1832, he was at the time of his enlistment a student in the Wisconsin State University, at Madison. In 1861 he entered the service, enrolling in Company H, 5th Wis. V. I., for three months, and after his honorable discharge re-enlisted. He was killed May 3, 1863, at the storming of Fredericksburg, under Gen. Burnside. This gentleman was a gallant soldier, and his death was greatly deplored. Edwin R. Hungerford, the second

brother of our subject, and third in the order of birth, enlisted in August, 1862, in the 6th Wisconsin Light Artillery, and died at Corinth, Miss., the same year. Thomas J. Hungerford, the next in order of birth, was born Dec. 20, 1840, and enlisted in October, 1861, when the battery was organized, serving until October, 1864. Owing to his arduous service his health was broken, and he died Aug. 15, 1881. Addison Hungerford, the fifth of this family to enter the service of the United States, was born March 7, 1845, and enlisted in the 47th Wis. V. I. in 1864, serving until the close of the war. He is now residing at Evansville, Wis. There were also two daughters in the family of Josiah and Elizabeth Hungerford: Martha, the eldest of the family, born July 14, 1830, died Oct. 29, 1865; Harriet E., born Aug. 15, 1836, died Dec. 2, 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Hungerford have a pleasant home, many friends, and enjoy the fruits of their early industry. Mr. Hungerford is an esteemed member of the local G. A. R. post, and can look back with pleasure on his career, both as a soldier and as a private citizen.

EDWIN F. CARPENTER has not rounded out the limit ascribed to middle life, yet he has already attained marked distinction in his chosen profession, the law. He comes of that rugged Green Mountain stock which gave to the army of the Revolution such men as Ethan Allen, as well as other heroes, whose names have been forgotten, while their deeds and achievements live in history.

Edwin F. Carpenter was born in Moretown, Washington Co., Vt., May 12, 1845, son of Ira Carpenter, who married (second) Rhoda S. Spofford. Both his parents were natives of the Green Mountain State. The father tilled the sterile soil of New England, with the average success attending farmers of his day and generation. He was a man of courage, enterprise and integrity, and it was, perhaps, these traits which especially commended him to the suffrages of his fellow citizens, who elected and re-elected him to the office of sheriff. He was born in 1798, and died in 1862, with his physical and mental faculties alike showing but little sign of impairment. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Annie, had four children, only one of whom, Cephas W., survives. His second wife, the mother of Edwin F. Carpenter, was Rhoda

S. Spofford, who died in 1881, in her seventy-third year. To this union came six children, three of whom are living, Ira M., Edwin F., and Albert N.

The father of Ira Carpenter, and the grandfather of Edwin F., was named Cephas. His birthplace cannot be definitely stated, but it is certain that he was born in either Connecticut or Vermont, and come from rugged Puritan stock. He was a man of rare mental power, as well as of recognized integrity; a gallant soldier in the war of 1812, and for many years a justice of the peace. He lived to be nearly eighty-nine years old, and his death was deeply mourned by his fellow citizens, who had learned to love him for his many virtues, as well as to respect him for his sound judgment and conservative public spirit. The maternal grandfather of Edwin F. Carpenter, the father of Rhoda S. Spofford, was also a Vermonter by birth, and of English descent. He was the father of a large family, and died at an advanced age.

Edwin F. Carpenter was born at Moretown, Washington Co., Vt., May 12, 1845, attended the country schools, and at the age of eighteen came West, locating at Beloit, Wis. There he entered the preparatory department of Beloit College, and later matriculated in the classical department, graduating in 1870. Proceeding at once to Janesville, he entered the law office of Cassidy, Merrill & Dixon, as a law student, and was admitted to the Bar the following year. In 1873, both Mr. Dixon and Mr. Merrill having withdrawn from the firm, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Cassidy formed a co-partnership for the practice of law, under the style of Cassidy & Carpenter. Since that date various changes in the firm have taken place. Mr. Cassidy was succeeded by Mr. S. J. Todd in 1880 or '81, and he in turn, the following year by E. D. McGowan. This business association continued for several years under the firm name of Carpenter & McGowan, and since its dissolution our subject has carried on practice without a partner. He has been eminently successful. He has a keen, analytic mind of a judicial cast, and has for the last six years ably discharged the responsible duties of circuit court commissioner. He has been twice elected city attorney, his period of service covering four years, and at present represents the Third ward of Janesville in the city council, having been elected on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Carpenter was married, Dec. 18, 1873, to Miss Emma A. Lappin, whose father, Thomas Lappin, married Mary J. Jackman. Two children have been born to them, Edwin Lappin and Henry F. Mrs. Carpenter is a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

EUGENE F. WARREN, one of the most prominent, successful and progressive business men of Albany, Green county, was born in Fort Covington, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., on June 30, 1833, a son of Lemuel and Betsy (Richardson) Warren, the former a native of Montpelier, Vt., and the latter of Washington county, N. Y. Three of their five children still survive: Dr. John H., of Cincinnati, Ohio; Lemuel H., of Albany, and our subject. Lowell Warren, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Marlborough, Mass., on Oct. 23, 1764. The family can be easily traced to the coming over of the "Mayflower." Lowell Warren was a blacksmith by trade, was in the battle of Quebec, and died at the close of the Revolutionary war. His son, Lemuel Warren, was a farmer who came to Janesville, Wis., in 1838, taking up 200 acres of land, which he afterward sold to the father of the late Frances E. Willard, it being her old home. In 1840, Mr. Warren removed to Union township, Rock county, and there took up 160 acres of land, five miles east of Evansville, which he improved and added to until he possessed about 400 acres. He died on the old home farm, Sept. 13, 1846, aged fifty-five years and ten months. His wife died in 1874, at Albany, Wis., aged seventy-seven. They were most worthy people, well-known and thoroughly esteemed, and belonged to the Universalist faith. Mr. Warren had been a soldier in the war of 1812, and was present at the battle of Plattsburg, and his widow received a land warrant for his services. The government in 1840 made him one of the first justices of the State, which office he held until the time of his demise.

Eugene F. Warren was five years old when his parents came to Rock county, Wis., where he grew to manhood. During his childhood and youth Indian boys were his play-mates, and they taught him to swim and to use a canoe. His educational advantages were limited, his sister being his teacher, she being the second one to fill the position in Rock county. Remaining on the farm until twenty years old,

Mr. Warren then entered in the employ of a grain firm in Janesville, remaining with them for one year and a half, spending the same time in the employ of the American Express Company, as its messenger. On July 5, 1854, he came to Albany, where he engaged in general merchandising, which he combined with milling, remaining in the former line for twenty-three years, and continuing the latter to the present time, with the exception of three years of army service.

On Aug. 13, 1861, Mr. Warren enlisted in Co. E, 13th Wis. V. I., assisting in recruiting the company, and was made its first lieutenant. In 1862 he was in the Army of Kansas, where there was severe service—no battles which stirred the country to enthusiasm, but the hardest kind of military duty, long marches over ice, and snow-covered prairies, often short rations and sickness. The following year he was transferred to the Army of the Tennessee, where his regiment engaged in fighting what was denominated "bush-whackers," and scouting, but was present at the battles of Forts Henry and Donelson. While there our subject was detailed as a judge-advocate of a general court-martial which continued in session for a period of three months, fifty-two cases being tried, and five of this number receiving the sentence of death. In the fall of 1863, Mr. Warren was ordered to Huntsville, Ala., thence to Stephenson, Ala., where, after a long and weary march, on short rations, he remained until November when he left that place to encamp in the village of Edgefield, opposite Nashville, Tenn., remaining there until the summer of 1864, when he returned to his home and business—at least, that is what he intended to do, but a week later he received from the Secretary of War an appointment to a captaincy in Maj.-Gen. Hancock's corps. As one of his brothers had accepted an appointment as U. S. revenue collector, and the other brother was in very poor health, Mr. Warren felt it wise to decline the flattering offer. His business needed his watchful eye, badly, and he decided to remain in Wisconsin.

In 1869 Mr. Warren built the flouring mill known as the mill of Warren & Tomkins, and in 1881 purchased the Albany Woolen mill, in 1896 adding an electric light plant, and now furnishes that necessity to the village. Among the business enterprises successfully managed by our subject, was that of the mail

and stage business, which, in connection with his brothers, was conducted as long as no railroads connected the Great Lakes with the Pacific slope. This gave employment to hundreds of men and horses, and was a public enterprise of great magnitude.

On Sept. 9, 1855, Mr. Warren was married to Miss Sarah S. Gleason, a daughter of Robert and Nancy (Jones) Gleason, and five children were born of this union: Mary E., now engaged in a millinery business, in Elgin, Ill.; Nellie, who married Frank Smith, of Madison, S. Dak., and has one daughter, Genevieve; Grace, who married Harry Hill, since deceased, lives in Elgin, with her sister, and has one daughter, Genevieve; William G., who died at the age of four; and Charles, who died at the age of twenty-two at Los Vegas, New Mexico, after having been in the employ of the U. S. Mail between Chicago and St. Paul, since he was sixteen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Warren are members of the Universalist Church, where they have the esteem of every one. Socially, Mr. Warren is a member of Albany Lodge, No. 36, F. & A. M.; and Evansville Chapter; also of Erastus Hoyt Post, No. 69, G. A. R. A very ardent Republican, Mr. Warren has been called upon to fill various offices, was chairman of the town board for twenty-seven years and of the county board for one term. With his brother, Dr. Warren, he was among the founders of the village of Albany, and the family has always been prominent in its commercial, social and educational affairs. Mr. Warren owns his own handsome residence, and also much other real estate in the town. A man who can be trusted, upright, honorable, progressive and energetic, Eugene F. Warren possesses the characteristics which make him a fit representative of this community. With a war record for gallantry and endurance, combined with the elements of a judicial mind, he well deserves the honor which his fellow citizens delight to render him.

**EVAN J. EVANS.** This name will be readily recognized by those familiar with the business personnel of Beloit, Rock county, as that of an enterprising and successful grocer of that city. He has won a good patronage, and is on the highway to solid and lasting prosperity.

Mr. Evans was born in the town of Em-

mett, Dodge Co., Wis., Jan. 28, 1864, and, as his name indicates, is of Welsh extraction. His great-grandfather, John Evans, born in 1737 on Lleged Enwin farm, near Cardigan, Cardiganshire, Wales, was a farmer. He had a family of five children.

John Evans, grandfather of our subject, born in 1777, on Tier-bach farm, near Mellin Gum, Llangadock Parish, Caermarthenshire, Wales, died April 12, 1838. He was a prosperous farmer. He married Ann Stephen Thomas, of Court farm, Mellin Gum, born in 1790, died Sept. 27, 1862. To this union were born nine children: Sarah, Mary, Margaret, Stephen, John, Thomas, David J., and Evan and William (twins), two of whom, John and David J., came to America. John, born Nov. 10, 1822, came to America in 1870, and until 1873 lived at Scranton, Penn. He then moved to Watertown, Wis., where he is still living, bringing his wife and family of five children—Thomas (a reporter for the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, now deceased), John, Mary, David and Margaret.

David J. Evans, father of our subject, born Aug. 11, 1831, at Llethergola, Llangadock, Wales, early in life made up his mind to come to America, and in 1851 boarded a sailing-vessel at Liverpool, England, which landed him at New York after a tiresome voyage of six weeks and one day. Thence he went to Pittsburg, Penn., where he found employment with a coal company at his trade, that of carpenter, and there worked until 1853, when he got the Western fever. From 1853 to 1854 he spent most of his time and money traveling through the Northwestern States in search of a fortune. In the summer of 1855 he settled at Watertown, Wis., where he found employment with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co., working at his trade until 1859, when he rented a farm of eighty acres, located on the North road, six miles north of Watertown, Emmett township. This farm he operated until 1865, when he bought eighty acres of land located in the northern part of the town of Emmett. In 1868 he bought another eighty acres of land, across the road, located on the south line of the town of Clyman, Dodge Co., Wis., this making a farm of 160 acres, to which he moved, and which he operated very successfully, living there until March 22, 1880. He then moved to a farm of 200 acres which he bought in the fall of



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1879, located in the town of Emmett, Dodge county, three miles north of Watertown, on what is known as the North road; this place was formerly owned by Griff Jones, and is now known as the "Silver Creek Dairy Farm." Mr. Evans still resides on this beautiful place, where his attention has been for the most part turned to stock raising, dairying and butter making, the butter from this farm having taken first prize at farmers' institutes, county fairs, and at the Milwaukee State fair. He also bought and ran the first self-binder (harvesting machine) in the county, a machine that bound with wire; later he bought one of the first twine-binders in his section, and he also bought one of the first steam threshing machines run in this section.

On March 31, 1857, Mr. Evans wedded Ann Lloyd, who was born March 4, 1839, at Gwynvyn, Merionethshire, North Wales, daughter of Evan and Catherine Lloyd, the former of whom died in Wales, in middle life. At the age of six years, in 1845, Mrs. Evans, with her widowed mother, brother John, and sister Catherine, boarded the sailing-vessel "Jamestown," at Liverpool, England, and after a voyage of four weeks they landed at New York City, where they took canal-boat to Utica, N. Y., living there up to 1855. While in Utica the mother was married to William Williams, of that place, and to this union was born one son, Griffith. From Utica they moved to Watertown, Wis., and on their arrival there at once bought a farm north of the city, in the town of Emmett, Dodge county, where they continued to reside up to the time of Mr. Williams' death, in 1870. Mrs. Williams then rented the farm and moved to the city of Watertown, where she lived up to about six months before her death, when she was taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. David J. Evans, dying there May 13, 1889. She was born Aug. 13, 1816. Mr. and Mrs. David J. Evans became the parents of five sons and three daughters: John, born May 25, 1858, who died in 1868; Evan J., born Jan. 28, 1864; David L., born July 8, 1866, a farmer of Pittsville, Wood Co., Wis.; Griffith W., born Dec. 19, 1868, a grocer at Waukegan, Ill.; Anna E., born Feb. 22, 1871, wife of John Slight, a farmer of Watertown; Catherine, born Aug. 12, 1874, a dressmaker, who lives at home; and John, born June 3, 1880, and Maud, born Dec. 27, 1883, also

at home. The parents are Congregationalists in religious faith. Mr. Evans is a Republican in political sentiment.

John Lloyd, Mrs. Evans' brother, born in 1837, died in 1894. He was one of the volunteers who enlisted in Company B, 29th Wis. V. I., at Watertown, Wis., to do his part in the Civil war, and served his full time of four years, during which he was engaged in quite a few battles. In 1874 he was elected assemblyman from his district to Madison, Wis. He was a Republican and a popular man in his town. From the close of the Civil war to about 1876 he conducted a farm in the town of Clyman, Dodge Co., Wis. In 1876 he sold the farm and moved to Randolph, Wis., where he bought a farm, and continued to live there up to the time of his death.

Evan J. Evans grew to manhood on his father's farm near Watertown, and had fair educational advantages. He worked hard during his boyhood, attending school only four or five months a year, during the winter terms, and while living at home on the farm in Clyman he had two and a quarter miles to walk each way, carrying his dinner with him. However, he made such good use of his time at the district school that when he was fifteen his parents decided to let him board with his grandmother Williams, in Watertown, and attend high school there, and he passed through both the high school and the Northwestern University of that place. It took hard study to keep up with his classes, as he was out of school during the spring and part of the fall term, working on the farm. When he was sixteen his father engaged an expert engineer to teach him how to run the threshing engine, of which he took charge for from two to four months each year for eight or nine falls—a farmer in spring, engineer in fall, student and later teacher in winter, for after completing his schooling he taught some eight or nine terms, proving very capable. But a business career had attractions for him he could not resist, and on April 19, 1890, he came to Beloit, opening a grocery store June 6, 1890. He has followed this business to the present time, and it is not saying too much to say that he has made it a decided success.

The wedding ceremonies of Evan J. Evans and Miss Meta Krueger were celebrated Sept. 24, 1890, at Watertown, Wis., and they have

had four children: Vera, born Jan. 13, 1893; Everett, Nov. 25, 1894; Aneta, March 5, 1890; and Elvin John, April 5, 1899. Everett died at the age of three months. Mr. and Mrs. Evans belong to the Safety Fund Insurance Society, Syracuse, N. Y., and to the Equitable Fraternal Union. Their bright and cheery home is at No. 133 Garfield avenue. Mr. Evans is a Republican in politics.

Mrs. Meta (Krueger) Evans was born June 29, 1868, in Emmett, Dodge Co., Wis., on the old family homestead. Her grandfather, Fritz Krueger, was born in 1789, and died in 1876, passing his entire life in Germany. He was a goldsmith, and a dealer in merchandise. Adolph Krueger, Mrs. Evans' father, was born in Domitz, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, Sept. 3, 1819, and was a goldsmith by trade. In June, 1849, he sailed from Hamburg, Germany, and landed at New York six weeks later. Thence he journeyed to Milwaukee, and in the fall of 1849 to Watertown, Wis., where he worked at his trade, and owned and ran a furniture factory until March 10, 1863, when he moved to a farm on the North road, three miles from Watertown, in Emmett township, Dodge Co., Wis. That place has ever since been his home. On Aug. 8, 1850, Mr. Krueger married Miss Anna Bruesch, and on Aug. 8, 1900, they celebrated their Golden Wedding. To this union were born four children: Ernest, born June 26, 1857, resides on the farm; Emma, born Sept. 27, 1859, is the wife of E. Lipman, a dry-goods merchant of Beloit, Wis.; Ida, born April 21, 1862, is the wife of A. F. Baumann, a contractor of Watertown, Wis.; Meta, born June 29, 1868, is the wife of Evan J. Evans, our subject.

Nicholas Bruesch, father of Mrs. Anna (Bruesch) Krueger, was born in 1809, at Chur, Graubunden, Switzerland. He was a merchant and hotel-keeper. In 1827 he married, and he and his wife had five children, two of whom died in Switzerland. In 1846 Mr. and Mrs. Bruesch, with their three children, boarded an American ship at Havre, France, and sailed across the Atlantic, reaching New York after a period of forty-two days. There they took a steamship for Buffalo, N. Y., journeyed from Buffalo to Chicago by rail, and by boat from Chicago to Milwaukee, Wis., thence to Watertown, where they resided until 1853, in which year Mr.

and Mrs. Bruesch both died, of cholera. Anna Bruesch, born Oct. 19, 1832, at Chur, Switzerland, became the wife of Adolph Krueger.

GEORGE W. ISRAEL, a retired farmer in the town of Paris, Grant county, was born in Michigan Feb. 9, 1837, a son of G. W. and Wealthy (Cobb) Israel, both natives of Erie county, Penn. Shortly after their marriage they removed west to Michigan, spending some years in that State, and coming to Platteville, Wis., in 1841. Mr. Israel did not remain in Platteville very long at that time, but soon moved to Iowa county, Wis., and in 1868 bought a farm in Boone county, Iowa, near the village of Boonesboro. Mrs. Israel died in Grant county, Wis., in 1846, and in 1852 Mr. Israel wedded Sarah Potter, who died in Boonesboro, Iowa, after the death of her husband in the same place.

George W. Israel is the only one of a family of four children born to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Israel, who lived to attain his maturity, the others all dying in infancy, or early childhood. In the common schools he received his education, and when the Civil war broke out, he enlisted in Company F, 20th Wis. V. I., and served in the Western Army, a greater part of the time under the command of Gen. Herring, of Dubuque. The 20th Wisconsin was engaged chiefly in Missouri and Arkansas, and was a participant in the battle of Prairie Grove, Gen. Price commanding the Rebel forces, where it was badly cut up. Mr. Israel saw service at Vicksburg, New Orleans, and at the capture of Mobile, the latter being his last engagement in the war. The 20th Wisconsin was a hard worked and gallant regiment, and during its service it is said to have marched over nine thousand miles. At Madison, it was honorably discharged from the government service.

Mr. Israel was a farmer in Boone county some three years after his return to civil life. In 1868 he married Miss Elizabeth Chapman, of Platteville, Wis. Mrs. Israel is the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Key) Chapman, old settlers in Grant county, who were born in England. When Wisconsin was still a territory they made a settlement on a farm near Platteville. The father died in 1883, and the mother in 1864. By his first wife Mr. Chapman was the father of three children: Rob-

ert. of Dakota; Mary Jane is the widow of John Parnell, of Platteville; and Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Israel, was born March 3, 1848.

Mr. Israel and his wife lived on Mr. Chapman's farm some six years, when he purchased the farm which is now their home in the town of Paris, where they at once located, and where they have lived to the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Israel are the parents of a family of five children: Thomas, born in Iowa in 1871, grew to manhood in Grant county, and is a resident of Platteville; Sarah, born in Platteville in 1873, is now the wife of James Hamilton, and lives on his farm in the town of Paris, where they are rearing a family of five children, Alice, Walter, Clyde, Ethel, and George; Robert, born in Platteville in 1876, is unmarried, and is a resident of this town; Fanny, born in 1883, graduated from the district school in 1896, and is considered the youngest graduate of the town of Paris; and Nora, born in 1887, is now a student of the public school. Mr. Israel is a Republican, and has been an active worker in the politics of the town. Both he and his wife are counted among the best people of the town, while his record as a soldier is that of a man who did his full duty to his country in her hour of peril.

CHARLES ATWOOD, one of the solid representatives of the commercial interests of Janesville, Rock county, is engaged in the ice business, under the firm name of the City Ice Co.

Mr. Atwood was born in Janesville March 6, 1852, a son of Volney and Catherine Ann Atwood, of whom a sketch will be found elsewhere. He was reared in Janesville, receiving his education in the very excellent schools of his native city, and when he reached mature years engaged in handling coal and wood. Being very successful in this line, after having been in business from 1871 to 1880 he branched out somewhat, adding ice to the commodities handled, and since 1887 has continued the ice business only. He and his partner are carrying on a large and constantly increasing trade, having built up their house by honest methods and prompt and efficient service.

On July 23, 1877, Mr. Atwood married Miss Alta M. Doty, daughter of E. Philo and Abigail M. (Austin) Doty, and eight children have been born to them: Volney D., Abbie A.,

Mary Lea, Harry Cummings, Charley Starr, William Williston (who died in May, 1900), Leo and Edward Philo. Volney D. graduated from the Janesville high school in 1894, and is now cashier for the American Express Co. at Green Bay, Wis. Abbie Atwood graduated from the Janesville high school in 1895, and has been a teacher in the public schools of the city since that time. Mary Lea, who graduated in 1898, is at home. Harry C., who graduated in 1900, is now in the Merchants & Mechanics Bank.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Atwood, Zuri Shaddai Doty, was a native of New York, and of the seventh generation in descent from the founder of the family in America, who came over in the "Mayflower." His father was a soldier in the Revolution, and Mrs. Atwood is a member of the Daughters of the Revolution. In 1841 Zuri S. Doty came West, settling in Rock county, Wis., and engaged in farming for some time, until he removed to Janesville and embarked in the manufacture of sashes, doors and blinds, and all kinds of millwright work. Later Mr. Doty went to Madison, then to Chicago, finally returning to Madison, where he died April 16, 1885, at the advanced age of eighty-one. During his long and useful life this good man made many friends, and his loss was deeply felt. He was three times married, and was the father of eleven children, all of whom grew to be highly respected men and women.

Ira Austin, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Atwood, was a native of New York State, and a blacksmith by trade. He came to Turtle, Rock county, in the early days of Wisconsin, and died at Madison at an advanced age. There were two daughters in his family.

E. Philo Doty, father of Mrs. Atwood, a native of Lockport, N. Y., left his native State when yet a boy, in 1841, and came West with his parents, who as above stated settled in Turtle, Rock county, removing thence to Janesville. After attaining mature years he engaged with his father in the sash, door and blind factory, and manufactured a specialty known as the Doty washing machine, the company producing it being known as the Doty Manufacturing Co. Mr. Doty continued in this business until his death, in 1869, when he was but forty-three years of age, and his widow (now aged sixty-eight) still survives, resid-

ing with her son-in-law, Judge Fifield. She is an Episcopalian, while Mr. Doty was a Universalist. Five children, two sons and three daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Philo Doty, of whom three are still living: Alta M., Mrs. Atwood; Edward Philo, of Janesville; and Anna S., wife of Judge Charles L. Fifield, of Janesville. One brother of Mrs. Atwood, Henry Doty, lived in Janesville many years, and died in 1894. He was secretary of the Doty Manufacturing Co., and also the founder of the incandescent light company in Janesville, being at first the proprietor, but later, as the increasing volume of business demanded, the concern was incorporated.

Mrs. Atwood is an earnest worker in and consistent member of the Episcopal Church, and both she and her husband are very popular. In their pleasant home, where Mr. Atwood has resided for twenty-five years, these two most estimable people dispense a cheerful hospitality, and are most justly numbered among the leading citizens of Janesville. Mr. Atwood is a member of the K. of P.; is a Republican in politics, and has served as school commissioner for two years. For twenty years he has been a member of the fire police. He was the first superintendent of the Janesville Street Railroad, holding that position until 1888, and contributed very materially to its success; the first horses purchased for use on the road were bought by Mr. Atwood.

FRANCIS ASBURY COOLEY, a retired farmer of Brodhead, Green county, is one of the older citizens of the county, where he has practically spent his entire life engaged in the cultivation of the soil. He was born in the town of Spring Grove, Green county, July 12, 1846, a son of William B. and Lucretia (Evans) Cooley, natives of New York and Kentucky, respectively.

William B. Cooley was a school teacher and Methodist minister. He came West in 1839, and taught school at Rock Island, Ill., where he was also a circuit rider for the church. In 1845 he married Lucretia Evans, who died in 1848, leaving two children: Francis Asbury and William M., of whom the latter, a railroad engineer for the past thirty years; resides in Chadron, Neb. After his wife died Mr. Cooley moved to Stephenson county, where he taught school, and later taught at what was known as the Basswood Church, in Green

county, Wis. In 1850 he married Mary A. Busser, and they had seven children, four of whom are now living: Ella, the wife of G. C. Aurand, of Bowdel, S. Dak.; James N., of the same place; Frank W., superintendent of schools at Calumet, Mich.; and Homer D., a lawyer, of Everett, Wash. The father lived at Brodhead a number of years, and died in 1871, at the age of sixty-five. His widow survived until 1899, when she died at the age of seventy-four. He was town superintendent a number of years in the early days, and held various town offices. His father was Lewis Cooley, a native of Holland, and an early settler in western New York, where he reared a large family, and died at an old age. The father of Lucretia (Evans) Cooley was Enoch Evans, a native of Virginia, who moved to North Carolina in pioneer days, and then into Kentucky, where he attained historic distinction as the first mail carrier in the State. He made his journeys on horseback, and had many exciting and perilous experiences. From there he moved to Indianapolis, Ind., when it was a fort, and his last days were spent at Monroe, Wis., with his son William, and he died at the age of one hundred and one, just as the old settlers were making ready to celebrate his birthday. He was the father of seven children.

Francis Asbury Cooley has lived his entire life in Green county, and has many interesting recollections of primitive pioneer days. He vividly recalls the manufacturing of matches by hand, frequently watching his uncle at this work, and he can describe also the shingle machine and tread-power threshers his grandfather used. He can locate the ground upon which stood the log cabin homes of various early settlers, as well as that where was erected the first cabin in the township. Mr. Cooley attended the district school and the Brodhead high school. When he became a man he worked for his father a time, and then rented a part of the farm, buying it later. He owns one hundred thirty acres in the town of Spring Grove, and engaged in its cultivation until 1882, when he moved to Brodhead, purchasing his father's home from his step-mother, and there makes his own home at the present time.

On Dec. 8, 1867, Mr. Cooley married Miss Samantha Alexander, a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Work) Alexander. They have one son, Walter E., who is now cultivating the

old home farm; he married Miss Minnie Atkinson, and has two children, Harry and Fred. Mr. and Mrs. Cooley are members of the Methodist Church, in which he is a trustee. Socially he is a member of the Bicknell Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M. Politically he is and always expects to be a Prohibitionist, and has served as supervisor one term and township assessor one year.

Frederick and Elizabeth (Work) Alexander, parents of Mrs. Cooley, were natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. They had ten children, and six of these are now living: Priscilla, the wife of Simon Hawk, of Clermont, Iowa; Mary Ann, the wife of Moses Slawson, of Brockway, Penn.; Joseph, of Oakley, Wis.; Samantha, the wife of Mr. Cooley; Hannah, the wife of Avery Tracey, of Oakley, Wis.; and Caroline, the wife of William Tracey. Mr. Alexander was a fuller by trade, and in later life became a farmer. He came to Stephenson county, Illinois, in the spring of 1855, and in that fall moved to Fayette county, Iowa, and settled on a farm, which he occupied until 1867. That year he moved to Oakley, Wis., where he farmed for a number of years. His wife died in 1886, at the age of seventy-three. He died in August of the following year, at the age of eighty. They were devout members of the Methodist Church.

JAMES G. KIRKPATRICK, deceased. To note in this biography that our lamented subject was born in 1813, takes the mind far back over an eventful epoch of history, to a time when there were no railroads or telegraphs, and the wonders of science without which we imagine we could scarcely exist were still undiscovered. But in those days brave men and women were born and lived eventful lives, often setting before the present generation examples of industry, patience, energy and indomitable perseverance which should not be lost upon it.

James G. Kirkpatrick was a native of the State of Georgia, a worthy son of James and Sarah (Pettajohn) Kirkpatrick, both of whom were reared in the South. Some time previous to 1832 they migrated to Illinois, and at that time, when the Territory of Wisconsin was opened up for settlement, the parents of our subject were among the first pioneers to venture into the wilderness. Locating near Arthur, in Grant county, they lived there until

many years had fallen upon them, and died surrounded by numerous descendants.

Our subject received his education in Illinois, there grew to manhood, and accompanied the family to Wisconsin, where he took part in the Black Hawk war, coming home unscathed. In 1840 he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Newman, the estimable daughter of John and Nancy (Jones) Newman. John Newman was born in Pennsylvania in 1793, and his wife was a native of Kentucky, born Dec. 6, 1803. After their marriage they lived in Madison county, Ill., until 1836, when they moved to Wisconsin and settled near Arthur, in Grant county, there passing the remainder of their lives. Mr. Newman erected upon a part of his property the first gristmill in Wisconsin. The eight children reared by Mr. and Mrs. Newman were: Caroline, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who was born March 8, 1821, in Illinois; Harriet, who married Alonzo Cushman, of Iowa county; Nelson, born in 1830, who lives in the State of Iowa; John, born in 1832, residing in Nebraska; Capt. Jefferson, born in 1833, who was killed in the battle of the Wilderness during the Civil war, while serving as captain of Company C, 7th Wis. V. I. (he left a wife and two children, who reside in Chicago); William, born in 1836, who crossed the Plains to California, and was drowned in crossing the Feather river, in 1862; Jane, born in 1839, married to Philo Medley, of Grant county; and Eliza, born in 1843, married to John Enloe, of Lafayette county.

After marriage our subject and his wife started to clear up a farm near Arthur, in Grant county, being among the pioneers in that locality. In those days the country still remained in many portions almost a wilderness, and the tales that Mrs. Kirkpatrick can still tell of that early time in the county are many and exciting, filled with adventures with Indians, with floods and prairie fires, but all of these events seem to have but strengthened in her that strong and helpful nature which still is shown at the advanced age of eighty years. In 1866 they sold this farm and bought another in Iowa county, which was also improved, and sold in 1900; Mr. Kirkpatrick's last purchase was in Belmont township, Lafayette county, which he made his home until his death, in 1897.

Besides cheerfully assisting her husband

as only a noble woman can, never complaining of the privations to which she was obliged to submit, Mrs. Kirkpatrick also bore and reared her family of five children to respected manhood and womanhood. We have the following record of the family: (1) Samuel, born in 1841 in Grant county, became a member of the 11th Wis. V. I., during the Civil war, served faithfully for four years, and now resides in Platteville. (2) Charles, born in Iowa county in 1845, married Anna Lytle, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Gillam) Lytle, of Lancaster county, Neb., the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Illinois. They were residents of Platteville until 1868, when they removed to Nebraska, where Mrs. Lytle died, and he is now a resident of Colorado. Mrs. Charles Kirkpatrick was born in Platteville in 1861. They reside on their farm in Cass county, Neb., and have one daughter, Bessie. (3) John, born in 1848, married Mary A. Davis, of Belmont, who died, leaving one son, Lewis E., who died in 1898, the father now living in South Dakota. (4) Isabel, born in 1851, married Charles Bomley, a farmer of Iowa county. (5) Nancy E., born in 1860, is the wife of Charles Martin, a farmer of Iowa county; his seven children are Dora, Ethel, Virgil, Rascal, Leo, Beulah, and Erma.

In politics our subject was always devoted to the principles of Jackson Democracy, and as nearly as possible lived up to them. Among the old neighbors and friends who have known Mrs. Kirkpatrick so long, and who affectionately remember our subject, this lovable and intelligent lady is passing a peaceful and happy old age. For many years the cares of life set heavily upon her, but she has now the great satisfaction of knowing that her children are all well placed in life, and her influence has gone out for good wherever she has been known. Many will be saddened when "grandmother" no longer greets them from her accustomed corner.

**JOHN BURGIN SMITH**, a well-to-do farmer in the town of Bradford, Rock county, was born May 6, 1842, on the place which he still owns, and adjoining the one on which he resides, and comes of an English parentage.

John Smith, his father, was born in England March 10, 1818, and accompanied his parents to the United States when he was a lad of eleven years. They settled in New York,

and moved from there to Michigan, where the elder Smith, named Joseph (the grandfather of John B.), was a contractor on government works in 1836. When that work was completed he moved to Chicago, and engaged in the business of a hotel-keeper until 1845, in which year he moved to Wisconsin, and purchased a farm near Madison, where he lived until his death, in 1868. His wife, Mary Yeatman, died about ten years earlier. They were the parents of six children, John, Alexander, Henry, Mary, Sarah and Caroline. All are deceased except the last named.

John Smith located at Bradford Center in 1839. He was a farmer. The first school, church and town meetings were all held in his house, and continued to be until suitable accommodations could be provided, which was not so easily done in pioneer days. Their various buildings were all erected later on property which he donated for sites. Mr. Smith was chairman of the town board of supervisors four years, and held public office continuously throughout life. He died in 1887, and his widow survived until 1896; their bodies are interred in Smithton cemetery. On May 14, 1840, at Naperville, Ill., Mr. Smith married Louisa Sargent, a daughter of John and Nancy (Burgin) Sargent, of New Hampshire, and they had four children, John B., Louisa A., Alfred C. and Edwin S. Louisa A. married George Wilcox and lives at Clinton, Wis. Alfred C. enlisted in Company E, 10th United States Infantry, at Lexington, Ky., and died July 28, 1867, at Fort Wadsworth, Dakota Territory. His body is buried in Smithton cemetery on the old homestead. Edwin S. married Flora Irish, of Clinton, Wis., and they are now living in that place. This family was instrumental in the organization of the Free Baptist Church of Bradford, and John Smith was among the most conspicuous of its founders. He was its main support during his life, and left the name of a devout Christian and a public-spirited and most benevolent character.

John Burgin Smith grew to manhood on the paternal acres, and received an impulse in the way of right living from his father's example that was potent in his formative days. He obtained his education in the public schools and in the academy at Allen's Grove, Wis., and when he became a young man was engaged in teaching with success. He did service as

a soldier in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, enlisting May 11, 1864, in Company A, 40th Wis. V. I., under the command of Capt. Samuel T. Lockwood. He responded to the call for one-hundred-day men, and spent the period of his enlistment in doing picket duty around the city of Memphis and helping repulse the Rebel Gen. Forrest's forces when they raided that city. He was honorably mustered out of service at Madison Sept. 21, 1864. Mr. Smith then sought a fortune in the gold mines of Montana, and spent five fairly successful years in the mountains, entering Montana in 1865, and returning home in 1871, to take the management of the old homestead farm; here has been his residence to the present time.

Mr. Smith and Miss Bertha Wright, daughter of William and Jessie (Taylor) Wright, of Janesville, Wis., were married Dec. 14, 1873. Mr. Wright was a harness maker, and had the reputation of being one of the very best workmen in his line in the State. He was born in Scotland, and came to this country in his early youth. Mr. Smith took a government contract for carrying the mails daily from Fairfield to Janesville, Wis., for a period of four years ending July 1, 1899, thereby securing a postoffice at Bradford Center, which he has kept in his house since, for the accommodation of the public. Rufus L. Rollins made an excellent record as a prompt and time-keeping carrier. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of the following children: Laura, born Jan. 14, 1875; Pearl, July 23, 1877; John Wright, April 13, 1879; and Jessie L., March 11, 1885. Laura is the present postmistress at Smithton, and was appointed by Postmaster-General Charles Emery Smith Feb. 28, 1900, to succeed her sister Pearl, who had held the office two years, and resigned to take up school teaching. Pearl is a graduate of the Clinton high school, and is now a student at the White-water (Wis.) Normal, preparing herself for her chosen work with zeal and a wise perception of its difficulties as well as advantages. Jessie is now a student at the Clinton high school, and expects to graduate in 1901. John, the only son, is at home, and is carrying on his father's farm, during the winter attending the agricultural department of Wisconsin University.

John B. Smith is independent in politics and religion, and is a man of sterling worth and character, highly regarded by his neigh-

bors and very successful in the management of his own affairs. He is a good neighbor and a generous friend.

OSCAR M. LOOMIS is a representative citizen of Grant county, and a veteran of the Civil war. His birth took place in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., in 1834, his parents being John and Melitabel (Hadley) Loomis, the former a native of Boston, Mass., a son of a Revolutionary soldier; the mother was of Scottish descent. The parents of Mr. Loomis moved from New York when Oscar M. was one year old, settling in Ohio, where they remained for nine years, and removing then to the Territory of Wisconsin, locating near Madison. Some years later they removed into Grant county, where their last days were spent, in the town of Mount Hope.

Oscar M. Loomis was one of a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, and four of the sons served their country during the Civil war, Benjamin, Joseph and Oscar M. being members of the 43d Wis. V. I. Benjamin is now a resident of Bassett, Neb.; Edwin, of Boscobel, Grant county; while Oscar M., after his army service and several changes, has become one of the solid men of Fennimore, Grant county. It was in 1854 that Mr. Loomis entered into agricultural pursuits at Mount Hope, and there married Jane Tum-berry, a lady of English descent.

In 1864 Mr. Loomis enlisted, at Woodman, Grant county, was enrolled at Madison Sept. 16 as a member of the 43d Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war, his health necessitating some three months' detention in the hospital. After his return home Mr. Loomis again resumed farming, some time later removing to the town of Woodman, where he continued that pursuit. Like many others, Mr. Loomis found that the hardships of army life had seriously impaired his health, and he finally decided to make a change in his occupation, with this end in view removing to Werley, Grant county, where he engaged in merchandising for a period of nine years, and was station agent at that place. The next four years he spent in South Dakota, since which time he has been a resident of Fennimore, with the exception of one winter which he spent in the South in search of health.

Mr. Loomis lost his first wife Oct. 28, 1877, she leaving a family of six children: Joseph,



Daniel, John, Mary, Nellie and Bessie. Mr. Loomis was married later to Mary Eaton, and he and his estimable wife are valued members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Loomis is also a member of Sam Monteith Post, G. A. R., at Fennimore, and enjoys the esteem of his associates. They can sympathize with him on account of his poor health, as their army experience is responsible for the breaking down of many an old soldier.

ARABUT LUDLOW, deceased. Few if any names are so intimately written in the inner and vital history of Monroe as that of Arabut Ludlow, farmer, merchant and banker. Gifted with that quality of good judgment that sees while the many are blind, spurred by a spirit of restless endeavor, grounded in inflexible principles of integrity, it might have been predicted that in whatever field of action he chose to exercise his talents success would have attended him. Like many other men who have risen in the world, his boyhood days were environed with obstacles and disadvantages, as if fortune, to emphasize the merit of her favored sons, had made their growth a question of strenuous endeavor.

Mr. Ludlow was closely identified with the development of Green county, Wis., for more than a half century. A Vermonter by birth, he came to the Badger State a youth of twenty years, with courage in his heart, seeking a career in the then distant West. He was born in Burlington June 21, 1818, son of James and Rosanna (Morton) Ludlow. The father was a farmer of Burlington, and the only son of a farmer of English ancestry, who lived to a good old age. To James and Rosanna Ludlow were born three children who lived to maturity: Arabut; Jane, who married Addison Macomber; and Rosanna, who married Benjamin Chenowith, of Monroe. The mother died when the youngest child was a babe, and the father for his second wife married a Miss Alexander, by whom he had one son, now deceased. The father died comparatively young in life, while visiting in New York State.

The boyhood of Arabut Ludlow was spent at the home of an uncle. He received a good education in the common schools and academy of his day, and when sixteen years of age went to live with a Mr. Waterman, who, in connection with farming, operated a carding machine and starch factory. To Mr. Waterman's care

and counsel Mr. Ludlow was indebted largely for his business education, though from his mother he had inherited marked business qualities. Mr. Waterman was like a father to him, schooling him in sterling business principles, and intrusting him in a measure with the management of the carding machine and starch factory. And here during those critical formative years from sixteen to twenty Arabut Ludlow developed that sagacity and ability which attended his subsequent business career. At twenty he was ready to face new conditions. With \$50 capital he left his native State in 1838 for distant Michigan, where for two years he carried the mail, on an Indian pony, between Grand Rapids and Livingston Center. Having saved his earnings, he in the fall of 1839 went to Chicago, then a struggling village. He had sold goods on his travels, and reached Chicago with a team. His services were engaged to make a trip to Green Bay, conveying a load of goods and bringing back furs. Soon discovering that there was profit in this transportation, he engaged in the business for himself, gradually shortening the trips until they ended at Madison, trading general merchandise for furs, or paying cash for the same. Mr. Ludlow conducted a thriving trade until 1846. On March 3 of that year he married, in Winnebago county, Miss Caroline C. Sanderson, daughter of John and Lydia (Harris) Sanderson, and in October of that year located at Monroe, where he started a general store and engaged actively in mercantile pursuits for many years, becoming one of the most prominent business men of Green county. In 1857 he erected a fine country home on the farm, a half mile north of the city, to which he removed with his family in that year, and where he continued to reside until his death, almost forty years later. He accumulated much property, owning at one time 2,100 acres of farm land, in addition to much real estate in the city. He improved considerable of this property, erecting among other structures the "Ludlow Hotel."

In 1854 Mr. Ludlow opened an exchange at Monroe. Two years later the firm of Ludlow, Bingham & Co. was organized, and obtained a State charter as the Bank of Monroe. In May of that year the first notes of the bank were issued. In 1864 the First National Bank of Monroe was organized, and into it in June, 1865, the old Bank of Monroe was merged,



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Mr. Ludlow purchasing a large interest, and taking with him J. B. Galusha, who had been cashier of the Bank of Monroe from its organization. Mr. Galusha was elected cashier of the First National Bank, in which capacity he remained until his resignation, in 1887. Mr. Ludlow became a director in 1865, and remained on the board until his death. In 1870 he was elected vice-president, and three years later became president, holding the position continuously until his voluntary resignation, Jan. 1, 1894. He was the guiding spirit in the management of the bank, which was as well known by the name of "Ludlow's Bank" as by its real title. All his business affairs were conducted with energy and decision, but in manner and sentiment he was genial and good-humored, known to all his old friends as "Lud."

In politics Mr. Ludlow was a strong Republican. He was deeply interested in political questions, and lent his personality and force of character to the cause he espoused. But he was in no sense an office seeker. He served, however, as a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia that nominated Gen. Grant for the Presidency. The death of Mr. Ludlow occurred April 5, 1896, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His widow survives, and still resides in the old homestead.

Mrs. Ludlow is a native of Cambridge, Mass., and a representative of several old New England families. Her parents were natives of Massachusetts, and her father was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was of Scottish ancestry. Her maternal grandfather was of English extraction, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war, participating in the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill and other engagements. Her daughters are now members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her son, Willis, is a Son of the American Revolution. To John and Lydia (Harris) Sanderson were born three children, all living, namely: Caroline C., Mrs. Ludlow; John Sanderson, of Louisiana, Mo.; and Lydia, widow of Josiah Richardson, of Brodhead, Wis. The mother died when Caroline C. was a child, and the father married for his second wife Miss Martha Blood, by whom he had one child who grew to maturity, Harriet, now widow of Cyrus Putnam, of Brodhead. Mrs. Ludlow came with her father to Chicago in the spring of 1839,

and thence moved with him to Rockford, Ill. She was twenty-one years of age at the time of her marriage to Mr. Ludlow, in 1846.

To Arabut and Caroline C. Ludlow were born seven children, namely: Henry, Edwin, Irving, Willis, Addie, Nettie and Nellie. Henry is president of the First National Bank of Monroe; he married Alida Condee, and they have three children, May, Charles and Addie. Edwin is unmarried, and lives at the old homestead. Irving died young. Willis is a farmer, and lives in Monroe; he married Lottie Meeker, and they have two children living, Hattie and Harris. Addie married Homer Bingham, of Monroe; they have one daughter, Helen, and now live in Denver, where he is engaged in the lumber business. Nettie died at the age of two years. Nellie married John Flower, a real estate dealer of Denver; they have two children, Caroline and Ludlow.

MATTHEW J. WILLIAMS, a prominent farmer of Benton, Lafayette county, is a citizen whose life extends back to the days when this vicinity was the borderland for Western civilization, and who has performed a part of the hard labor necessary to develop the then unbroken wilderness. He was born in the town of New Diggings, Lafayette county, Nov. 3, 1834, and his father was Capt. Matthew Williams, of pioneer fame.

Capt. Matthew Williams was born in Cornwall, England, in 1781, and his wife, Mary Johns, was born in 1787. Their marriage was celebrated in England, and there they lived until after the birth of their seventh child, when Mr. Williams came to America to found a new home and prepare for the coming of his wife and children. He worked in the mines in Pennsylvania for a short time, and then came on to Wisconsin, purchasing land near Benton, on which he prospected for mineral two or three years. The year 1832 found him enrolled in the United States service, and an active participant in the Black Hawk war. When that sharp struggle was ended he returned to England, rejoining his wife and family. They started for America on a sailing-vessel, and landed in their new home in June, 1834. After his return to Wisconsin Capt. Williams engaged in mining, and was the discoverer of the noted "Buncome Mine." in Lafayette county. The remainder of his life was devoted to farming and mining, and he was widely known

among the pioneers, taking an active part in the arduous public affairs of the day. He was a member of the Old-line Whig party, and took a keen interest in the political questions of the hour. His death occurred in April, 1843, and that of his good wife, who had borne with him all the trials and hardships of frontier life, in March, 1862. They left one son and four daughters: (1) Matthew J. is mentioned below. (2) Ann married W. R. Sampson, in England, and came to this country with her parents. They first located in Lafayette county, and later moved to Iowa county, where she died on a farm near Ridgeway, leaving a family, of whom are yet living—Mary J., wife of James S. Taylor, of Palmyra, Mo.; W. R., who was a soldier in the Civil war, now a resident of Nebraska; Samuel W., a resident of Nebraska, formerly a member of the "Bloody 2d" Wisconsin Regiment, serving throughout the Civil war; James T. (a lieutenant of the 12th Wis. V. I. during the Rebellion), also a resident of Nebraska; and Rev. Matthew W., a minister of Fremont, Neb. (3) Phillippa, born in 1824, married Judge A. C. Brown, now of Jackson, Cal. They first lived in Grant county, Wis., where he practiced law, and in 1850 moved to California, where he became judge of the courts and a very prominent man. Mrs. Brown died in 1896, leaving three children out of a family of thirteen—Mary, Maggie and George. (4) Mary married Edwin Johns, of Galena, Ill., where she died soon after her marriage. (5) Elizabeth, born in 1826, married William G. Thompson, a lawyer of New York State, later of Illinois, where he died, leaving three children—Matthew W., W. G., and Henry C., of whom W. G. is now the only survivor. Mrs. Thompson for her second husband married James S. Taylor, and located on a farm in Seymour, Lafayette county, later going to Missouri, where she died in July, 1860.

Matthew J. Williams, the only one of his generation yet living, received but a limited education in the primitive schools of New Digings. He early began farming and mining, and after his father's death became an important factor in the support of the family. His mother made her home with him up to the time of her death, in 1862. He settled on the old homestead near Benton, and has made that his home practically all his life, with the sole exception of two years passed in the mines of

California, Idaho and Montana. He was fairly successful as a miner, but returned to his old home, where he has followed mining and farming together ever since. He is enterprising and industrious, and his highly cultivated fields give abundant evidence that he has a thorough knowledge of his work.

In 1860 Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Mary Alexander, daughter of William and Mary Alexander, an old pioneer couple who came to this country from County Tyrone, Ireland, and located in Benton, where they both died. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were the parents of the following children: John, of Dubuque, Iowa; Jane, wife of Richard Dent, of Benton; Eliza, wife of Jackson Brandsetter, of East Dubuque; William, of Cuba City, Grant Co., Wis.; Thomas A., of Shullsburg, Wis.; and Mary, Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Williams was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, Dec. 24, 1839, and died Jan. 6, 1901, a kind and loving wife and an affectionate mother. She was a faithful member of the Christian Church, and steadfastly endeavored to carry out her professions in her daily life. She was the mother of nine children, as follows: Mary L.; Benjamin F.; Lavena P., who died in childhood; William R. S., a railroad conductor, born in January, 1861, who married Nora Mac Breen, of Dubuque, and has one child, Marguerite; Frank B., born in December, 1864, who when a young man entered the gold fields of the Pacific coast, has visited the mines of New Mexico, traveled all over the gold fields of the West and East, and is now the owner of a gold claim in Dawson City, Klondike; Mary Luella, born in 1869, who married James E. Miller, of Lead Mine, Lafayette county, and has had four children, James L., Matthew W., Joseph L., and Mary Viola, the last named having died in childhood; Henry C., a miner in Livingston, Wis., born in 1871, who married Maggie McCauley, and has two children, Viola and an infant unnamed; George W., born in 1874, an industrious and highly respected young man, now manager of the home farm; and Lavena, born in September, 1880, educated in the home schools, who has remained at home taking care of her parents and nursing her mother through the latter's last illness. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and presides over the old home with much grace and dignity.

Politically Mr. Williams was first a Whig,

and then, with the formation of the Republican party, cast his ballot in support of the new organization, and has since remained an unflinching adherent of its principles. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 21, of Benton; he was a charter member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Lead Mine, having joined thirty-three years ago, and has been a member of the Benton lodge since its organization, having helped to form it. While a member of no religious denomination, he has been a liberal supporter of all church work, and has given generously to benevolent purposes, regardless of creed or sect.

FELIX C. BENNETT, a prominent citizen of Green county, Wisconsin, is at the present time living in the city of Monroe, retired from all active association with business of any sort. He has been intimately identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of the county for many years, and has always been regarded as one of its representative men. Under the first and second administrations of President Cleveland he was postmaster at Monroe, and proved a capable and popular official.

Mr. Bennett was born in Licking county, Ohio, March 28, 1839, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Donnelly) Bennett, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters, all but one of whom are now living: Felix C.; Joseph, of Monroe; Angeline, the wife of William Parks, of Hampton, Iowa; James W., of New Birmingham, Texas; Nancy A., the wife of Asa Bailey, of Thornton, Iowa; and Wiley, deceased. The father was a farmer. He went to Ohio with his parents when a boy, and spent his earlier years in that state. In 1854 he moved to Wisconsin, and located on a farm of four hundred acres in Washington township, seven and a half miles north of Monroe. He made his home on this farm until 1870. That year he sold out all his real estate and moved into Monroe, and lived in that city until his death, in 1897, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. His wife survived him until March, 1900, when she passed away at the age of eighty-six. They had lived together nearly sixty-five years, and were members of the Christian Church. He had been a man of considerable importance,

and had held various township offices when younger and more active. His father, Joseph Bennett, was of English and German descent. Mrs. Bennett's parents, Felix and Charity (McGuire) Donnelly, were of Scottish descent.

Felix C. Bennett lived in Licking county, Ohio, until he was about fifteen years old. His father was keeping a hotel at Newark during the Mexican war, and in that Ohio city Mr. Bennett grew to the age of fifteen years, when he came to Wisconsin, in company with his parents, and lived on their Green county farm for many years. He obtained a very good education in the public schools, and is a wide reader, and a deep thinker on live public questions. The business career of Mr. Bennett began by the rental of farm land in Monroe township, which he held for three years. Then the young farmer bought an eighty-acre tract in the same township, which he improved and occupied until 1875. That year he moved into Monroe, and engaged in the grocery business. He continued in that line for some twelve or fifteen years, doing very well as a tradesman and building up a fine patronage. When President Cleveland became the official head of the country it was a problem who should succeed the retiring postmaster of Monroe. Mr. Bennett easily demonstrated his possession of a standing as the leading Democratic politician of the city, and he was accordingly appointed, both in 1888 and in 1896, his second term of office expiring January 31, 1900.

In May, 1864, occurred the marriage of Felix C. Bennett and Miss Catharine Bell, the daughter of William and Nancy (Hauger) Bell. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett became the parents of two sons and two daughters, Clay W., Estella, and twins who died in infancy. Clay W., a dentist in Monroe, is the subject of a sketch found elsewhere in this work. He married Ida Roderick, and they have two children, Byron and Catherine. Estella married George E. King, a druggist in Janesville, and has one child, Helen. Mrs. King graduated from the Whitewater Normal, and for a number of years was engaged in teaching. Mrs. Catharine Bennett, the first wife of our subject, died in 1879. She was a member of the Christian Church, and a woman of fine character. Mr. Bennett was again married, Dr. Hannah C. Russell, daughter of John and

Hannah (Rolfe) Russell, becoming his wife March 9, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are associated with the Christian Church. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and politically is a staunch Democrat. He has served as supervisor and member of the county board from the First ward of the city of Monroe. Mr. Bennett built his present residence in 1893.

HON. JAMES H. CABANIS, who served as mayor of Platteville, Grant county, in 1900, was born in Springfield, Ill., Dec. 25, 1838, a son of George E. and Mary A. (Lanterman) Cabanis, who were the parents of two children: Jasper N. and James H., of whom more will soon be said.

George E. Cabanis was born in Kentucky in 1817, and when a young man located in Springfield, Ill., where he married Miss Lanterman, and where he followed his trade of carpenter until 1845—working in his earlier days on a boat for Abraham Lincoln. In the year last named he brought his family to Smelser township, Grant county, Wis., where he passed away in 1892, and where his widow still resides.

Jasper N. Cabanis, alluded to above, was born in Springfield, Ill., in 1836, was brought to Smelser when about nine years old, was here educated in the Platteville Academy, and here grew to manhood. Not long after the Civil war broke out he enlisted, in the 25th Wis. V. I., and died while in the service, leaving his widow, who had borne the maiden name of Hannah Richards, with one son, Leon, who now resides at Storm Lake, Iowa.

James H. Cabanis, who was but seven years old when brought to Smelser, was also educated in the old academy of the town, and for six or seven years thereafter taught in the public schools of the county. In 1867 he married Miss Ada H. Haney, a native of Grant county, and a member of one of the oldest pioneer families of Wisconsin. At marriage Mr. Cabanis settled in Georgetown village, where he was engaged in mercantile trade for over thirty years, and he also owned a large farm near by, which he cultivated to a considerable extent. In 1895 he came to Platteville, and engaged in the gents' furnishing trade and in tailoring, succeeding beyond his expectations in this line.

In 1898 Mr. Cabanis, who had become very popular both as a tradesman and as a politi-

cian, was elected mayor of Platteville on the Republican ticket by a large majority, having qualified himself for this important and responsible office by having previously filled several offices of trust and honor in Grant county, such as member of the town board of Georgetown and representative from his district in the State Legislature, in 1881 and 1882. As mayor of Platteville he exhibited great executive ability, and filled his seat with grace and dignity.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cabanis have been born four children, in the following order: Mary, a graduate in music from Evanston Conservatory, Ill., and now the wife of Simon Clark, of Grant county, and the mother of three children, Florence, and the twins, Donald and Harold; Frank, who is vice-president of the Big Patch Zinc and Lead Co., of Grant county, and is manager of the mines; Harry, bookkeeper for his father; and Jennie F., a student at the State Normal School in Platteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Cabanis have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for more than thirty years, and still take an active part and interest in its work. Fraternally Mr. Cabanis is a Mason. He has been one of the most successful of business men, and, with Mr. Reed as his partner, owns the largest tailoring and gents' furnishing store in the city of Platteville.

HANNAH C. BENNETT, M. D., wife of Felix C. Bennett, is a daughter of John and Hannah (Rolfe) Russell, and granddaughter of Richard Russell and of Thomas and Nancy (Bailey) Rolfe. She has won a high standing in the city of Monroe, Green county, where she has lived for many years. The novelty of a woman physician may have served to attract attention in the early days, but her modest and unassuming character, genuine worth, and thorough mastery of her profession, command the confidence and trust of the public to a marked degree.

John Russell and his wife were natives of Kent, England, and when they emigrated to this country, in 1850, were accompanied by their six children, born in England. They located in Sussex, Waukesha Co., Wis., where they had one child born to them. Their children were: Sarah, wife of George Hall, of Rio, Wis.; Matilda, wife of George Greengo,



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of Sussex; Dr. Hannah C.; Mary, widow of Owen Cordy, near Cambria, Wis.; John, of Cambria; Rolfe, of Waukesha; and Catherine, who died at the age of twenty-four. The father was a boot and shoemaker, and died in Sussex in 1883, aged seventy-four years. His wife died in 1888, aged seventy-six. They were Episcopalians. His father, Richard Russell, died in England when sixty years of age; he had ten children. He was an overseer and a lumber lawyer. Thomas Rolfe, the father of Hannah, mentioned above, was a farmer, and died in England, aged eighty-six years. He had six children.

Dr. Hannah C. (Russell) Bennett attended the common school at Sussex, and later was a student at Carroll College, Waukesha. She secured a good education, and taught school for ten years. About this time her attention was turned to the field that opened before women in the practice of medicine, and, feeling some natural adaptation to the profession, she took up the study of that science, and was graduated from the Women's Medical College in Chicago in 1876. Her own home became the field of her first practice after her graduation, and there the Doctor was engaged for five years. In 1881 Dr. Russell came to Monroe, and here she has been continuously engaged in her profession to the present time. She married Felix C. Bennett in March, 1882, and finds in her gifted and successful husband a noble associate in making life useful and helpful to the world.

NICHOLAS H. BROWN, one of the many natives of Yorkshire, England, who have contributed no little part toward the development of southwestern Wisconsin, was born in December, 1840, son of Joseph and Prudence Brown.

Joseph Brown brought his wife and family to America in 1850, and settled in the town of Benton, Lafayette county, where he found employment in the lead mines, at which he continued for three years, or until he had saved enough to purchase a farm east of Shullsburg, whither he removed. He then made farming his occupation, and greatly improved his land, continuing to reside thereon until his death, in 1864. After the death of her husband Mrs. Brown moved to Shullsburg, where she made her home until her death, in 1874. Ten children were born to this worthy couple, but two

of whom survive: Isabel, born in Wisconsin, now the wife of James Prouse, a well-to-do farmer of Swartwout, Miss.; and Nicholas H.

Nicholas H. Brown had received a fair education in England before the removal of the family to this country. After they located in Wisconsin it was necessary that he go to work to contribute to the family fund, which he did, accompanying his father in the lead mines for three years, and assisting in the cultivation of the farm after its purchase. In 1874 he moved to Shullsburg, where for two years he was engaged in the grocery business, but since 1878 he has lived retired. Upon his determination to make Shullsburg his home he purchased a good home, which he still continues to occupy.

In 1867 Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Miss Annie Harrison, born in 1844, daughter of James and Martha Harrison. She was educated in the thorough schools of Alton, Ill., acquired a good literary training, and is a charming, cultured, Christian woman, who has devoted much of her life to doing good to those about her. No children have come to this marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and always to be found where there is good work to be done. In politics Mr. Brown is affiliated with the Republican party, but not in the sense of being an office seeker. He is highly respected, and bears a reputation for dealing justly with all men. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason, holding membership in Amicia Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., Shullsburg; Darlington Chapter; and Galena Commandery, No. 40.

James and Martha Harrison, the parents of Mrs. Brown, were pioneer residents of Wisconsin, formerly of Illinois. James Harrison was born in Virginia in 1807, and his wife Martha in Kentucky in 1820. After their marriage they settled in Alton, Ill., making that their home until 1845, when they came to Monticello township, Lafayette county. There his death occurred in July, 1873. Mrs. Harrison made her home after the death of her husband with her daughter, Mrs. Brown. They were the parents of four children: (1) Augusta, born in Illinois in 1838, died in April, 1883. She married Edward Vanvoorhis, who was born near the Hudson river, in New York, in October, 1826, and they resided on a farm near Gratiot for some years, then pur-

chasing a farm east of Shullsburg. They were the parents of six children—Cornelia, wife of Daniel Kramer, of Shullsburg; William, who died in young manhood; George, deceased in early manhood; Ione, deceased; Dr. James H., a graduate of the Northwestern Medical College, of Chicago, now a practicing physician; and Isabel, who on account of failing health has made her home in Los Angeles, Cal., for five years. Mr. Vanvoorhis makes his home with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Brown. (2) William H., born in 1840, in Illinois, now a successful physician of Houston, Texas, was a surgeon of the 4th Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry during the Civil war. (3) Isabel, deceased, a graduate of Mount Morris (Ill.) Seminary, and for a number of years a teacher in that institution, became the wife of Rev. Amos Patton, of Chicago. They resided at Lockport, Ill. She became the mother of two children—Clarence, who died in childhood; and Harrison, a popular teacher in the Illinois public schools. (4) Annie is now Mrs. Brown.

DAVID W. WATT. The family of Watt, or at least that branch thereof to which David W. Watt belongs, is of Scottish lineage. His paternal grandfather, who was also named David, a well-to-do farmer, was born in Virginia, and removed to Ohio early in life. He was the father of seven children. He died in 1868, at the age of sixty-nine.

David Watt, son of David, was the father of the influential citizen of Janesville whose life is under review. He was a farmer, as was his father, and like him, too, became dissatisfied with his surroundings in early manhood. In 1849 he went with his family from Ohio, his native State, to Wisconsin, locating first at Janesville, and removing within a few months to Green county. There he remained until 1872, his home being near Monroe. In the year last named he determined to go yet farther West, and bought a farm in the town of Hamilton, Franklin Co., Iowa. There he died six years later, in his sixty-first year, his widow following him to the grave in 1893, after attaining the age of threescore and ten. Her maiden name was Ruth Ball, and her father, Farlin Ball, who was a millwright, removed from Vermont to Wisconsin in 1849. He bought land near Monroe, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of

seventy-two, respected by his neighbors. He and his wife reared a family of eight children. To David and Ruth Watt were born five sons and three daughters, of whom seven are yet living: John M., the sheriff of Franklin county, Iowa; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Nye, of Hampton, in that State; George F., a resident of Hawarden, Iowa; Zanna, Mrs. Joseph Noggle, of Hampton; Charlotte (married); Quigley, of Iowa Falls; and David W.

David W. Watt was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, April 24, 1849, and was reared upon his father's farm in Green county, Wis. He began life's battle in 1868, when, a youth of nineteen years, he came to Janesville to enter the store of Colvin & Farnsworth, as clerk. After eighteen months' experience there he went to Chicago, where for a year he filled a position with Field, Leiter & Co. At the end of that time he returned to Janesville, and for two years following was successfully engaged in the livery business. This venture made him acquainted with many showmen, and he concluded to embark in that branch of business himself. His first associate was Burr Roblins, with whom he remained four years. For the next eight years he was connected with the Forepaughs, and for a year with Bailey & Cooper. His connection with these enterprises carried him into every quarter of the Union. While with Forepaugh & Bailey he acted as treasurer and ticket agent, and through his alertness and facility earned the sobriquet of the "lightning ticket seller." Returning to Janesville, he settled down to a more quiet life, embarking in business as a real-estate agent, in which he has been very successful.

Mr. Watt was married Jan. 4, 1872, to Josephine M., a daughter of Lorenzo and Mary Ann Dearborn, and they have had two sons, William W. and Bertie Lorenzo. The elder is a reporter on the staff of the *Janesville Daily Gazette*, and the younger a clerk in a shoe store. Mr. Watt is a Republican in politics, and at present (1900) holds the office of city assessor, a position for which he is well qualified by native ability, knowledge of men and recognized integrity.

RAMSEY BEAUMONT, a retired farmer, and the present mayor of Belmont, is one of the representative citizens of Lafayette county, and a man whose honorable life and upright

character deserve a prominent place in the pages of a publication such as this.

Mr. Beaumont is a native of Yorkshire, England, born June 27, 1838, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hatfield) Beaumont, both English born and bred. Joseph Beaumont, with his wife and four children, in 1845, crossed the ocean and came to Platteville, Wis., where he died in August, 1846, leaving his family alone and in a strange land. Mrs. Beaumont, however, was a woman of a brave spirit, and she settled in that town, determined to keep her children together, and give them a schooling that would fit them for a successful career in the new country. And there, after two years, she married her second husband, John Mareatt, of that city. He was also English born and bred, and a man of much energy and force of character. They moved to Kendall township, in 1850, and settled near what is locally known as the "lighthouse," put up by Stephen Rockwell, to show people the way across the prairie at night. Ramsey Beaumont was the eldest child of his parents, and his brother George their second son. Both were born in England. They were old enough at the breaking out of the Civil war to enlist, and George became a member of Company E, 11th Wis. V. I., under Col. Harris, a West Point graduate. The regiment was in service during the entire war, having re-enlisted in February, 1864, and mustered in as a veteran organization, and was in some of the most stirring scenes and battles of that great struggle. It was mustered out in June, 1865. While in the service Mr. Beaumont contracted chronic diarrhea, and he died six weeks after returning home. During his service he had a furlough, came home, and married Miss Elizabeth Good, daughter of Charles Good, of Elk Grove, Lafayette county. No children were born to this union. Mary Beaumont, born in England, is now the wife of Henry Feathers, a retired farmer of Belmont, and is the mother of eleven children. Mariah Beaumont, born in England, is the widow of Arthur Brewer, of Cuba City, Grant county, and has a family of six children, William, Minnie, Richard, Frank, Albert, and Wallie. Joseph Beaumont, born in Platteville, in December, 1845, is now living on his farm in Adams county, Iowa. He married Anna Blewit, of Lafayette county, and they have had a family of four children; Mary, Nellie, Willie and Emma.

Ramsey Beaumont grew to manhood on the farm, and received his education in the district schools, and, though it was neither very profound nor extensive, he was a close student, and has made the most of the somewhat deficient teaching of a generation ago. In 1860 he married Miss Ellen Yaw, a native of Ashtabula county, Ohio, and the daughter of Joseph and Mary A. (Beckwith) Yaw. Her father was born in New York, and her mother in Connecticut, coming of good old Revolutionary stock. Mrs. Beaumont received her education mainly in Ohio, as her parents came to Wisconsin in 1853. After his marriage Mr. Beaumont bought a prairie farm in Kendall township, where he erected ample buildings, and improved the place so that it has become one of the choice farms of the county. In 1896 he bought a location and put up a residence in Belmont, which at once became his home. Here he has lived a quiet and peaceful life, and is enjoying a well-earned rest from the hard labor of his earlier years. He has been one of the hard-working and successful farmers of Lafayette county, and has so managed his affairs that in his old age he is not dependent, but enjoys an ample competence, and can live comfortably and at his ease. Mrs. Beaumont passed away Nov. 10, 1900, and is buried at Belmont. Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont had eleven children, of whom five are now living: Spencer and Jennie died when they had reached the age of two years, the others in infancy. Laura was born in Lafayette county in 1863, and studied in the Normal School at Platteville; she is now the wife of Henry Westrope, a hardware merchant of Corning, Iowa, and is the mother of two children, Ellen and Allen. Rosie was born on the homestead farm in Lafayette county, and is living with her parents. Joseph, born in 1872, married Miss Ada Hasker, of Shullsburg, and resides on his father's farm; they have two children, Addison and Howard. Albert was born in 1875, married Miss Lizzie Metcalf, of Shullsburg, and shares the cultivation of his father's farm with his older brother. John, born in 1881, is unmarried, and is residing in Wisconsin. Brothers of Mrs. Beaumont are living in Belvidere, Ill., Cedar Falls, Iowa, Iowa Falls and Alexander, Iowa, and all are prominent and successful business men.

Mr. Beaumont is a Republican, and is regarded as one of the leading men of the party

in Lafayette county. He has held different town offices, and is now serving his third year as president of the village board. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, while his wife was a Methodist. Fraternally Mr. Beaumont is a Mason, and a member of Star Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., at Darlington. He is regarded as one of the solid and reliable men of Lafayette county, and is very popular in every walk of life, an esteem which his wife fully shared.

EDWIN AZRO CHARLTON, deceased, of Brodhead, Green county, is remembered as one of the most intelligent and highly cultured members of the Press Association of Wisconsin. He had a fine mind naturally, and had cultivated it under the shadows of the most classic centers of old New England. He was a lover of knowledge, and had drunk deep of the Pierian spring that flows eternally for great and noble souls.

Mr. Charlton was born in Littleton, N. H., Sept. 29, 1828, and was the eldest child of Walter and Mindwell (Moulton) Charlton. His parents had five children: Edwin A.; Anna, now Mrs. Hiram Long, of Marceline, Mo.; Myra, Mrs. A. W. Gee, of Manchester, N. H.; Augusta, Mrs. H. H. Rodliff, of Chelmsford, Mass.; and LeRoy, who died in childhood. The parents were intelligent and cultivated people, and both had taught school in their earlier years. For six years after marriage they lived at Littleton, and then moved into the wilderness near the Canada line. There young Edwin attended the district school, and when he reached the age of sixteen was sent back to Littleton to attend a select school taught by Harry Bingham, A. B., then a recent graduate of Dartmouth. In 1845 the senior Charlton moved to Hanover, N. H., for the sake of better schooling for his children. This change was a decided sacrifice on his part, as he had risen to considerable prominence in Orleans county, Vt., and had been elected to a number of important official positions.

At Hanover Edwin A. Charlton prepared for college at the Academy, which was established as "Moore's Indian Charity School." Here he worked and studied for about two years, and then the family moved to Claremont, making that place their home for many years. There Edwin worked on the farm, in the factory, and attended school, and in the fall of

1850 entered Dartmouth College. He taught every winter, keeping up his college work outside to such effect that he was graduated with his class in 1854, with a standing that ranked him in the first third. The class had fifty-seven members, and this is a record rarely surpassed in brilliant scholarship and studious application. It gave him entrance to the honorary Phi Beta Kappa Society, and an enviable name in the world of letters.

After leaving college Mr. Charlton was principal of the academy at Haverhill one year, and in 1855 was preceptor of the academy at Gilmanton. He studied law for a time in the office of Freeman & McClure, but in 1857 was called to Lockport, N. Y., to take the position of principal of the Union School. He was in this place four years, and did such satisfactory and congenial work that he gave up all thought of the law, and devoted his life to teaching. Mr. Charlton was vice-principal of the Union School at Schenectady, where he remained until the summer of 1862. In March of that year he was married to Miss Helen Elizabeth, daughter of Judge Alfred Holmes, of Lockport, N. Y., and the same fall went back to Gilmanton to assume the duties of the preceptor of the Academy. The next year he was made superintendent of the Union Schools at Schenectady, and held that position five years. He was superintendent and principal of the high school at Auburn, N. Y., for two years, and, finding a change of climate imperative, came to Wisconsin, and became president of the first Normal School established in this State, the one at Platteville. He held this office eight years and one term, and in that time firmly established the school upon solid ground, and in his teaching and planning largely anticipated the work that has since been done by normal trainers.

In 1879 Mr. Charlton retired from the school room and entered upon a new calling, one, however, for which his great literary gifts and fine business abilities fitted him to a high degree. That year he bought the Brodhead *Independent*, a weekly publication, and devoted himself to its editing and publishing. The paper has greatly increased in its circulation, not only while he published it, but under the magic of his name, and is one of the most successful newspaper publications of the State. He was cordially received by his associates in the Press; was a delegate to the National Edi-



*E. A. Charlton*



torial Association, held at Boston in 1890, and in the State Association he held several offices. He was twice clerk in the Wisconsin Legislature; comparing clerk in the Assembly in 1887, and in 1895 proof-reader in the Senate. His continued interest in school work was shown by the fact that in 1884 his former pupils at the Normal School made him a life member of the National Educational Association.

Mr. Charlton belonged to the Phi Delta Theta while at college, and early in life became a Mason. At Gilmanton he united with the Congregational Church, and at Schenectady joined the Presbyterian.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charlton two children were born: Walter Holmes, born at Schenectady Jan. 4, 1866, died in Lockport, N. Y., in September, 1875. Winifred Holmes was born May 13, 1874, at Platteville, completed the high school course at Brodhead, was graduated from the Normal at Platteville in 1894, and from Beloit College in 1898. She is now teaching Latin and German in the Brodhead high school.

Mr. Charlton, accompanied by his wife, attended the Grand Army Encampment and the meeting of the Knights of Pythias at Minneapolis in 1896, and returned home greatly refreshed by his journey. He was taken with severe illness shortly after his return, which developed into pneumonia beyond the power of medical help. He never rallied, but steadily declined until the end came, Nov. 14, 1896.

Such is the brief and imperfect story of a noble life, lived under lofty inspirations and desires. He sought to help the world, and was always found battling for what would improve men. He had a genial spirit and kindly heart, and a "delicate thoughtfulness for the comfort and welfare of others was his most prominent characteristic." Mrs. Charlton, in compliance with his expressed wish, still continues the publication of the *Independent*, and has associated with her Mr. I. L. Hanford, who entered the firm in 1892, under the name of Charlton & Hanford.

LOUIS L. HARMS. Among the prominent and enterprising citizens of Platteville is numbered the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. As a native of Grant county, he has been identified with its interests throughout his entire life, and by honest toil and industry has succeeded in acquiring a competence.

For many years he engaged in farming, then followed merchandising for a time, and is now practically living a retired life, though he is interested in mining operations.

Mr. Harms was born in Smelser township, Oct. 7, 1853, a son of Dedrick and Maria M. (Melvin) Harms. The father was born March 30, 1805, in Hanover, Germany, where he was reared and educated, and in 1834 sailed from Bremen, arriving in New Orleans after a long and tedious voyage. By flat-boat he came up the Mississippi river to Dubuque, Iowa, where he worked at day labor, and later found employment in the mines. The same year, however, he came to Grant county, Wis., and commenced working in the mines there. At that time he was unmarried, and in very limited circumstances. In 1839 he was joined by his brother John, and together they invested their money in land, always doing business under the firm name of D. & J. Harms. Their first purchase was the claim of a Mr. Hazard, who had commenced to break the land, and to it they added from time to time as their financial resources increased, until they owned a large amount of property. The partnership between the two brothers continued until the death of Dedrick, Sept. 3, 1882. He was married in Galena, Ill., Aug. 6, 1843, to Miss Maria M. Melvin, a native of Bloomington, Ind., and a daughter of James and Sarah (Roberts) Melvin. Her mother was born in Virginia of Holland ancestry, while her father was born near the city of Baltimore, Md., and brought his family to Grant county, Wis., about 1831, becoming a farmer of Belmont township. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk war, and during those troublesome times his wife and daughter stayed at the blockhouse at Mineral Point. Both Mr. and Mrs. Melvin died in Nebraska.

After his marriage Dedrick Harms located on the old homestead in Smelser township, where he engaged in farming and stock raising throughout the remainder of his life. Although he came to the New World empty-handed, by industry and good management he became one of the most successful and substantial citizens of his community. Politically he was a Democrat, and religiously both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. She departed this life March 10, 1898. Their children were as follows: John C., born June 6, 1844, died March 13, 1871;



Mary I., born Oct. 23, 1845, became the wife of C. F. Schroeder, of Platteville; Henry H., born Feb. 16, 1848, died Nov. 9, 1898; Dedrick W., born Jan. 30, 1850, died April 23, 1856; James W., born Feb. 20, 1852, is represented on another page of this volume; Louis L., of this review, is next in the order of birth; Martha J., born April 15, 1855, died June 25, 1886; Sarah E., born May 8, 1857, is the wife of Dr. A. R. Law, of Madison, Wis.; Emily M., born April 9, 1860, and George L., born April 25, 1862, both live on the old home farm; and the youngest, born Nov. 3, 1864, died in infancy.

Louis L. Harms was reared and educated in Smelser township, becoming thoroughly familiar with every department of farm work. On reaching manhood he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until 1885, when he moved to Platteville, and embarked in general merchandising under the firm name of Sander & Harms. He sold his interest in the business three years later, and is now living retired, though interested in mining to some extent.

In Smelser township, Sept. 16, 1880, Mr. Harms was united in marriage with Miss Mary Anna Riege, who was born in that township July 8, 1859, and is a daughter of Henning and Mary Ann (Hofferkamp) Riege, the former a native of Hanover, Germany, the latter of Holland. They were among the early settlers of Smelser township, where they continued to make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Harms are the parents of four children: Benjamin H., born March 5, 1881, is now proprietor of the "Paris Hotel," at Dubuque, Iowa, and one at Maquoketa, Iowa. Lilly Ann, born June 3, 1882, died Sept. 20, 1885. Purl L., born March 12, 1885, is at home. Edith J., born April 16, 1886, died March 4, 1891.

In religious faith Mr. Harms is a Lutheran, and in politics is a Democrat. He is a member of the fire department of Platteville, and, as a public-spirited and progressive citizen, he takes an active interest in those enterprises tending to advance the moral or material welfare of his town or county. He is honored for his sterling worth, and his friends throughout this section of the State are many.

**WILLIAM HENRY HUDSON.** An old and honored resident of Albany township, Green county, is William Henry Hudson, who

was born in Ohio, in the city of Chillicothe, June 17, 1833; although for forty-nine years he has been engaged in active life, he bears his sixty-seven years with ease.

Gabriel Hudson, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a fine specimen of the Virginia gentleman, and was prominent in political life in his State for many years. His father had willed him his slaves, but Gabriel, opposed to slavery, gave them their freedom, and left home on account of this action. He had been a brave soldier during the war of 1812. The maternal grandfather, Jared Bobo, was a native farmer of Maryland, held many public positions, and died in advanced age, having been the father of five children. James and Mary (Bobo) Hudson, parents of our subject, were natives of Virginia. They had a family of eight children: William H., our subject; Mary, wife of William Grey, of Marion, Kans.; George W., of Minonk, Ill.; and Jared, of San Antonio, Texas; the others being deceased. James Hudson was a farmer, and in 1844, moved from Ohio to Illinois, located in Lacon, bought a farm there and remained upon it until 1849, when he sold out and came to Green county, Wis. Here he purchased 120 acres in Decatur township, and there he lived until 1864, when he sold and moved into the village of Brodhead, where he died in 1866, aged sixty-nine years. His wife survived him twenty years, being eighty-six years old. Both parents were good and pious people, devoted members of the Baptist Church, he having held many township offices during earlier life.

William Henry Hudson was eleven years old when his parents removed to Illinois, and was sixteen when he came with them to Green county. Reared a farmer boy, he grew up thoroughly acquainted with all the details of agricultural life, attended the district schools, and by the time he had reached man's estate, was willing and prepared to encounter life for himself. His home instruction had been such as to teach him valuable lessons of thrift and economy, hence he did not work long by the month before he was ready to rent land, which he did for several seasons. The first 160 acres which he bought in Grant county was held and improved for several years, when he sold this, in order later to buy a more valuable tract, in the meantime renting land again for a short time. Buying a farm of 200 acres in Albany, he had no trouble in renting it out,

nor in finally selling it. In 1870 he purchased another 160-acre farm in Albany, also rented that for a time, and later advantageously sold it.

Mr. Hudson was married Nov. 15, 1858, to Miss Helen P. Hill, a daughter of Asahel and Julia Ann (Shultz) Hill, and one daughter, Ada E., has resulted from this union. She is now the wife of J. A. Hess, of Winona, Minn. The parents of Mrs. Hudson were natives of New York, she being the only daughter. The mother died on Feb. 12, 1881, the father on Oct. 4, 1900, both of them having been consistent members of the M. E. Church. They were pioneers in Green county, in 1849, and bought the farm where, for the past forty-two years, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson have resided. The grandfather of Mrs. Hudson settled in Green county in 1836, and was obliged then to drive to Chicago, with an ox-team, in order to go to mill, a very important and necessary function in those days. He was ninety-one years old when he died, being an example of the sturdy stock of which pioneers were made.

For a short time our subject was in the mercantile business, in Albany, later spent three years in the drug business, and fourteen years in the stock business, in buying grain, and in general trading. During his residence in the township, Mr. Hudson has served as township trustee several terms and has been also on the board of supervisors. His idea of the best form of government is for a system of law whereby the weak can be protected against the strong. Among the best known and most respected people of Albany township, where their parents left honored names, they well represent the kind of citizen upon which the bulwarks of society in Green county rests.

JOHN F. WARE, a representative of the sterling worth and industry of those whom the mother country has sent to our shores, was born in Yorkshire, England, in December, 1833, and now resides in Smelser, Grant county.

Frederick and Esther (Heben) Ware, the parents of our subject, were both born in Yorkshire, England, coming to this country in 1844, and locating near Pittsburg, Penn. In 1849 they moved to Wisconsin, where he settled on a tract of wild land in Smelser, two miles west of Big Patch. At that time deer were plenty, and the surroundings were all wild, but Mr.

Ware cleared up and placed this place under a high state of cultivation before his death, in 1885. His first wife, mother of our subject, died in Pittsburg.

John F. Ware received an excellent education in the schools of Pittsburg, and after locating in Wisconsin learned the trade of miller, under John A. Woodward, of Platteville, where he was engaged when the Civil war broke out. With a number of other young men of his age, from the same town, Mr. Ware enlisted in Company F, 20th Wis. V. I., under Capt. Whitman, of Dodgeville, this command being included in the Western Army, under Gen. Logan. The regiment was chiefly employed in Missouri, following the Confederate Gen. Price, their first engagement taking place at Springfield, Mo.; and later, in 1863, the regiment succeeded in breaking up Price's army. The same year the regiment was placed under Gen. Grant, our subject taking part in the siege of Vicksburg, and participating in the expeditions on the Yazoo and Rio Grande rivers, in Texas, and then moving onto Spanish Fort, taking part in seven different battles, and continuing in the service until the close of the war, in 1865. Mr. Ware has a record of never having been off duty, or being sick enough for confinement in hospital, until within a few months of the end of the war.

Coming back to Wisconsin, Mr. Ware resumed milling at Platteville, and in 1866 was married to Miss Emma Trenary, a daughter of Philip and Isabel Trenary, both of whom were born in England; the family is an old and prominent one in Platteville. Mrs. Ware was born in Grant county in December, 1846, and was educated in the old academy at Platteville. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ware first settled at Kendalltown, Lafayette county, where Mr. Ware engaged in milling for thirteen years, from that place moving back to Platteville; thence to Annaton; again to Platteville; thence to Rockville, Grant county, where they passed the following few years. In 1880 Mr. Ware purchased the Thomas Mill property, where he followed milling until within a few years ago, engaging in that occupation altogether twenty-nine years in Grant county. He then changed his occupation to farming and stock raising, the latter especially proving a very successful venture.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ware has been born one

child, Clara B., at Kendalltown, in 1875. She was a student of the Platteville Normal for several years, but on account of poor health did not remain to graduate. In 1893 she married Joseph Andrew, of Grant county, and they reside on his farm in Smelser; one daughter, Viola, has been born to them, who was removed by death when yet a child.

Politically Mr. Ware has always been identified with the Republican party; he is a member of Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., of Platteville; both Mr. and Mrs. Ware have long been connected with the M. E. Church, and they are highly respected. Mr. Ware was a faithful soldier, and his comrades in arms speak in the highest praise of his courage. As a citizen he possesses the confidence of the community, his many acts of kindness and Christianity endearing him to his neighbors.

**FRANK P. STARR.** Although not more than forty-five years old, Mr. Starr has already won an enviable reputation, both as an educator and a public officer. Endowed by nature with talents of high order, he has not failed to cultivate and improve his hereditary gifts. His father, James Starr, was of English birth, as was also his mother, whose maiden name was Amelia Butters. His parents' home was near Bristol, England, where his father carried on the trade of a butcher and shipper. Both their two children—Frank P. and Egbert J.—were born after their emigration to America. Egbert, the younger, is a resident of the township of Newark, Rock county, where both were born; it is with the life and career of Frank P. that this brief sketch has chiefly to do.

James Starr crossed the ocean in 1850, and for four years made his home in Beloit. Thence he removed to Newark township, where he bought a farm of 115 acres. His mind was receptive, and his ideas progressive. He was successful and prosperous, gradually adding to his holdings until he was the owner of 200 acres. He died in 1889, at the age of sixty-eight, while his widow yet lives upon the old homestead. Both he and his wife were members of the Established Church of England.

Frank P. Starr was born Dec. 27, 1856. His boyhood was passed upon his father's farm, and the district schools of Newark township and a select school at Beloit were the

seats of learning at which he acquired his early education. The Beloit school aimed to give its pupils a sound, practical training as teachers, and Mr. Starr has proved himself one of its best equipped and most competent graduates. For some twenty years he followed the high vocation of an instructor, filling the principal's chair at the Afton (Wis.) Academy for eight years with distinguished success. The native ability and true worth of such men as he cannot long lie "under a bushel." During 1896-97 he was president of the Rock County Teachers Association, and in 1898 was elected county clerk, being re-elected in 1900. The latter office he still holds, discharging its duties to the satisfaction of the electors and exhibiting in the discharge of his duties capability of a high order. Politically he is an ardent Republican, and his rare oratorical gifts constantly force him to the front as a campaign and public speaker. He also has literary ability which has won him merited recognition. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, of the Royal Neighbors, and of the I. O. O. F. He is venerable consul of Florence Camp, No. 366, M. W. of A., Janesville, and a delegate to the Head Camp.

Mr. Starr was married, April 8, 1881, to Mary, a daughter of James and Mary (Matthews) Marley, and they had one daughter, May, born April 9, 1882. Mrs. Starr died Aug. 30, 1897, aged thirty-five years. On Oct. 27, 1899, Mr. Starr married Naomi Barriage, who was born May 22, 1866, in Belleville, Ontario, daughter of George and Sarah Barriage. Mr. Starr is a Congregationalist in religious connection.

**J. W. THOMPSON**, owner of one of the fine farms in New Diggings township, Lafayette county, is a grandson of one of the first farmers and miners in the town, Joseph Thompson by name. Joseph Thompson located here in early life, and his death occurred in 1854, his remains being laid to rest in New Diggings. Eight children were left to mourn his decease, as follows: Joseph; George; Thomas, who died in Ohio; Abram, who died in Australia; Job, a resident of Montana; Martha, deceased wife of John Hazel, of Shullsburg, Wis.; Harriet, wife of John McCoy, of Darlington; and William, father of J. W. Thompson.

William Thompson followed farming and

mining on a government claim in New Diggings some years, and then purchased a tract of wild land, which he improved, and where he passed the remainder of his life. He married Margaret Rudd, who died on the old home. They were both members of the Protestant Methodist Church, and led devout Christian lives. They became the parents of five children, of whom J. W. is the eldest; Elizabeth, born in 1851, died in 1873; Charles, born in March, 1853, now a farmer at Apple River, Ill., married Annie McFadden, of Illinois, and has three children, Katie, William and Charles; Thomas, engaged in gold and silver mining in Montana, married Martha A. Shlip, and has a large family; and Margaret J., born in 1856, married Alfred Green, of Minneapolis, when her death occurred in 1886.

J. W. Thompson was born in New Diggings township in February, 1849, and the district schools afforded him his only means of acquiring an education. The loss of his parents in early life necessitated the breaking up of the home, and Mr. Thompson and his brothers and sisters were brought up in the homes of their relatives, our subject finding a home with his uncle Charles. In 1870 he settled on his father's old homestead, which he had purchased, and for eighteen years made his home there. He then purchased what is known as the John Williams farm, east of New Diggings village, and by the erection of a new house, barn and other necessary buildings has made of it an ideal country home, with all the modern improvements and conveniences science and art have made possible. He has also erected a house on part of his property for one of his sons.

In 1870 Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Jane Metcalf, daughter of William and Mary (Jackson) Metcalf, who were both born in England, and came to this country in the early 'forties, Mr. Metcalf dying soon after their arrival, and leaving his wife with five children, who are still living. Mrs. Metcalf makes her home with her children. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have come four children: William, born in June, 1873, now a farmer of White Oak Springs, Lafayette county, married Miss Libbie Parkins, and has one daughter, Mary. Mary, born in 1875, married Harry Lyne, of Illinois, who is now engaged in farming near Darlington, Wis.; they have two children, Nellie and an infant unnamed.

Joseph, born in 1877, now farming a part of the old home, married Miss Eva Coulthard. Clifford M. was born in March, 1894.

Mr. Thompson has always been active in the work of the Republican party, and has paid great attention to the questions of the day, of which he has a remarkable conception. He has held a number of local offices, among them being those of member of the town board and treasurer of the school board. Socially he belongs to the Knights of the Globe. In religious connection he belongs to no church, but as his wife is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church he has always contributed liberally to its support, and assisted its many worthy ventures. Mr. Thompson owes his position in the financial world largely to his own individual efforts, and has always borne a high reputation for industry and integrity, justly holding the respect of the citizens of his town.

GEORGE WEST, of Brodhead, Green county, is a retired farmer, who has passed the psalmist's limit of life to find much peace and pleasure on the farther side. He is among the older settlers of the county, and has led a long and useful life.

Mr. West was born in Erie county, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1818; and is a son of John and Avis (Bowen) West, natives of Scipio, Cayuga county, N. Y., and Vermont, respectively. Ten children were born to his parents, seven of whom are now living: George; Susan, wife of Richard Sherman, of Erie county, N. Y.; Thomas, of the same county; Elizabeth, widow of Nelson Parke, of DeKalb county, Ill.; John and Jonathan, twins, on the old place; and Avis, wife of James Hill, of Erie county, N. Y. The father was a farmer, and died in Erie county, N. Y., when almost eighty years of age. His wife lived to be eighty-seven years old. They were Quakers, and people of the highest character. His father was George West, a farmer, and of Irish descent, who was born in New York, and was the father of eight children, and who died when eighty-four years old. The father of Mrs. Avis West was Jennings Bowen, a native of New York, and of Scotch descent. He was a farmer, and the sire of a numerous family. He reached a good old age.

George West passed the first twenty years of his life on the paternal estate in Erie county, where he attended the common school, and

received an impulse in the right direction from the teaching and example of his parents that has never left him. He came West in 1838, and located south of Monroe near the State line. In 1842 he made a claim of sixty acres in Stephenson county, Illinois. This he fenced, and on it built a log cabin, but he did not hold it very long, having an opportunity to sell it at a sharp advance. He then entered three "eighties" in the town of Sylvester, Green county, which he still owns. Mr. West has owned at different times about one thousand acres of Green county real estate. In more recent years he has sold quite liberally, and has helped each of his children to a start in life, but still owns a valuable farm of two hundred seventy acres. This he rented in 1874, and moved into Brodhead, where he has since lived.

Mr. West crossed the Plains in 1850, with a team and covered wagon, spending four months and four days on the trip, and spent a year in the gold mines. He built the first house in Nevada City, seventy miles from Sacramento, where he expected to make his home. He had three little children, and his wife prevailed upon him not to take them to the far West. He returned by the Isthmus of Panama, and reached home by way of the Lakes.

Mr. West and Miss Susan Winchell were married in 1839. They were the parents of twelve children, Samuel, Louisa, Avis, George Franklin, Clarissa, Mary, Alice, Ida, Nelson, and three who died in infancy. Samuel is running the home farm; he married Miss Kate Reed, and is the father of four children, George, Mattie, Nettie and Bertha. George died in early childhood, as did Louisa. Avis (deceased) married John Watt, of Hampton, Iowa; they had six children, Winchell, Gertie, Kate, Elizabeth, Arthur, and Trelore. Clarissa married (first) James Vance, and has one son, Frank K., who is now assistant cashier in the bank at Brodhead. James Vance died, and Clarissa married (second) George Truesdell, and by this union has two living sons, Harris and Jay. Mr. Truesdell died and his widow married (third) John Watt, of Hampton, Iowa. Mary married John Vance, and is the mother of ten living children, Alice, Jessie, Nettie, Samuel, George, Zoe, Zell, Kate, Glenn, and Mary. Alice married Frank Northcraft, and lives in Brodhead; she is the mother of two children, Grace and Myron. Ida married Harry Smith, and has her home in Chicago;

they have one daughter, Flossie. Nelson died when nineteen years old.

Mrs. Susan West, the first wife of Mr. West, died Oct. 15, 1893, leaving behind her tender memories as a wife and mother. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. West and Mrs. Eliza Jane Decker were married Sept. 30, 1894. She was the widow of Nicholas Decker, and the daughter of Henry and Rachel Walters. Mrs. West became the mother of two children in her first marriage, Emmarilla and George Henry. The daughter died at the age of thirteen years. George Henry married Sallie Mitchell, and is the father of one son, George Clayton. Mrs. Sallie (Mitchell) Decker died, and George married his second wife, Miss Ida L. Byrne; they live two miles from Juda, and have two children, Valliere Gwendolin and Howard Sterling. Mrs. West is a Baptist, but her husband clings to his ancestral faith, and firmly holds to the tenets of the Quaker order. He was a Whig and for many years has voted the Republican ticket. He owns a nice home in the north part of the town, and is highly respected by all who know him.

Mrs. West's father was a native of Germany, and came to America when nine years old, and grew up in Ohio. He died in Kansas about 1871, when sixty-six years old, and his wife, a native of Pennsylvania, died in 1863, at the age of forty-nine. They had eight children, six of whom are now living, Eliza, the wife of George West; Sarah Ann, the wife of George Atkinson; Adeline, the wife of L. W. Lord; Hester, wife of C. A. Francisco; John and Archibald Walters. The parents came to Decatur township in 1846, and in 1861 went to Kansas, where they died.

COL. H. H. VIRGIN, a veteran of the Civil war, and now living in retirement in his native city of Platteville, Grant county, was born in 1840, a son of N. H. and Emma (Weed) Virgin, natives of Pennsylvania.

N. H. Virgin came to Wisconsin as early as 1830, and here married. He became very popular and prominent among his fellow citizens, was elected to the State Legislature, was one of the prime promoters of the State Normal School at Platteville, and was tireless in his labors to advance the prosperity of his town whenever he had an opportunity of so doing. His wife bore him seven children, of

whom three still survive. She was called away in 1884, and his own death occurred in 1892, Platteville losing thereby one of her most useful and honored citizens. The three living children alluded to are Emma, wife of George Laughron, of Racine, he being a substantial and leading business man of that city; Mary, widow of William Laughron, of South Bend, Ind.; and Col. H. H.

Col. H. H. Virgin was graduated from the Platteville Academy, Platteville, and from a commercial college at Madison. He enlisted in the volunteer service at the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion, and nobly and bravely fought to save the honor of his country's flag and to preserve the Union intact. The first year he served as battalion adjutant in the 2d Wisconsin Cavalry, Col. C. C. Washburn's regiment, and the last three years was with the 33d Wis. V. I. During the Red River expedition he took command of a brigade at Yellow Bayou, and by a charge on Gen. Major's (formerly Gen. Taylor's) Brigade, known as Taylor's Texas Brigade, succeeded in turning the tide of battle. He took part in over forty battles, had three horses shot under him, and rose to the rank of colonel, serving until the close of the struggle.

In 1874 Col. Virgin married Miss Annie E. Kane, of Dodgeville, the estimable and accomplished daughter of William and Mary (McArthur) Kane. William Kane was a son of John Kane, a leading merchant of Baltimore, Md., came to Wisconsin in an early day, and embarked in general merchandising at Mineral Point, Iowa county, where he died in 1845, leaving his widow with three children, viz.: Annie E., Mrs. Virgin; Mary, who died when a young lady; and John L., who died in 1898, Mineral Wells, Texas, where he was known as the "Cotton-Seed King."

Col. Virgin and his wife on their marriage settled in Platteville, where the Colonel was engaged in business, and owned one of the most luxurious homes in the city. There have been born to them two daughters, viz.: Georgie, who is one of the most highly accomplished young ladies of the city, having graduated from the State Normal School and the State University at Madison; Ethel Lyn, who was also graduated from the State Normal School and the State University, and in November, 1899, was married to George O'Neil, a solid business man of Milwaukee. The Virgin family are

members of the Episcopal Church, and politically Col. Virgin has for some years been identified with the Democratic party.

In July, 1899, Mrs. Virgin and her two daughters made the "grand tour" of Europe, visiting Belfast, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Edinburgh and the north of Scotland, London, Paris, Geneva, journeying down the Rhine to Cologne, to Brussels, Antwerp, Amsterdam, Berlin, Dresden, Vienna, Venice, Florence, Rome and Naples, and finally returning to the land of their nativity. Col. Virgin and his wife are now living in elegant retirement, being among the wealthiest and most honored residents of Platteville.

WINFIELD SCOTT PECKHAM (deceased). Among those who have been instrumental in building up the present civilization of Green county, and have left a marked impression upon their generation, was Winfield Scott Peckham, the subject of this sketch, who passed out of life on April 15, 1898, in his sixty-ninth year.

Mr. Peckham was born in Oneida county, N. Y., on March 19, 1829, and was a son of Abel and Ada (Brown) Peckham, who were natives of Rhode Island. They had a family of eleven children, seven now living: Nelson, of Beaver City, Oklahoma; George O., of Ashland, Wis.; Joshua, of Lincoln county, Neb.; Halsey, of Gothenburg, Neb.; Sallie, widow of Isaac Armsbury; Ada, widow of V. D. Burt, of Albany, Wis.; and Polly, wife of John Atkinson, of Pawnee City, Nebraska. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Joshua Peckham, of English stock, descended from Sir John Peckham, who came from England to Newport, Rhode Island, in 1638. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Rhode Island, a soldier in the war of 1812, who located, when an old man, with his son in Illinois, where he died, aged about eighty years. He was a son of a well-known Baptist minister, Nathan Brown.

Abel Peckham, the father of our subject, came from Chautauqua county, N. Y., to Green county, Wis., in 1851, and located in a farm of eighty acres in Albany township. In the log house standing on this farm the family lived until 1856, when Mr. Peckham erected a commodious brick house, where he remained all his life. His birth occurred in 1798, in Grafton, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., and after a

useful and busy life his death occurred in 1864. In 1820 he married Ada Brown, who was born in Petersburg, N. Y., in 1800. In 1822 Mr. and Mrs. Peckham moved to Trenton, in Oneida county, where he worked at the cooper's trade for many years. Later on in life the family settled on a farm in Chautauqua county, where Mr. Peckham cleared up the land and lived until his removal to Wisconsin.

Winfield Scott Peckham remained under the parental roof until 1849, when he removed to Wisconsin, locating in the city of Milwaukee, where he remained four years, working at his trade of cooper. In 1853 he came to Albany, with the intention of devoting his time to farming, and here bought eighty acres of land on Section 35, which he improved, while continuing work at his trade, which in those days was a very lucrative one.

On Jan. 1, 1862, Mr. Peckham was married to Mrs. Eleanor (Bailey) Turner, the widow of Merritt Turner, of Luzerne county, Penn. After his marriage he erected a small frame house on his land, in which he lived one year, when he purchased eighty acres of Section 27, where they lived two years, and in the fall of 1866 he moved to his father's place on Section 26, which until the spring of 1887 was the family home. At that time advancing years and the acquisition of a competency caused Mr. Peckham to decide on removal into the neighboring village of Albany. Building one of the most commodious and complete houses in the town, the family removed to it, and there the kind and generous father breathed his last. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peckham: George T. married Cora Belle Price, and now lives on the old farm, with four children, Everett, Lester, Harry and Jessie; Lydia M. married Edward Phelps, of Albany, and they have a family of nine children, Florence, Dana, Roy, Marion, Eleanor, Edna, Chester, Lila and Ivan. By her former marriage Mrs. Peckham had two children: Gilas H., who married Maria Finn, and lives in Albany township, near the village, with three children, Lelia, Claudia, and Hallie; and Lowell E., who married Ida Peckham, and has four children, Effie, Annie, Glennie and George, the father dying in 1896.

Mrs. Peckham was the daughter of Harry and Mercy (Colvin) Bailey, natives of Rhode Island, who moved to Pennsylvania when quite young. They had fourteen children, eight of

whom survive: Mrs. Peckham; Otis, of Oakley, Penn.; Henry, of Richland county, Wis.; Perlina, wife of Halsey Peckham, of Gothenburg, Neb.; Albert, of Richland county; Huldah, Mrs. Brown, of Ashland, Oregon; Jason, of Cadott, Wis.; and Polly, wife of James Smith, of Gering, Neb. The parents located in Richland county, Wis., in 1855, buying a large tract of land; the father dying in 1883, the mother in 1879, both having been good and worthy members of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Peckham is connected with the Methodist Church.

All his life Winfield S. Peckham voted with the Republican party, firmly advocating its principles. A prominent and influential man, he filled many local positions, and on account of his interest in school matters was made clerk of the educational board, both in the country and in the village. Mr. Peckham left behind him a record of an industrious, self-respecting life, and in his death Green county lost a most estimable citizen.

HON. CHARLES HENRY BAXTER, a leading, progressive citizen of Lancaster, Grant county, who represented the Sixteenth Senatorial District in the Wisconsin Senate in 1893-95-97-99, is a worthy representative of one of the well-known families of Grant county. The paternal ancestry of the Baxter family is of English origin, and is traced in a direct line back to Richard Baxter, famous in Christian literature.

Dr. Hiram Baxter, father of our subject, was born in New York State, where he married Elizabeth Decker, who was descended from an early Dutch family of the State of New York. In 1856 he migrated to Wisconsin with his family, and settled at Lancaster. He was a prominent and widely-known physician, and continued in practice up to the time of his death, in 1866, while yet not an old man, being but sixty-one years of age. His wife had passed away the previous year. They were the parents of four sons who attained to mature years: William, the eldest, a druggist by occupation, died at Lancaster in 1885; Daniel N. was a soldier in the war for the Union, serving in Company K, 47th Wis. V. I.; Charles Henry is third in the order of birth; and the fourth, H. G., is a resident of Grant county.

Charles Henry Baxter was born Nov. 15,



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1841, on the historic grounds of Stillwater, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and was about fifteen years of age when the family moved to Wisconsin. He was educated in the public schools of his native State and of Wisconsin, and in 1860 commenced business life as a clerk in the store of George Howe, of Lancaster. In August, 1862, having decided to enter the military service of his country in defense of the Union, he enrolled in Company C. 25th Wis. V. I. He enlisted at Lancaster, and was mustered into the United States service at La Crosse. The Indians at that time being troublesome, his regiment was ordered to the Minnesota frontier, but in the following February proceeded to Columbus, Ky.; thence marched by Snyder's Bluff, and from there to Helena, Ark., suffering severely from the malaria of the country. Mr. Baxter continued with his regiment, which was sadly decimated by disease, and was finally attacked with chronic diarrhea and taken to the hospital at Mound City, Ill., where he remained until his discharge, in August following. Returning to Lancaster, he there remained until the spring of 1864, when, having sufficiently recovered to re-enter the service, he again enlisted, this time in Company A, 41st Wis. V. I., and was mustered into the service at Camp Washburn, Milwaukee. He accompanied the regiment to Memphis, Tenn., and served on detached duty at the headquarters of the adjutant, and a little later on the staff of Gen. C. C. Washburn, doing duty at headquarters until he was mustered out, in September, 1864. In January, 1865, he received a captain's commission, and was assigned to Company K, 47th Wis. V. I. After organization, at Madison, the regiment was ordered to report to Gen. Thomas, at Nashville. It was stationed at Tullahoma, where Capt. Baxter, as ranking officer, was frequently in command of the regiment. Later he was detached and made chief of ordnance of the Middle District of Tennessee, on the staff of Gen. Milroy. After the latter was mustered out, Capt. Baxter was transferred to the staff of Gen. Van Cleve, and held his position throughout the remainder of his term.

On his return to Lancaster, our subject engaged in business with George Howe, and continued in that business, the firm being Charles H. Baxter & Co., until August, 1895, when he retired. The business of the firm was an extensive one, as in addition to general

merchandising they dealt in lumber, coal and live stock. Since his retirement our subject has been elected vice-president of the State Bank of Grant County.

Mr. Baxter has been called upon to hold various official positions in his city and county. He has served in the council, and as mayor of Lancaster; as member of the county board of supervisors; member of the State central committee for eight years; chairman of the county central committee for twenty years; president of the Southwestern Wisconsin Veterans' Association for ten years; delegate-at-large to the G. A. R. encampment in 1885; also to that held in Boston, Mass., in 1890. He was the Republican candidate for the Assembly in 1886; was elected to the State Senate in 1892, John Bremer being his Democratic opponent; and was re-elected in 1896 by a largely increased majority, Morton Eastman being the Democratic candidate. For three terms, 1895-97-99, Mr. Baxter was chairman of the joint committee on Claims; and he was also member of the committees on State Affairs, Banking, Insurance, and Military Affairs.

Mr. Baxter was married, Feb. 20, 1865, to Miss Maria Howe, who was born in Clinton county, N. Y., a daughter of George Howe, an honored citizen of Lancaster. Their children are George Howe (who was associated with his father in business), Laura and Martha. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter are members of the Congregational Church. In politics he has always been an ardent Republican, and prominent and influential in the councils of his party. He is one of Grant county's most progressive and public-spirited citizens, and has ever been held in high esteem.

JOHN WILFORD BLACKSTONE, in the history of whose life is interwoven much of the early history of southwestern Wisconsin, was born in Madison, Madison Co., N. Y., Oct. 18, 1796, a direct descendant of William Blackstone, the first white settler on the site of Boston, Mass. William Blackstone was born in 1600, and on July 4, 1659, wedded Sarah Stephenson. By this marriage he had a son John, born in 1661. He and his wife, Catherine, became the parents of John (2), born Jan. 18, 1699, who on April 2, 1727, wedded Elizabeth Foote, born Nov. 19, 1709. John (2) and Elizabeth (Foote) Blackstone had a son John (3), born in May, 1733, who

on May 19, 1757, married Rebecca Baldwin; she was born April 18, 1734, and became the mother of Stephen Foote Blackstone.

Stephen Foote Blackstone was born Dec. 3, 1772, and on Jan. 23, 1793, married Anna Wilford, who was born April 24, 1767, a granddaughter of Richard Wilford, who was born a free citizen in London, England, in 1653, and a daughter of Joseph Wilford, who was born in Branford, Conn., about 1715. The Wilford family was represented in this country at a still earlier date by one John Wilford, of New Haven and Branford, who died unmarried; he devised his estate, which was very large, to his nephew John, of London, and Richard came over as agent of the estate for John. Stephen Foote Blackstone was born in the town of Branford, Conn., and died Jan. 14, 1862, aged eighty-nine years, one month, eleven days.

John Wilford Blackstone assisted his father in clearing a heavily wooded farm in Madison county, N. Y., and received his education by attending school as the opportunity offered. He prepared for college with the resident minister, and in 1815 entered Hamilton College, at Clinton, N. Y., whence he was graduated in 1819. In the last year of his college life he engaged with a merchant by the name of Hart, and together they loaded keel boats with merchandise, left Olean Point, N. Y., at the head waters of the Allegheny river, and passed down that stream, the Ohio and the Mississippi rivers as far as Vicksburg, selling their goods at the small towns along the way. Cincinnati at that time was a little place of about twelve hundred inhabitants. The return trip was made by skiff and on horseback, this being before the days of steamers. On his return Mr. Blackstone received his degree from Hamilton College, and studied medicine, receiving his diploma. He made his first location in Hamilton, Canada, but after a short time again started from Olean Point, this time in a skiff, in company with James Hammond. They passed down the rivers until they reached Shawneetown, Ill., where at that time there was a plant for the manufacture of salt. Just about this time the mines at Galena, Ill., began to attract the attention of the world, and vast numbers of men were flocking thither in hopes of speedily winning a fortune. In 1827 Mr. Blackstone and his friend joined this army of adventurers, and passed the first winter in the

vicinity of Elizabeth, Jo Daviess Co., Ill. His mining partner at that place, whose name is unknown, was also a college graduate, and fortunately had brought with him his college text-books. These furnished the young men their only reading matter, and so with much profit to themselves they reviewed their college work during the long winter evenings. After varying fortune, both good and bad, but mostly bad, Mr. Blackstone purchased eighty acres of land in the town of White Oak Springs, Lafayette (then Iowa) Co., Wis., and began farming. He met with success this time, and at his death owned 1,500 acres of arable land, some of it valuable mining land as well.

Mr. Blackstone was associate judge under the Territory of Michigan of the large mining district comprising Iowa county, and was elected to the Territorial Legislature in 1857, from Iowa county; he was speaker of the first Territorial Assembly, held in 1838 in Madison, the present State capital. For many terms he was chairman of the town board of supervisors, and many times chairman of the county board. He was draft commissioner of Lafayette county in 1862, and justice of the peace nearly all the years he resided in White Oak Springs. During the Black Hawk war he held a lieutenant's commission in Capt. Clark's company, and was stationed at Galena.

On April 4, 1833, Mr. Blackstone was married to Mrs. Catherine Hammond, widow of his former companion, James Hammond. She was born in Rockingham county, N. C., in 1806, and passed her early life in that State and in Tennessee and Kentucky. Her maiden name was Tomlinson, and her father and two of his brothers were with Gen. Jackson, behind the cotton bales at New Orleans, when Gen. Pakenham received such a bloody repulse. Seven children were born of this union: (1) Theodore E., born Jan. 4, 1834, died at Chinook, Mont., leaving a widow, Mary E. (Hardy) Blackstone, and four sons and five daughters. (2) John Wilford Blackstone, of Shullsburg, Wis., born Dec. 22, 1835, married Ellen E. Hardy, sister of his brother Theodore's widow, and has four children—Mrs. Roccey Prince, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Jessie E., principal of the Prescott school, at Anaconda, Mont.; John Wilford Jr., editor and publisher of the *Southwestern Local*, of Shullsburg; and Ralph H., of Aurora, Ill. John Wilford Blackstone, son

of the pioneer, was elected judge of Lafayette county at the age of twenty-five, and held the office two terms of four years each, beginning Jan. 1, 1862, and ending Jan. 1, 1870. He held the office of prosecuting attorney for the county in 1873-74, was assemblyman for the western half of the county in 1879, and State senator from Green and Lafayette counties in 1880-1881. He was educated at Platteville Academy, Beloit College and Brown University, and is by profession a lawyer. (3) Isabel, born Aug. 15, 1837, died unmarried. (4) Joseph, born Dec. 17, 1839, enlisted in the 20th Wis. V. I., in 1862, and served until the close of the war. He was sergeant major of the regiment, took part in the battle of Prairie Grove, Ark. (where he was wounded), also participated in the siege and capture of Vicksburg, and in the capture of Fort Morgan and Spanish Fort, at Mobile, Ala. He has been chairman of the town board of supervisors of Shullsburg, and chairman of the county board of Lafayette county. He resides in Shullsburg, where he has a large creamery. His wife, who was Miss Mary Emma Poole, has borne him four sons and two daughters. (5) Augustus, born Dec. 21, 1841, married Mary Jane Richardson Sept. 1, 1870, and has two sons—Adelbert L., an attorney at Waukesha, Wis.; and Bertrand A., a photographer at Platteville, Wis. (6) Eugene died unmarried. (7) Janette.

John Wilford Blackstone, the subject of this sketch, was prominent in all the affairs of his part of the State from its earliest settlement to the time of his death, Oct. 15, 1868. As one of the men who helped to lay the foundation for the great State of Wisconsin, men of broad minds, wide experience, and, in many cases, of high scholastic attainments, his name often appears in the records of his town, county and State. He was a man of great self-control, and of calm, cool judgment, and through a long life enjoyed the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. Of powerful build physically, and of resolute courage, he won from the wilderness a handsome competency, and at the ripe age of seventy-two entered upon his last pilgrimage, honored and beloved by all good people.

EDWARD E. EDDINGTON has long been an old and honored resident of Janesville, and has but recently established himself on the

farm which he has long owned in LaPrairie township, Rock county. For many years he has done business in Janesville, and is widely known as an upright man, a quick and capable workman, and one whose word may be taken without allowance.

Mr. Eddington was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1844, a son of Augustus and Henrietta (Curtis) Eddington, both natives of New York. They had four sons and three daughters, all but one of whom are now living: Frank, of Chicago; Edward E.; Henry, of Clear Lake, Minn.; Morris, of Janesville; Betsey, wife of John Lockwood, of Clear Lake; and Millie, wife of Lucius H. Lee, of Janesville. The father was a farmer, and sought a home in the West in 1846, locating in Salem, Kenosha Co., Wis., where he bought land. Some years later he moved to a quarter section in Waushara county, but left it on account of the poverty of the soil, and tried a farm in Calumet county, returning, however, to Salem and buying a farm and farming the old homestead. He is now living in Janesville. His wife died in 1882. Mr. Eddington is a Methodist, as was also his wife. His father, John Eddington, came from England when a young man, and died in New York while still in middle life. He was a natural iron and wood mechanic, and tales of his ingenuity are still repeated in the family. He had four children. Hiram Curtis, the father of Henrietta, was a native of New York, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and lived to be a very old man. He did not have a numerous family.

Edward E. Eddington, the subject of this biographical sketch, came from the State of New York with his parents, and received his schooling at the Salem home. On May 17, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, 39th Wis. V. I., and served four months. He was at Memphis, Tenn., when the Rebel commander, Gen. Forest, made his raid on that city. After the war he learned the trade of blacksmith, and followed it in Janesville many years, doing a considerable business as a carriage and wagon maker and general blacksmith. Latterly he has been troubled with failing health, and having decided to try an entire change of occupation, he in the early part of the year 1900 moved out of the city to a farm in La Prairie township, which he has owned for many years. It contains 160 acres, and is a choice and desirable agricultural establishment.

Mr. Eddington and Miss Martha Elizabeth Read were married Nov. 4, 1874. She is a daughter of William H. and Margery Ann (Ercanbrack) Read. Four children have been born to bless this union: Jennie May, Nettie Belle, Arthur R. and Fay E. The daughters are teaching, and the sons are still at school. Our subject is a Republican, and takes an intelligent interest in public affairs.

Mrs. Eddington's father was born in Bangor, Maine, and her mother in New York. They had eight children, all but one of whom are still living: Mrs. Martha E. Eddington; George W.; John R.; Sarah Louise, wife of Homer M. Paul; William A.; Mary, deceased; Jennie, wife of Charles Campbell; and Thornton. Her father came West among the early settlers, settling in La Prairie township, Rock county, about fifty-six years ago, took up government land, and became quite prosperous. He died between the city of Janesville and his home, from heart disease, in 1880, lacking one week of being sixty-two years of age. His widow died in April, 1886, aged fifty-seven years, two months and twelve days. William H. Read's father, John Read, died in Bangor, Maine, in 1861, when over eighty years of age. Mrs. Eddington's maternal grandfather, Philip Ercanbrack, belonged to that portion of the early settlers of New York familiarly known as the Mohawk-Dutch. He came West, settled in Rock county, engaged in farming, and died in middle life; his wife, Betsey, died in Hebron, Ill. His father, James Ercanbrack, lived to be ninety-eight years old, and his mother, Mrs. Virtue Ercanbrack, lived to the age of ninety-three.

THOMAS H. EATON (deceased) is well remembered by the older settlers of Monroe, Green county, as a man of decided energy and great force of character. He served in the army during the Civil war, and contracted sickness and suffered injuries which were protracted in their effects upon his health, and shadowed his last years with chronic illness. He bore up bravely, however, and did a man's work through the threescore and ten years that were allotted to him, with the lack of less than one. Mr. Eaton was born in the town of Elk Run, Columbiana county, Ohio, April 9, 1822, and was a son of John and Sarah (Marker) Eaton. They had eleven children, all of whom have passed on to "join the great

majority." John Eaton was a farmer, and served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a leading Democratic politician of Crawford county, Ohio, and died when upwards of seventy years of age. His father bore the name of James Eaton.

Thomas H. Eaton was taken into Crawford county, Ohio, by his parents when a small boy, and there grew to manhood. He had but little schooling, and was a thoroughly self-made man, bright, intelligent, studious, and closely observant of the ways of the world. When he became a man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed some years. He came West to Wisconsin about 1851, and soon after began the study of law. He was admitted to the Bar in due time, and began his legal practice in the city of Monroe. Mr. Eaton was living here at the breaking out of the Civil war, and promptly and enthusiastically espoused the cause of the Union, and rendered valuable service in the formation of several companies of soldiers. He entered in Company G, 22d Wis. V. I., as first lieutenant. He was in the service about nine months, when he received an injury to his spine that brought on effects from which he never recovered. He was brought home barely alive, and was never a well man after his return from the war.

On April 9, 1845, Mr. Eaton was married to Miss Martha Albert, a daughter of Peter and Frances (Brennermann) Albert. Five sons and one daughter were born to this union: John, Kendrick, Mary Frances, James Harvey, Charles William and George W. John died when five months old, and Kendrick when a little over three years. Mary Frances married Macletus Chapin, and lives in Monroe. James Harvey married Miss Lizzie Kasten, and lives in Monroe; he practiced law for a time, but is now manufacturing pleaters. Charles W. died when about four years old. George W. married Miss Mattie Boyer, and is a farmer in Clarno township, Green county; they have two children, Ruth Edna and James Harvey. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton were both members of the Christian Church, and lived the doctrines they professed. His widow still finds comfort and support in the faith that brightened her early life and made it possible to endure the troubles that have befallen her. Mr. Eaton was formerly a Republican, but in his later years became a Democrat. He was justice of the peace in Clarno township, and held the same office in



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*Martha S. Eaton*



Monroe for a number of years; served on the town board, and commanded the respect and confidence of his neighbors to a marked degree. He died April 9, 1891, aged sixty-nine years.

The father of Mrs. Eaton was born in Germany, and came to this country when nine years old. He lived in the State of New York for a number of years. His wife was born in Pennsylvania, and after their marriage they moved to Wayne county, Ohio, where Mrs. Eaton was born June 22, 1824, at Mount Eaton. They had nine daughters and three sons, Mrs. Eaton being the youngest, and two of their children are now living: John, of Paoli, Ind.; and Mrs. Eaton. James, of Milwaukee, who was a soldier in the Civil war, died in November, 1900. John had two sons who were soldiers and lost their lives in that struggle. Peter Albert, the father of Mrs. Eaton, a tailor by trade, returned to Pennsylvania on a business trip, was taken sick, and died about 1828, when still in middle life. His father also bore the name of Peter Albert, and served in the Revolutionary war, dying in middle life. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Eaton, Christ Brennermann, spent his entire life in the State of Pennsylvania, and served in the Revolution; he was a farmer, becoming very wealthy, and giving all his children a good start in life. Mrs. Eaton has lived in Green county forty-nine years. She was a noble helpmate to her husband, and is a good Christian woman.

The history of the Eaton family assumes large interest with the story of John Eaton, the great-great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name appears at the opening of this article. He was English born and bred, and when the Revolution of 1688 brought on civil war in Ireland he took up arms against the despot James II, and for signal gallantry at the battle of the Boyne, July 1, 1690, was rewarded by King William with a liberal grant of land in Ireland, where he established his family. His son, to whom the paternal estate descended in due time, was greatly attracted by the possibilities of life in America. He disposed of his Irish possessions, and, coming to this country, settled on the shore of Chesapeake bay, where he spent the remainder of his days. He had by his first wife three children, James, Hugh and Mary. James was born Dec. 25, 1733, on his father's estate in Ireland, and after the death of his mother and the second marriage

of his father he took up his residence in London. He lived in that city seven years, and then entered the British navy, and served seven years on a man-of-war. When his term of service had expired, Mr. Eaton traveled extensively in Europe; and, finally crossing the ocean, settled at Hagerstown, Md., where the world-worn traveler found a wife in the person of Elizabeth Downey. Their children were John, Hugh, James, Elizabeth, Nancy, Rebecca and Sarah. The father was a pioneer settler in Washington county, Penn., locating, in 1779, on the headwaters of Pike Run. He died there March 31, 1814. His son, John, the father of Thomas H., of Monroe, was born April 25, 1778, at Green Spring Furnace, near Hagerstown. He went with his parents to their Pennsylvania home, where he grew to manhood, and where, at the age of eighteen, he married Catharine Marker. The fruit of this marriage was eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others were Elizabeth, Rebecca, William, Nancy, Sarah, Horace P., James Harvey, Reason Beall and Thomas Hawkins. John Eaton, the father, was a pioneer of Columbiana county, Ohio, where he settled about 1809. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, under Gen. William Henry Harrison, and was one of the early settlers of Crawford county, Ohio, locating in the town of Liberty in 1830. During the winter of 1830-31 he was instrumental, with the aid of the father of the "fighting McCooks," who was then clerk in one of the branches of the Ohio Legislature, in permanently fixing the county seat of Crawford county. He died in the town of Holmes, in that county, July 23, 1850. The youngest of his sons, Thomas H., grew to manhood there, and afterward came to Wisconsin, to live the honorable and useful life here recorded.

GEORGE W. WRIGHT (deceased), late of Platteville, Grant county, was born in Madison county, Ill., Aug. 4, 1827, and was a son of James C. and Sarah Wright, natives of Kentucky. The parents migrated first to Illinois, where they lived some years, and in 1828 came to Wisconsin, locating in Elk Grove, Lafayette county, where they resided until 1858, Mr. Wright following farming. They then retired to Platteville, where Mrs. Wright passed away in 1874, and Mr. Wright in 1877. They were the parents of nine children besides our sub-



ject, born in the following order: Belinda, wife of Eli Robinson, a lawyer; Permelia, deceased wife of Thomas Ginn; Emily, deceased; Martha C., deceased wife of Charles Rand; Samuel E., of Dunlap, Iowa; Harriet E., who was married to Albert Boise, and died in 1867; William H. H., also a resident of Dunlap, Iowa; Mary F., wife of the late Thomas J. Hooper, of Milwaukee, Wis.; and Austin. The parents had many trying experiences in the early days, and were "forted" twice during the Black Hawk war.

George W. Wright was educated in the Platteville Academy. In 1850 he crossed the plains to California, enduring many hardships en route, and encountering many hostile Indians. He was rewarded with success, however, while in the Golden State, where he passed eight years in the mines, and in 1858 returned to Wisconsin with a small fortune. He then for a time attended a business college in St. Louis, Mo., and in the spring of 1864 was employed by Dr. Newhall in a drug store in Galena, Ill. In 1865 he came to Platteville again and opened a pharmacy on his own account, which he conducted until 1871, when, in order to increase his scientific knowledge of pharmaceuticals, he hired a pharmacist to take charge of his business, and entered the Chicago School of Pharmacy. He was in Chicago at the time of the great fire in 1871, and with many others was hemmed in on the lake front some ten or twelve hours during that excitement. The School of Pharmacy was burned, and he then resumed the drug business, which he followed most successfully until his death, which occurred in Platteville, in September, 1892. He made many friends in the city, who, with his family, sincerely mourned the loss of an affectionate husband, an indulgent father, and a good and patriotic citizen. He had long been an Odd Fellow, and in politics was a leading Republican. Mr. Wright was a member of the Wisconsin State Pharmaceutical Association, of which he was one of the original promoters and one of the first vice-presidents.

In 1860 Mr. Wright was united in marriage with Miss Nancy E. Kell, daughter of John and Emily (Swett) Kell, old and respected residents of Madison, Ill., the former of whom, native of Tennessee, is now living in Missouri; the latter, a native of Illinois, was of New England descent. They reared two children: Nancy E., now Mrs. Wright; and

David W., a farmer of Richmond, Mo., where his wife died, leaving three children, Nellie, Edward and Lloyd. To Mr. and Mrs. Wright were born four children, of whom three died in infancy. The survivor, Charles E., was graduated from the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, in 1888, and is the successor of his father in the drug trade at Platteville, being chief manager of the store, which is the finest in the city, and in which Mrs. Wright also holds an interest. He has become quite popular as a chemist, as well as personally, and fraternally is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge in the city.

Religiously Mrs. Wright is a member of the Congregational Church, has ever been very active in pushing forward the good work of the congregation, never being behindhand in her contributions to the support of the church itself, and is a lady of the most charitable and kindly impulses. She is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, an adjunct of the I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM MATES, now a retired farmer making his home in Belmont, Lafayette county, is a man of venerable appearance, and the natural regard that his advanced years would command is increased by a knowledge of his upright character and unbending integrity.

Mr. Mates was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, near Dublin, in February, 1821, and is a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Burn) Mates, both Irish born and bred. His father was born in 1783, and his mother in 1790. The future Lafayette county farmer obtained his education in the schools of his native county, and lived in Ireland until he had attained maturity. In 1844 Mr. Mates left his Irish home, bound for Wisconsin, making the journey by the long and roundabout way of New Orleans and up the Mississippi to Galena, and thence overland into Lafayette county, where he worked on a farm in Elk Grove township. Returning to Ireland, he remained there about two years, and when he came to Wisconsin a second time he brought his aged parents with him, and settled them on farm land, some of which they bought from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre. He bought more land, and now owns nearly four hundred acres in one body. Richard Mates died in 1863, and his widow survived until 1874. They had a family of seven children: Mary

married a Mr. Tomlinson in Ireland, and is still living in her home country, at the age of eighty-six years; she has three children living in Ireland. Leonard was born in 1817, and came to Wisconsin at the same time his parents made the journey; as long as they lived he made his home with them, and is now an inmate of the home of his brother, the subject of this writing; he owns a good farm in Lafayette county. John was born in 1823, and grew to manhood in Ireland. After coming to Wisconsin he married Miss Kate Kinch, an Irish lady. They settled in Belmont, Wis., but later moved to Iowa, and then to South Dakota, where she died, leaving him three children, Charles, of South Dakota; Anna E., who married Mulford Johnson, and lives in South Dakota; and Marrend, who lives in Iowa. Grace Mates was born in Ireland, married Hugh Livingston, and resides in Grant county, Wisconsin, where her husband died, leaving her with a family of seven children, William, John, Robert, Isabel, Mary, Grace, and Jennie. Jennie Mates, born in Ireland, came to this country with her parents, and married Joseph Livingston, a farmer in Iowa county, where she died in 1865, leaving four children—Robert, now a resident of Iowa county; Angeline, the wife of Hiram Rundel, of the same county; Hannah, the wife of John Rundel; and Elizabeth, the wife of H. Rundel, of Platteville, Wis. Richard Mates was born in Ireland in 1830, and married a Miss Sherrill, of this State, who bore him three sons, John, William and Henry, all residing in that town. He was a farmer, and followed farming until a few years ago, when he moved to Belmont, and is now not engaged in any business.

William Mates came to Lafayette county when a young man, established himself on a solid and substantial foundation, and in 1847 was married to Miss Anna Hammond, of Ireland, who was born in 1826, grew to womanhood, and received her education in her native town. She is a daughter of Richard and Annie Hammond, who died in Ireland previous to her coming to this country. Mr. and Mrs. Mates lived on their farm until 1875, when they moved to Platteville in order to give their children the advantage of the State Normal at that place. In 1883 Mr. Mates purchased a fine home on Main street, in Belmont, and here they have since made their residence. Of their family of nine children but few lived to

maturity, and only one son is now living, Richard F., who is a young business man of Belmont, with a bright future ahead of him. Eliza died when she had reached young womanhood. Mary J. and Susan Grace both lived to the age of eighteen years. Martha was born on the farm, where she grew up, and married S. G. Clark, of Iowa; she died in 1892, leaving two children, Ora and William A., who make their home with their grandparents. Eunice, William, Emma and Anna died in childhood. Richard F. Mates, as noted above, is an enterprising and progressive business man of Belmont. He married Miss Susan Martin, a daughter of one of the well-to-do and old-time families of the county, and they have four children—Martin W., Elsie, Mary and Clay. He is an extensive cattle dealer and stock raiser of Lafayette county, dealing not only at home but in the Chicago markets.

William Mates has been identified with the Republican party since its first organization, and has held a number of local offices in Lafayette county, having been justice of the peace, town superintendent of schools, etc. He and his wife are Methodists, and are devout adherents of that faith. They are among the oldest residents of the county. Their large means were earned by honest toil, and to-day there is no more highly appreciated family in the county than these of whom we have been writing, for their honest lives and sympathetic spirit.

CORNELIUS BUCKLEY, of Beloit, Rock county, is an attorney-at-law, and holds a leading position at the Rock County Bar. He is well grounded in the fundamental principles of the law, and can readily apply them to the complicated details of modern and present business conditions. He is an impressive speaker before the jury, and excels in the presentation of the facts of the case and the principles of the law that govern it.

Mr. Buckley was born in Beloit April 24, 1856, and is a son of Timothy and Hannah (Kelleher) Buckley, both natives of the town of Mallow, County Cork, Ireland. They were the parents of seven children, all but one of whom are now living: Cornelius and Catherine, twins; Patrick, deceased; John, of Beloit; Mary, of Chicago; Elizabeth, the wife of John J. Sweeny, of Freeport, Ill.; and Frank, of Washington. The father came to Boston in

1853, and two years later located in Beloit, in which city he is still living. The mother died July 10, 1868, at the age of thirty-seven. Both were devout Catholics. His father, who bore the name of Cornelius Buckley, died in Ireland when a young man. The father of Hannah Kelleher also died in Ireland; he was a farmer.

Cornelius Buckley was reared to manhood in his native city, attended the parochial and public schools of Beloit, and matriculated at the State University as a student in the law department. Previous to his entrance into the law school he had studied law, and he was admitted to the Bar June 5, 1883. He was admitted to the supreme court of the State and to the United States supreme court in 1893. Mr. Buckley is also a member of the Bar of the State of Minnesota, and is authorized to practice before the court of appeals in Virginia. He was engaged in practice before the courts at Washington, D. C., in 1893, 1894 and 1895, and held there for a short time a position in the census department. He is a member of the Virginia Historical Society at Richmond, and of the Savannah Historical Society of Georgia, and fraternally is a member of the Woodmen of the World. Our subject calls himself a Jeffersonian Democrat.

Mr. Buckley and his twin sister live in the old home at No. 1243 Emerson street, their father living with them. He is regarded as an able lawyer and a careful adviser, and stands among the leaders of his profession in Beloit.

MARTIN P. RINDLAUB was born Feb. 15, 1838, on a farm four miles east of Gettysburg, Penn. During the war of the Rebellion a battle was fought so near to the family residence that the occupants could see it from the attic window.

John Andrew Christian Rindlaub, our subject's father, was born in Gottingen, Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, April 12, 1797, and came to this country in the year 1819, in a sailing-vessel, being nine weeks in crossing the ocean; he landed at Baltimore, Md. At that time there were no railroads, telegraphs, sewing machines, reaping or threshing machines, and not even lucifer matches. Mr. Rindlaub was a tailor by trade, and for a number of years he traveled from house to house in pursuit of his business. He died at the home of his son Martin P. in April, 1885, at the ad-

vanced age of eighty-eight years. On Nov. 4, 1827, he married Sophia Mummert, who was born in Adams county, Penn., daughter of Jacob Mummert, a native of York county, Penn., born Nov. 4, 1784; he died at an advanced age. Her mother, Margaret (Schrein-er), was born in Lancaster county, Penn., April 6, 1790; she also lived to a good old age. To Christian and Sophia (Mummert) Rindlaub were born children as follows: Margaret B. C., Sept. 20, 1828; Jacob H. M., Feb. 10, 1830; Dorothy H. E., April 10, 1832; J. A. Christian, Jan. 27, 1834; Susan M. S., Jan. 14, 1836; Martin P., Feb. 15, 1838; R. Sophia, June 19, 1840; Elizabeth M., April 19, 1843; Julia A., Oct. 7, 1848. They are all living (1901) except Margaret, Christian and Elizabeth. The mother died March 28, 1866.

Martin P. Rindlaub received his education in the public schools and at Gettysburg (Penn.) College. He learned the printing business in the office of the Gettysburg (Penn.) *Sentinel*, Robert Goodloe Harper, proprietor, finishing in the fall of 1856. He taught school that winter, and the next summer entered Johnstown (Penn.) Academy, assisting the principal and pursuing his studies. The following winter he taught school on the western slope of the Alleghany mountains, in Cambria county, Penn., and in order to reach his school he had to walk from Altoona across the mountain, a distance of twenty-five miles. The country in which he taught was mostly covered with virgin pine timber, a few clearings here and there being the exception. There were few wagon roads, and the country was traversed mostly along trails blazed through the forest, much of the travel being on foot. The following spring the subject of this sketch came West to Warren, Ill., arriving there on the first day of June, 1858, to accept the position of foreman of the Warren *Sentinel*, as it was called at that time. Shortly afterward he bought a half-interest in the paper, and within a short time bought the entire plant, remaining there until the spring of 1864, when he sold the office and went to Galena for a few months, as assistant editor of the Galena *Gazette*. Following this he went to Lancaster, Wis. (July 1, 1864), to assume a like position in the office of the Grant County *Herald*, Joseph C. Cover, proprietor, and here remained until March 1, 1867, when he purchased the Grant County *Witness*, Platteville, of which paper he has remained the sole



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proprietor ever since. The paper was established in 1859.

When Mr. Rindlaub first took charge of the *Witness* it had only about 600 subscribers, but he immediately enlarged the paper and made other improvements which soon had the effect of running up the circulation to over 2,000, and placing it among the leading newspapers of southwestern Wisconsin. When he first came to Platteville there were only three newspapers in the county: The *Herald*, at Lancaster; the *Broadaxe*, at Boscobel; and the *Witness*, at Platteville. Now (1901) there are thirteen. Our subject has been a member of the National Press Association, and is the present president of the Wisconsin State Press Association.

Mr. Rindlaub's parents were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and early in life our subject connected himself with that body. Later on he joined the Congregational Church, in which organization he has held prominent positions among the officers of the church. He has always taken a prominent part in politics, has been chairman of the Republican Congressional District Committee, and is now chairman of the Republican Senatorial District Committee; the Assembly District Committee; and also of the Town and City Committees of Platteville. He was postmaster at Platteville during President Harrison's administration, and is at present Deputy Internal Revenue Collector for the Second District, Wisconsin. Mr. Rindlaub is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having joined in 1859, and belongs to the Chapter and Commandery; is also a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association, whose headquarters are with the Venerable Chief, Gen. J. C. Smith, Chicago; and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the Encampment.

On Dec. 15, 1862, Mr. Rindlaub married Catherine Swartley Young, who is descended from two of the oldest families in Pennsylvania, the Swartleys and the Youngs. She was born at Doyleston, Bucks Co., Penn., Feb. 23, 1842. Her father, Joseph Young, of Northampton county, Penn., was the son of John and Elizabeth Young, who occupied premises that had been in the family for nearly two hundred years. Joseph Young was publisher and proprietor of a newspaper for many years. He served in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion. Mrs. Rind-

laub's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Fox (Swartley) Young, died when Mrs. Rindlaub was only twenty-one days old, and she had one brother, John S. Young, who died in the summer of 1870. She received her education in the public schools, at Ingham's Seminary, in Doylestown, and at the State Normal School in Millersville, Penn., and has always taken an active part in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the social and moral condition of her sex. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; of the W. R. C., in which she has been President; of the Order of Rachel Rebekahs, I. O. O. F., of which she has been President; and of the Congregational Improvement Society, of which she has been President. She is at present (1901) Department Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps of the State of Wisconsin, and vice-president of the Woman's Suffrage Club of Platteville; and devotes much of her time as leader of the Young Ladies Missionary Society and to mission work generally. She has also been prominently connected with W. C. T. U. work for the past twenty-two years.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rindlaub, as follows: William Martin, at Warren, Ill., Feb. 1, 1864; John Harry, at Lancaster, Wis., May 1, 1865; Kate Swartley, at Lancaster, Nov. 29, 1866; Emma Gertrude, at Platteville, Feb. 12, 1869; Ada Sophia, at Platteville, Jan. 17, 1871 (died April 11, 1880); Elizabeth Pond, at Platteville, Jan. 27, 1873; Martin Phillip, at Platteville, Nov. 6, 1874; Julia Hill, at Platteville, Oct. 17, 1880. The eldest, William M., married Miss Nina Bean, of La Crosse. He is one of the editors and business manager of the *Witness*. John H. graduated from the State Normal School, after which he studied medicine at Columbia Medical College, Washington, D. C., and also took special courses, at Georgetown College and at Bellevue. He then spent a year in Europe, studying in the cities of Berlin, Vienna, Edinburgh and London, and in 1896 located at Fargo, Wis., confining his practice to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Kate S. married John H. Robertson, a jeweler and oculist, located at Morrison, Ill.; they have one child, Martin Rindlaub Robertson. Emma Gertrude is at home with her parents. Elizabeth P. graduated from the State Normal School, Platteville, took a four years' course in medi-

cine at Ann Arbor (Mich.) University, and afterward a special course at Philadelphia, and is now with her brother at Fargo, as his assistant. Martin P., Jr., graduated from the State Normal School, Platteville, then graduated in the literary course in the Wisconsin State University, and for three years has held the chair of Latin in the Platteville Normal School. At the close of the last school year he was granted a year's leave of absence by the Board of Regents, and now he and his youngest sister, Julia, who graduated at the Platteville Normal last year (1900), are spending a year in study and travel in Europe.

OTTO F. GEIGER is a leading representative of the business interests of Cassville, Grant county, being a member of the well-known firm of Klindt, Geiger & Co., general merchants of that place. Of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a prominent place among the substantial citizens of his county, and has won success by his well-directed, energetic efforts.

Mr. Geiger was born in Cassville April 3, 1859, a son of John and Christina (Nicholas) Geiger. The father was a native of Germany, and came to this country as a political refugee in 1833. Landing in New York, he remained in that city, working in a cigar factory for a time, and then went to Kaskaskia, Ill., where he engaged in mercantile business until coming to Cassville, Wis., in 1848. Here he embarked in business as a member of the firm of Raffauf & Geiger, and the old frame building in which they conducted their store is still standing near the present place of business of the firm of Klindt, Geiger & Co., having been moved to give place to the brick building erected in 1860. The firm carried on business as general merchants and grain dealers until that year, when Peter Raffauf returned to Germany, and Mr. Geiger became the sole proprietor of the store, buying his partner's interest. Under the name of John Geiger he engaged in business until his death, which occurred in December, 1873. The following year John A. Klindt purchased the property, and was alone in business until March, 1878, when the firm of Klindt, Geiger & Co. was established. In 1883, in addition to their extensive mercantile business, they erected a creamery at Cassville, which they have since conducted with marked success.

Mr. Geiger's mother died in Cassville in

1860. Otto F. is the youngest of her three children, the others being Mary, wife of Robert Hufschmidt, of Lansing, Iowa; and Gustave J., who was a partner in the business until his death, in January, 1880. The father was again married, in Cassville, his second union being with Miss Josephine Scholz, also a native of Germany. To this marriage have been born six children, namely: Wilhelmina, wife of Frank Junkermann, of Clinton, Iowa; John E., a farmer, of Thorp, Wis.; Joseph F., a resident of Cassville; F. A., an attorney of Milwaukee; Henry E., teller in a bank at Madison, Wis.; and Pauline A., of Cassville.

Reared in Cassville, Otto F. Geiger attended the public schools, and later entered the State University, at Madison, where he pursued his studies for two years. He then began his business career as a member of the firm of Klindt, Geiger & Co., with which he is still connected. It is the oldest business house in Cassville, and has the best and most extensive trade of any in this section of the State. Mr. Geiger is an energetic, enterprising business man, of known reliability, and the success that has come to him is certainly well merited. Beside his village property he owns an interest in farming land. In his political views he is a Democrat, but an advocate of sound money, and gives his support to every enterprise which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit.

DARIUS EASTMAN, for many years a resident of the township of Wayne, Lafayette county, and one of the best-known and most successful farmers and stock raisers of Southwestern Wisconsin, represents one of the pioneer families of the State, and is a descendant of one of the early emigrants to the American colonies. He was born in the town of Wayne, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, March 8, 1831, son of Amos and Ruby (Brockway) Eastman. A genealogy of the American branch of the family, compiled in recent years, states that the emigrant, Roger Eastman, was born in 1611 in Langford, County of Wilts, England, emigrating from that country to the New England colonies at an early age. In April, 1638, he sailed from Southampton in the good ship "Confidence," John Jobson, master, and in due time landed at Salem, Mass., making his first home at Salisbury. He there married, and became the father of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, whose progeny have scattered

all over the country. In Part 3. of the Eastman Genealogy, there is a representation of the armorial bearings of the family.

Amos Eastman, father of Darius, was born in Canada (where his parents were temporarily residing) May 22, 1804, son of Amos Eastman, Sr. While he was still young the family removed to the State of New York, then to Pennsylvania, and later to Wayne township, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, where occurred his marriage with Ruby Brockway, who was born there May 11, 1810. In 1844, with his wife and six children, Amos Eastman left Ohio, and settled on Section 22, Wayne township, Lafayette Co., Wis., which became their future home. The father died Dec. 21, 1886, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years and seven months. The wife and mother passed away May 10, 1863. Amos Eastman was held in high esteem, and during his long residence in Wisconsin obtained possession of a large amount of land, although by trade he was a carpenter; he erected a number of the early buildings. To him belongs the honor of having given the township its name, which he called for "Mad Anthony Wayne," of Revolutionary fame. He and his wife were faithful adherents to the principles of the Free-Will Baptist Church. Their children were: Darius, mentioned below; Dr. William, of Mineral Point; Ariel A., of South Wayne; Cassius B., a member of Company B, 31st Wis. V. I., in the Civil war, who died shortly after his return from the service, of disease contracted in the army; and Lucinda and Mary, both now residents of Nebraska.

Darius Eastman was about thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Wisconsin, and practically grew up in Wayne township. On Aug. 15, 1862, he entered the Union army, being assigned to Company B, 31st Wis. V. I. The regiment was actively engaged during its whole term of service. Mr. Eastman kept a diary of passing events throughout the war, which after nearly forty years is still in excellent preservation. This diary notes the various occurrences from day to day, and from it might be compiled a complete history of the regiment from the time it entered the service until the close of the war. On leaving the State the regiment went to Columbus, Ky., arriving there Sept. 25, 1863, and two days later started for Nashville, Tenn., which point it reached the fol-

lowing day. A short rest was allowed there, and on Oct. 5 it was transferred to Laverne, Tenn., starting on the 24th for Murfreesboro. Company B, with two other companies, was detached to guard bridges that spanned Stone river, and remained in that vicinity until the spring of 1864, when they rejoined the regiment at Murfreesboro. There, on the 11th of March, Mr. Eastman was detailed to serve in the commissary department, where he remained several months, but finally succeeded in getting permission to rejoin his regiment, then near Atlanta. Leaving Murfreesboro on Aug. 25, he reached his regiment on the 29th. The 31st then formed a part of the 3d Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps, and they entered Atlanta on the 4th of September, being among the first troops to enter after the evacuation of the enemy. On Sept. 15, began that historical march to the sea, and Mr. Eastman participated in all the battles and skirmishes of that never-to-be-forgotten campaign, including the battles at Fort Harrison, before Savannah, Aversboro and Bentonville, and then marched on to Washington to take an honored place in the grand review, May 24, 1865. The regiment was mustered out of service at Louisville, Kentucky.

Since his return to the pursuits of peace Mr. Eastman has engaged in agricultural work and in the raising of Shorthorn cattle, in which he has been eminently successful. He is now an extensive land owner, and in all his business transactions has maintained a high reputation for sterling integrity, being respected by all men.

On Feb. 7, 1876, Mr. Eastman was united in marriage with Miss Susan Shepard, and four children have been born to them; Le Roy E., Charles L., Roger A. and Lulu.

FRANKLIN H. DERRICK, of Brodhead, Green county, is a retired farmer, and is passing his last days in this beautiful little inland city. He has lived a useful life, worked hard, and is now enjoying a competence for which he has rendered an honest equivalent in brain and brawn.

Mr. Derrick was born in Erie county, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1824, and is a son of Rodolphus D. and Lorinda (Sheldon) Derrick, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. Eight children were born to them, of whom two are now living: Franklin H.; and Elvira, the



widow of Levi Derrick, of Henderson, Neb. The father was a farmer, and during his active years cleared several heavily timbered farms in his native State. He came to the West in 1838 to make his home, though he had already been out two years before and bought land in Green county, Wis. In 1840 he broke land on this farm, and the following year moved his family to it, and made it his home as long as he lived. He died in 1860, at the age of sixty-seven, and his widow died fourteen years later, at the age of seventy-seven, lacking one month. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and in his mature years a leading man in his community. He was one of the three county commissioners in Green county at an early day, held several town offices, and was on the county board at different times. His father, Ephraim Derrick, was a native of Vermont, of English lineage. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and drew a pension. He died in New York at the age of seventy-seven. His grandfather, John Derrick (1), born in England in 1633, came to America in 1674, and died at the age of one hundred and eight years. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this article was William Sheldon. He was a farmer in New York, reared a family of eleven children, and reached the age of seventy-five.

Franklin H. Derrick was fourteen years of age when he came with his parents to Wisconsin, and he has lived continuously in Green county since that time, with the exception of two years which he spent in California, engaged in mining. He crossed the Plains in 1850, taking five months to make the journey. In 1852 he returned home by way of the Isthmus, and on a sailing-vessel to New Orleans, where he took a steamer for Cincinnati. He farmed until 1883, when he retired. Mr. Derrick attended the district school one winter after coming to the West. He lived at home until his father's death, when he bought the entire homestead of four hundred acres, but has since sold it.

Mr. Derrick and Miss Harriet A. Boslow were married Nov. 18, 1846. She was the daughter of John and Mary (Condon) Boslow, and became the mother of seven children, Theodore James, Franklin R., Levi F., Mary L., Harriet L., Flora L., and Paul E. Theodore James lives at Jolly, Texas; he married Mrs. Ellen Purdy. Franklin R. lives at Brod-

head, and is the husband of Miss Belle Moore. Levi F. married Miss Mary Simmons, and lives at McCracken, Kans.; they have two children, Edna and Maud. Paul E. married Miss Adeline Bowen, and lives in the city of New York. Mary L. married John C. Balis, and both are dead; they were the parents of six children, Franklin T., Robert, Ernest, Mary L., Hattie and Mabel. Harriet L. married Junius T. Lamson, and lives at Orleans, Neb.; they have four children. Flora L. died at the age of two years. Mrs. Harriet A. Derrick died Oct. 22, 1871, at the age of forty-nine. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Derrick married Mrs. Mary A. Northup, Sept. 17, 1872. She was the widow of Sylvester Northup, and the daughter of Sanford Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Derrick are members of the Methodist Church, where he serves on the board of trustees. He was formerly a Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist. He was sheriff from 1873 to 1875, and was chairman of the town board a number of terms. He has a good home in Brodhead, and is reckoned among the leading citizens in the town and county.

REV. LEROY ELLIS, of Patch Grove, Grant county, is a well-known clergyman of the Methodist Church and an ex-soldier of the war of the Rebellion, as well as a greatly beloved citizen of his community. When the first note of war sounded throughout the country, and the news of President Lincoln's first call for troops went abroad, Mr. Ellis was among the first to respond. When the information reached him that the President had issued a call for volunteers, like Gen. Putnam, he was plowing in the field, and like that noted patriot, he responded promptly to his country's call. History tells us that Putnam left his team and plow in the field where he was at work and hurried to the scene of strife. Mr. Ellis unhitched his team and drove them to the barn, but without waiting to unharness them started at once for Boscobel, where he promptly enrolled himself as a member of Company F, 3d Wis. V. I., under Capt. George W. Linbucker. The regiment went as quickly as possible to the front and engaged in the early military operations in Maryland. The Third formed a part of Gen. Patterson's command at Harper's Ferry, Va., when Gen. McClellan advanced to meet the Confederate army, which

advance resulted in the battle of Bull Run. Gen. Patterson, as is well known, was ordered to join Gen. McClellan, but failed to arrive in time to participate in the disastrous first battle of Manassas. Thus Mr. Ellis was not in that noted engagement. The command to which he belonged crossed into the Shenandoah Valley, and took part in the second battle of Bull Run under Gen. Pope, and also participated in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, under Gen. McClellan. Later the regiment went into camp on Maryland Heights, where it remained for about six weeks. There Mr. Ellis was taken ill, and was in Hospital Camp A at Frederick City, later being removed to the convalescent camp, where he was finally discharged for disability on April 29, 1863. He was severely injured in Banks' retreat from the Shenandoah Valley, when that gentleman was defeated by the illustrious Stonewall Jackson. The nature of his injury was a rupture, and from this and other effects of his military service he still suffers.

Rev. Ellis was born in Perry county, Ohio, May 18, 1835, a son of Daniel J. and Maria (Cochran) Ellis, who never came West, but spent their last days in Ohio. The mother passed away when her son was a small child, but the father survived her many years. Mr. Ellis may be said to be a clergyman of the Methodist Church by heredity, as his paternal grandfather, Rev. Michael Ellis, was a pioneer preacher of the West and was associated with the Rev. J. B. Finley. Mr. Ellis was one of three children born to his mother, but the father married a second time, and by that union had five children. They long ago scattered and some of them have passed away. Mr. Ellis was reared in his native State. On May 28, 1856, he arrived in Prairie du Chien, Wis., and for some time was engaged in farming in Grant and Iowa counties. He was always of a religious turn of mind, but had no opportunity for preparing for the ministry in early life, and it was not until 1867 that he became a local preacher, continuing as such for twenty years. His first charge was at Patch Grove, where he remained three years, and after several other assignments he was returned to Patch Grove in 1895, where he is still living, in 1901.

On Jan. 29, 1865, Mr. Ellis was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Culbertson, who celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of her

birth on that day. Her parents, Robert and Levina (David) Culbertson were pioneers of southwestern Wisconsin. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, three of whom died in early childhood, while two sons and two daughters are still living, namely: Frank B., a resident of Redwood county, Minn.; George R., of Oregon; Jennie May, wife of Fred R. Barnes; and M. Elma, a teacher by profession, residing at home. Rev. Ellis possesses in an eminent degree the respect and esteem of all who know him. His preaching is characterized by an earnest sincerity that carries conviction to the mind and heart of the hearer. He is cordial and genial in manner and charitable toward all, and the non-religious as well as the Christian believer is his friend. Fraternally he is an esteemed member of the G. A. R. Post of Bradtville.

LUCIUS S. MOSELEY, of the town of Beloit, Rock county, is one of the older and more successful farmers of that region. He has spent his life in the cultivation of the soil, and kindly nature has richly rewarded his continuous and honorable industry. In the town of Beloit he is spoken of by his neighbors as an honest and upright man, who is at once a good neighbor and a respected citizen of the community.

Mr. Moseley was born in Bureau county, Ill., July 26, 1843, but received his early training in the town of Beloit, for his parents removed to Rock county when he was but a child. He had received a good common-school education, and was prepared to enter Beloit College at the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted Aug. 14, 1862, in Company B, 22d Wis. V. I. On the battlefield of Spring Hill, Tenn., he was made corporal, and was afterward taken prisoner, with almost the entire command. Mr. Moseley was confined in Libby prison for a short time, was then paroled, and was at the camp at St. Louis for about two months, when the command was reorganized and sent to the front. He served as a soldier until the close of the war, and took part in many fierce and bloody battles, being at Resaca and Peach Tree Creek, and with Gen. Sherman on the march to the sea. Several times was Mr. Moseley struck by flying missiles, but never seriously injured. He was mustered out at Washington, and finally discharged at Milwaukee.

Our subject was engaged in farming some months after his return home at the close of the war, and then did teaming in the city of Beloit for about two years, working for the Rock River Paper Co. Then he resumed farming on rented land, and finally purchased the farm where he now lives, containing 120 acres, on which he has made many handsome improvements. In his early life Mr. Moseley learned the trade of a carpenter, and still follows it in connection with farming. He is an active and industrious man, and does not mean to let any time go to waste.

Mr. Moseley is a member of L. H. D. Crain Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Beloit, has been its commander two terms, and takes a deep interest in the welfare of all the "old boys," comrades on the tented field in the long ago. He has also been president of the Rock County ex-Soldiers and Sailors Association. Mr. Moseley takes considerable interest in public affairs, and has filled several offices in the town of Beloit, having been collector for five years, and has been assessor and supervisor. He is a strong Republican.

Mr. Moseley was married, in Beloit, Wis., Dec. 16, 1869, to Miss Fanny M. Brittan, who was born in Elbridge, N. Y., May 22, 1847. They have five children, Metta M., Harry L., Hubert B., Jessie V., and Florence H. The young people of the family are bright and promising, and will very shortly make their influences felt in the world.

Selden D. and Harriet W. (Gage) Moseley, our subject's parents, were born in Connecticut and New Hampshire, respectively. They were married in Bureau county, Ill., and came soon after to Rock county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of four children, of whom Lucius S. was the second child. The father of Mrs. Lucius S. Moseley was Alfred Brittan, and her mother Alvira (Armstrong) Brittan. He was born in England, and she in New York. They were married in that State, and came to Rock county in 1855, and here passed the rest of their lives. They were the parents of four daughters and one son, and Mrs. Moseley was the eldest of their family.

NATHAN ALLEN LOOFBOUROW, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon at Monroe, Green county, was born at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, Oct. 9, 1849, and is a son

of Dr. John and Rebecca (Lamb) Loofbourow, natives of Virginia and Indiana, respectively. They were the parents of six sons and four daughters, and eight of their children are now living: Sarah is the widow of George Proctor, of Jamestown, N. Dak.; William, at Monroe; Wade H., at Osceola, Wis.; Harriet, the wife of J. A. Buss, of Platteville, Wis.; Dr. N. A., of Monroe; Mary, the wife of Henry Hanners, of Platteville, Wis.; Thomas, of California; and John, of Cincinnati. The father was a physician, and practiced for a time in Ohio, in 1828 coming to Wisconsin, where he located in Mineral Point, practicing there until his death, in 1859, when he was seventy-six years of age. He opened a farm in the wilderness, and became the owner of five hundred acres. He was active in the development of the new country, and served in the Black Hawk war. His widow long survived him, and died in 1892 at the age of seventy-six. Both were members of the Christian Church. Dr. John Loofbourow had been twice married before; he had one child by his first wife, who is now dead. His second wife was the widow of Dr. Monroe, and was the mother of Dr. William Monroe, of Monroe, Wisconsin.

The paternal grandfather of Dr. N. A. Loofbourow died in the East, and his history is lost. His maternal grandfather, Lamb, is supposed to have been a native of Indiana. He came to Wisconsin in 1828, and opened a farm in Lafayette county, near the village of Wiota, where he died about 1863, when upwards of seventy years of age, leaving five children who lived to maturity. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk war.

Dr. Nathan A. Loofbourow made his home in Iowa county until he was sixteen, and then moved into Fayette, in Lafayette county, where he lived until 1870, attending the local schools, and also a select school in Fayette. For some two or three years he was a teacher in the public schools of Wisconsin, in the meantime studying medicine under the direction of Dr. William Monroe. He was a student in Rush Medical College, Chicago, and was graduated in February, 1873. He also attended the famous Bellevue Hospital Medical College, at New York, took post-graduate lectures in Rush, and in 1887-88 spent the greater part of a year in the celebrated medical hospitals and schools at Paris, Vienna, Edinburgh, and Lon-

don. The Doctor established himself in Monroe in 1873, and has been continuously in practice in this city since that time, with the exception of the intervals of study abroad.

Dr. Loofbourov and Miss Alice Banta, the daughter of Jeremiah and Caroline (Bridge) Banta, were married Nov. 12, 1874. The Doctor and his wife are the parents of one child, Lelia, who is now living with her father at his home on Washington street in Monroe. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., and also to Ivanhoe Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican, and has always taken a deep interest in public questions.

EDWARD RUSKELL, familiarly known as "Squire Ruskell," of Belmont, Lafayette county, is a man whose age commands the respect his character and learning deserve. He was a farmer for many years, and now that he is living in what the Psalmist denominates as years of sorrow and trouble, he is enjoying a green and noble old age.

Mr. Ruskell was born in Ireland May 18, 1825, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (Kegan) Ruskell, the history of whose entire lives is compassed in their birth, rearing, marriage and death in that country. There Mr. Ruskell grew to manhood, and there he contracted those matrimonial bonds that outlive youth and beauty, but he sought a home over the sea, with his young wife, Eliza Richardson, whom he married in 1849. The same year they came to this country, crossing the ocean on a sailing vessel, landing at New York, and making their way to Wisconsin just as it was being transformed into a State. Mr. Ruskell applied himself without hesitation to any work that he could secure, working by the month, and saving his earnings, small as they were, until he had enough after several years to buy a small farm in Kendall township, Lafayette county. The same patient industry and economy enabled him to increase his farm property until he owned an extensive farm. He put up good buildings and improved the grounds thoroughly. A few years ago he divided a section of land among his sons, and is now living a retired life at Belmont. His wife, the faithful sharer of his toils, and a woman of gracious spirit, died in August, 1889, and the following year Mr. Ruskell made a protracted visit to Ireland, going over in May and returning the following September. He was the

father of nine children, who have lived to grow up, marry and settle in Lafayette county: William, who is now in the Dakotas, where he is traveling for his health, has his home and business in Lafayette county. Sarah is the wife of J. Olney, of Belmont. Mary A. married Joseph Martin, of Lafayette county, and is now deceased. Robert F.; Thomas; Bessie married William Killpatrick, and both she and her husband are now dead; John; Edward died a few years ago at the old home; Abbie, the wife of Cyrus Buss, of Lafayette.

In 1893 Mr. Ruskell contracted a second matrimonial union, his bride being Mrs. Hannah Bunt, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Sowden, of England, where she was born in 1830. In 1849 she married Henry Bunt, of Cornwall, England, and came to Wisconsin the same year, settling on a farm in Elk Grove, Lafayette county, making it their home until Mr. Bunt died, in 1880, leaving her a widow with two children, Emily and George W. The daughter married James L. Mitchell, now a Platteville merchant, and is the mother of two children, Mary and Eugene. George W., born in 1854, married and moved to Lemars, Iowa. Mrs. Ruskell has no children by her second marriage. Mr. Ruskell is a Democrat, and has long been identified with that party. He was a treasurer of Kendall township for many years, and for twenty-six years served as justice of the peace. He and his good wife are members of the local Methodist Episcopal Church, and are counted among the best people of Lafayette county.

OLE J. LUNN, of the town of Beloit, Rock county, was born in Racine county, Wis., May 1, 1846, and was brought by his parents into Rock county when he was a child of two and a half years. Practically his entire life has been spent in the community where he is living, and it has been like the pages of an open book, simple and clear. He has been honest and industrious, with a simple and unassuming integrity and an upright spirit.

Jacob Lunn, our subject's father, enlisted as a soldier in the army of the Union, and was a member of Company I, 22d Wis. V. I. He died at Columbia, Tenn., from the effect of wounds received in the battle of Spring Hill, March 4-5, 1863, when fifty-three years old; his record as a soldier was beyond reproach. His wife, Martha, lived to be

eighty years old, and died in the home of her son Ole. They came to America from Stavanger, Norway, June 1, 1844, locating first in Racine county, Wis., where they lived three and a half years. They had two sons, Ole J. and Jacob. Jacob died in the old home when fifteen years of age, May 15, 1864.

Ole J. Lunn was reared on the farm that is now his home, and here he has spent all his life. He loves the farm, loves its care and cultivation, and knows there is no life that can be so grandly lived as that of a farmer. He owns 160 acres of choice land and takes pride in keeping it up to a high state of fertility; he is also engaged in breeding blooded cattle.

Mr. Lunn and Miss Isabella O. Stensland were married at Madison, Wis., Sept. 28, 1868. Mrs. Lunn was born in Norway, and came to this country with her parents when a girl of twelve years. They arrived in America in 1863, and immediately made their way to Rock county, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Lunn are the parents of nine children, Martha, Martin, John, Julia, Charles, Jacob, Benjamin, William (who died when one year old), and Albert (who died at about the same age). The family are members of the Congregational Church.

JAMES S. LOONEY, a retired farmer of Benton, Lafayette county, was born Dec. 31, 1838, son of Abraham and Huldah (Bean) Looney. The father was born in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1800, and the mother in Missouri in 1811. The grandparents, David and Mary (Spergin) Looney, were born in Charleston, S. C., and after their marriage moved to Knoxville, Tenn., thence to Illinois, where Mrs. Looney died. David Looney moved to New Diggings, where he lived with his son Abraham until his death. Robert Looney, the father of David, was a colonel in the Revolutionary war. David Looney and his wife reared a family of six children: Abraham, the father of James S.; David; Hetty; John; Robert, who crossed the Plains to California, where he died in 1860; and Jane, who married Benjamin Beaseley, and died in Missouri.


In 1826 Abraham Looney settled in New Diggings, Wis., where for a time he was engaged in smelting ore. Later he took a farm of prairie land, by pre-emption. In his mature life he became an extensive land owner. During the Black Hawk war, with others, he erected a fort on his farm, to protect the families

from the Indian raids. For a number of years Mr. Looney carried on a store, shipping miners' supplies throughout the district. In 1828 he was married to Huldah Bean, a daughter of Ahab Bean, who settled in Lafayette county for a while, then returning to Missouri. At a later period he came to Wisconsin a second time, settling in Iowa county, where the last years of his life were spent, and where he died. Abraham Looney made his home in New Diggings until the death of his wife, in 1845; she left four children. He was subsequently married to Mrs. Hannah Gear. Mr. Looney died in 1884, his wife some years previously. His children were: (1) Melville, born at the old home in 1835, married William J. Bird, a native of Canada, and a local minister. They are now living retired in the town of Darlington, and have had four children, Charles, Huldah, Isabelle and Lincoln. (2) Henry, born in 1837, was married to Miss Mary A. Hayth, of Wisconsin. They are residing in Ballard, Wash., and have a family of six children, Wallace, Cora, Abraham, Eva, Charles and Maud. (3) James S. (4) Abraham, born in Lafayette county in 1844, was educated at Morris, Ill. He was married to Miss Julia A. Evans, of New Diggings, and they settled on one of his father's farms in Lafayette county, where they lived until 1878, when they removed to Iowa, and a few years later to Ballard, Wash., where they now reside. They have three children, Russell, Jessie and Ella.

James S. Looney obtained his early education in the public schools of New Diggings, and later on was a student in Rock River Seminary. For three years he followed teaching in his own county. He became a soldier at the outbreak of the Civil war, enlisting in Company I, 3d Wis. V. I., July 19, 1861, under Capt. Howard Vandergriff, of Shullsburg. He was mustered in at Fond du Lac, and the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. Its first engagement was at Charlestown, Va., and it was also at Winchester, after which battle our subject was part of the force that arrested the Legislature of Maryland, while it was in session for the purpose of joining the Southern Confederacy. Mr. Looney was in the battle at Strasburg, and also at Cedar Mountain, in 1862. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run that same summer. In September of the same year he

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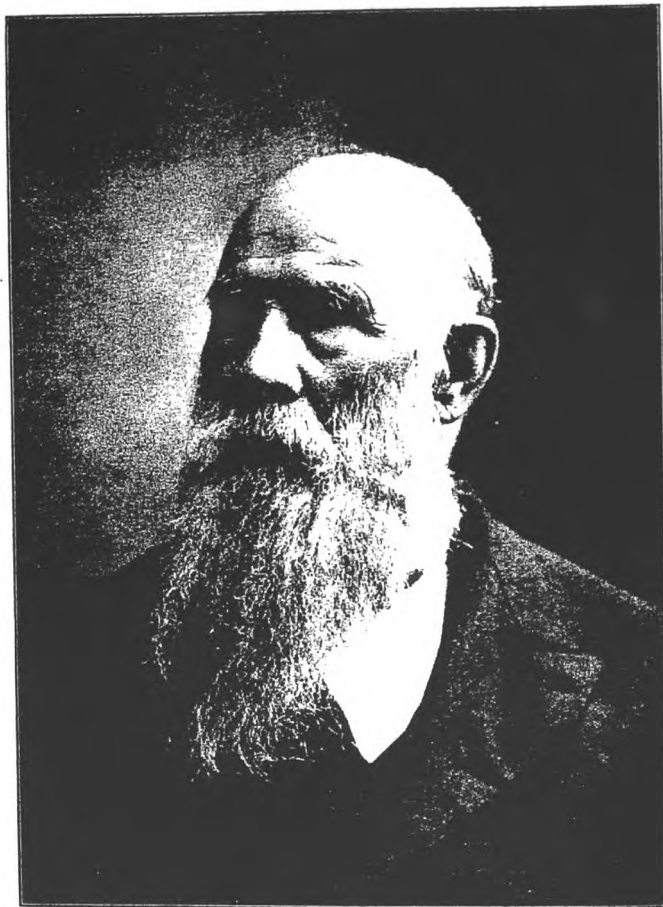












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was a soldier in the terrible battle of Antietam, where his regiment lost heavily in killed and wounded. At Chancellorsville the 3d Wisconsin lost ninety-six killed and wounded; at Gettysburg the regiment was engaged in the battle for three days. From that bloody field the 3d was sent to New York, to crush the draft riots in that city. The following September the regiment returned to Alexandria, Va., and the entire corps was presently attached to the Army of the Cumberland. At Stevenson, Ala., the 3d was on guard duty for a time. While at that point the company to which Mr. Looney belonged re-enlisted, and he was one of the first to enroll himself for the war.

Mr. Looney was married, while home on a furlough, Jan. 15, 1864, to Miss Jane, a daughter of William and Adeline (Kirkham) May. The Mays came to New Diggings at an early day, and here they lived and died. Mrs. Looney was born in Missouri in October, 1840. Mr. Looney went back to his regiment, then in Tennessee, and the 3d participated in the splendid campaigning that led up to the fall of Atlanta, and was part of the Union forces at Resaca. Mr. Looney had a hand in the battles at Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, and at the last-named battle he was wounded, July 21, 1864, by a minie ball, in the knee. He was taken to the field hospital, where he remained until he was able to rejoin his regiment at Atlanta, and accompany Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea. They followed Johnson and his retreating Rebel hosts to Raleigh, where they witnessed the final fighting of the war. The 3d took part in the grand review at Washington. Mr. Looney made a record of which any soldier might be proud. He was in twenty-one heavy battles, and was twice wounded. He was discharged at Louisville, Ky., July 18, 1865, and hastened to resume the peaceful industry which he had for the time abandoned to take part in the dreadful game of war. He lived on the old homestead until 1896, when he bought real estate in the town of Benton, where he has erected one of the finest modern homes to be found in the entire region. He put up new buildings on the farm, and is the proprietor of several tenements in Benton, which he rents.

To Mr. and Mrs. Looney have been born three children: (1) Huldah, born in 1866, married William Cottingham, and is now liv-

ing on a farm of Mr. Looney, joining the old homestead. They have a family of seven children, Charles, Virgil, Glanard, Benjamin, Archie, Letha, and Gay. (2) Arche, born at the old home in April, 1872, was married to Miss Maggie Sullivan, and lives in New Diggings; they have one son, James. (3) Joseph H., born in November, 1873, was married to Miss Jennie Sullivan, and resides on part of the old homestead in New Diggings.

Mr. Looney is a Republican, and has held the office of mayor in Benton. While a resident of New Diggings he was called on to fill many local offices. Socially he belongs to Thomas H. Oates Post, No. 96, G. A. R., Shullsburg, is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Benton Lodge, K. P. Mr. and Mrs. Looney belong to the Order of Rebekahs. Both attend the Methodist Church, to which she belongs. Mr. Looney is a popular and successful business man, a careful financier, and an upright character. He is an honest and genial gentleman, and enjoys the esteem of many friends.

GEN. JAMES BINTLIFF. The people of Wisconsin will always read with pleasure incidents in the lives of those who, through its half century of growth, have taken an active part in shaping its destinies. Such a man was Gen. James Bintliff, who, from 1851 to 1896, was well known in Wisconsin and beyond its borders as one who in every walk of life labored to assist in establishing the community and the State upon the broad foundations of truth, justice and humanity. Although he passed the evening of life in a neighboring State, his heart was ever with Wisconsin, and his best wishes for its prosperity.

Gen. Bintliff was the son of Gershom and Maria H. Bintliff, and was born in Yorkshire, England, on Nov. 1, 1824. At the age of fifteen he became a clerk in a lawyer's office at Halifax, and was subsequently bookkeeper for the Halifax & Wakefield Canal Co. In 1841 his father and mother, with four children, came to the United States, and the next year he followed them with the younger brother and sister. They settled in New York, where, in 1847, at Skaneateles, he was married to Miss Harriet Snook, daughter of John Snook, of Somersetshire, England. From the time of his marriage until 1851 he was a partner with Mr. Snook in business; then he came to Green

county, this State, where he took the position of cashier of the Bank of Monroe. In 1856 he was elected register of deeds for Green county, and was admitted to the Bar in 1859. The next year he bought an interest in the *Monroe Sentinel*, the leading newspaper of the county, of which he afterward became the sole proprietor.

Soon after the beginning of the Civil war Mr. Bintliff recruited a company of volunteers, of which he was commissioned captain. This company was mustered into the service on Sept. 2, 1862, as Company G, of the 22d Wis. V. I., and was ordered to Kentucky, taking part in several minor engagements on its way between Louisville and Nashville. A detachment of the regiment, including Company G, was ordered to Brentwood, Tenn., where it was attacked and captured by a large force under Gen. Forrest, on March 25, 1863, and sent to Libby prison, where our subject was confined until the following May, when he was exchanged and joined his command in St. Louis. In March, 1864, Capt. Bintliff was commissioned by Gov. Lewis, colonel of the 38th Wis. V. I., which was sent to the Army of the Potomac, and took an honorable part in the series of engagements that led up to the capture of Petersburg and the end of the war. In the final assault on Petersburg, Col. Bintliff, with his command, which consisted of three regiments, was the first to break through the enemy's lines and capture and hold an important fort until the whole line was evacuated. During the day of April 2, 1865, he held the position he had captured, Fort Mahone, against three attacks from a division of the Confederate army under Maj. Gen. Gordon. The three regiments which Col. Bintliff commanded were his own 38th Wis., under the immediate command of Maj. Roberts; the 109th N. Y., under Lieut. Col. Pier, of the 38th Wis.; and the 207th Penna., commanded by Col. R. C. Cox. At ten o'clock that night he was sent to take command of the Third Brigade, against which a further attack was expected. Maj. Gen. Hartranft, in his official report of the campaign, and also Col. Sam Harriman, in his report, both extol the gallantry of Col. Bintliff for his brilliant services on this occasion, recommending his promotion; and he was accordingly commissioned brigadier general by the President, and continued in command of the Third Brigade until

the close of the war, being mustered out in June, 1865.

Gen. Bintliff returned to Monroe and engaged in mercantile business until 1870, when he purchased an interest in the *Janesville Gazette* and removed to that city, remaining in charge of that paper until 1878, when he bought the *Republican*, of Darlington. For five years he edited the *Republican* with ability, and then transferred it to his son, E. H. Bintliff, and J. G. Monahan, the latter of whom has since become its sole owner.

When the Board of Supervision of the Penal and Reformatory Institutions of the State was organized under the law of 1881, Gen. Bintliff was appointed one of its members, and after he disposed of the *Republican* he devoted his whole time and attention to his official duties. Deeply interested in the questions of sociology, the discussion of which is so characteristic of the close of the century, he was a valuable and influential member of the board, possessing great executive ability. Gen. Bintliff was also made a trustee of the Wisconsin Soldiers Orphans Home, and president of that board from 1877 until its labors were concluded, and the last of its funds distributed to those entitled, in 1896. After the expiration of his second term in the Board of Supervision he was in no active business. Until 1896 his residence remained in Darlington, when he removed to Chicago, where he lived with his widowed daughter at 7429 Bond avenue, Windsor Park. Another daughter, Mrs. Ida Simpson, resides in the same block; and his only surviving son, Edward H. Bintliff, is the editor of the *Kankakee Gazette*, while two grandsons are in business at St. Louis, Mo. During all this time the wife of his youth shared the vicissitudes of his career, and although herself full of years, felt less the infirmities of age, and was the solace of his declining days.

Gen. Bintliff was lame from the result of a fall which dislocated his hip, and within the last year of his life became blind, so as to be unable to read or to recognize his friends except by the voice; while his general health failed, his mental faculties were bright, and the abundant resources of a well-stored mind were at his command to aid him in bearing his infirmities with equanimity. Always a great student, especially in the line of humanitarian studies, he recalled much that was interesting,

and continued to delight in learning concerning questions that touch the life and well-being of his fellow-men. Instead of bemoaning his condition, however, he maintained his cheerfulness by striving to inculcate in the minds of all within the wide range of his influence, those principles of brotherly kindness that he had proven and found to have enduring value. He entered into rest March 16, 1901.

JOHN M. RIGGS is numbered among the brave veterans of the war of the Rebellion who still remain to tell the story of those terrible days, when courage was tried to the utmost, and the flag was saved, although drenched with the blood of thousands.

Mr. Riggs was born in Meigs county, Ohio, in 1834, son of William R. and Lavina (Burris) Riggs, the former a native of Virginia. The family removed from Ohio to Missouri, and from that State to Wisconsin in 1844, settling at Belmont. In 1849 the father crossed the Plains to California, and died there not long after his arrival, the mother surviving him many years. In their family were two sons and two daughters, of whom only the subject of this sketch and his sister Virginia Ann, who lives in Michigan, now (1901) survive.

John M. Riggs was reared upon a farm. In 1851 he crossed the Plains to California, returning in 1854, but in 1855 he went back once more, and remained until the fall of the following year. When the Civil war broke out Mr. Riggs felt that his sympathies demanded that he offer his services, and on Aug. 16, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, 33d Wis. V. I., his services extending over a period of three years, or until the close of the war. During this time Mr. Riggs took part in many of the important events of that time, the regiment leaving the State under the command of Col. Jonathan B. Moore, who had been sheriff of Grant county, Capt. George R. Frank in command of Company B. On October 18, 1862, the regiment was mustered into the service, and left for the front the following month, proceeding directly to Memphis, Tenn., where it was assigned to Gen. Lawman's division, in Gen. Sherman's Army of the Tennessee. This division became a part of the 16th Army Corps, and took an active part in the siege of Vicksburg, attack on Jackson, and the Meridian expedition. One of the important events in which the 33d participated was the bloody

battle of Tupelo. After many hard marches and several important battles, the 33d reached Nashville Nov. 30, 1864. In March of the following year the regiment joined in the attack on Spanish Fort, and after the surrender of Mobile moved on to Montgomery, Ala., where they did picket duty. Later they were ordered to Vicksburg and mustered out, and finally, in August, 1865, disbanded at Madison, Wis. It has been truly said of the 33d that few regiments saw more severe service and that its record is untarnished by any cowardly or dishonorable action. Mr. Riggs' health was badly broken as a result of his service, and as he grows older he realizes just how much he and his companions gave to their country. Since the war Mr. Riggs has resided on his farm, where all of his children were born and reared.

In May, 1871, John M. Riggs was married to Miss Lydia Beam, who was born in New Jersey in 1846 and brought by her family to Illinois and later to Wisconsin. Her parents are still living, and reside in Watters-town. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs have four sons and two daughters: John M., Mamie, Frank, James E., Elsie V. and Floyd. The four youngest are still residing with their parents, while the others are settled not far away. The home of the Riggs family is a very pleasant one, and both Mr. and Mrs. Riggs are highly respected by all who know them. Mr. Riggs has proven himself a loyal citizen, good husband and father, and kind friend, and no one is better entitled to an honorable place in the records of Grant county than he.

CHRISTOPHER MEINERT. Among the respected residents of the beautiful town of Albany, Green county, within whose borders reside so many of the successful and substantial citizens of Albany township, is Christopher Meinert, the subject of this sketch. His birth took place in Pickaway county, Ohio, on July 13, 1818, a son of Garrett Henry and Catherine (Wonderly) Meinert, both of whom were natives of Germany. A family of nine children were born to them, only two of whom survive, our subject and his sister Angeline, who is the wife of Jacob Abley, of Albany township.

The paternal grandfather died in Germany, where he was a farmer by occupation: the maternal grandfather followed teaming in a Pennsylvania hamlet, where he died, although he

had been born in Germany. The father of our subject was reared on a farm in his native country, and engaged at work in a sugar refinery after coming to New York. In that city he married, and then moved to Ohio, renting a farm in Pickaway county, selling out later and moving to Vermilion county, Ind., where he bought a farm of eighty acres from the government, dying at this place in 1858, in his fifty-ninth year. His wife survived him many years, being aged eighty-one when she passed away. In religious faith she was a Methodist, while he was identified with the Lutheran Church, both being good and worthy people, who possessed the respect of all.

Christopher Meinert was reared principally in Indiana, where he attended the district schools. His occupation has always been that of a farmer, in which he has met with great success. In 1841 he came with his wife and baby to Wisconsin, landing in Green county on Oct. 14, and settling on a farm three miles east of Monroe, where he built a cabin and remained twenty months. Finding more desirable land in Albany township, he moved there, purchasing 240 acres of land a short distance west of the village. Here the family resided until 1884, when Mr. Meinert rented out his land and bought one of the best houses in the village of Albany, living there in comfort ever since. The farm is still in his possession, and is a fine place, well cultivated and improved with excellent buildings.

Mr. Meinert was married on Feb. 14, 1838, to Miss Elizabeth Frazier, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Cade) Frazier, and five children were born to this union, one of whom died in infancy; Martha (deceased) married Joshua Brown, and had one son, Floyd; Eli married Ida Andrews, and lives in Lemhi county, Idaho, with two children, Ernest and Ina; Mary married Milton McPherson and they live in Idaho, with one daughter, Theo; and Sarah, Mrs. Hyde, who lives in Idaho, and has two children. The mother of these children died on April 9, 1851, aged about thirty-two, a worthy member of the Christian Church. For his second wife Mr. Meinert married, Nov. 20, 1851, Mrs. Abigail Mead, a daughter of Joseph and Charlotte (Hellenbolt) Dory, and the widow of Ames Mead. Six children have resulted from this marriage: Garrett H., who married Emily Aulthouse, lives at West Bend, Wis., and has two children, Adolph and Hat-

tie; Isaac died at the age of seven; Irad married and lives in Hailey, Idaho; Frances, who married Dick Sherkamp, lives in Albany; Dora, deceased, married Floyd Flint, and left one daughter, Dora Addie, residing in Albany; Statirah lives at home. Garrett Henry and wife, and also Mr. Sherkamp, are mutes. One son was born to Mrs. Meinert by her former marriage, Oscar A. Mead, who married Hattie Kenney and has two children, Hattie and Merton.

The father of Mrs. Meinert was a native of France, her mother of New York, the former taking part in the war of 1812. Her first husband took part in the rebellion in Canada, in 1837.

Although not a politician, Mr. Meinert has settled views on public questions, and belongs to the Socialist party. For several terms he served the township as supervisor, performing his duties faithfully and well. The family is well known, and Mr. Meinert is a shining example of industry and honesty well rewarded. He is a member of the Christian Church.

JOSEPH GOODRICH CARR, one of Rock county's substantial and intelligent farmers, is the oldest native now living in the town of Milton, being the fourth male white child born in the township.

Peleg S. Carr, his father, was born in Stephentown, N. Y., April 23, 1794, and married Deborah Goodrich Jan. 11, 1816. To them were born ten children, all of whom lived to advanced maturity. He was of English ancestry, and directly descended from Robert Carr, who sailed for New England on the 9th of May, 1635, in the good ship "Elizabeth Ann." He was also one of the original purchasers from the Indians of the island Conanicut, in Narragansett bay, consisting of about six thousand acres.

Deborah Carr, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was a lineal descendant of John Goodrich, who emigrated from England in 1644. She was born Jan. 26, 1794, at Goodrich Hollow, near Hancock, Mass. She possessed a vigorous constitution, and was a woman of more than ordinary executive ability, and her industrious, self-reliant nature has been an important factor in the career of her children. She died at the home of her son Joseph, Sept. 24, 1874, at the advanced age of eighty years. For many years,



*J. G. Carr*



with characteristic energy, she toiled with her husband among the Berkshire hills, but the opportunities for bettering their condition were meager, and they resolved to try their fortune in the land beyond the Great Lakes. They arrived at the home of Mrs. Carr's brother, Joseph Goodrich, May 26, 1839, accompanied by a family of eight children, and also a son-in-law, Nathaniel Rose. The next day they purchased a claim of 480 acres, and at once moved their small possessions into a little log cabin 14x18, and commenced pioneer life in earnest. Joseph G. was born on the 19th of the following March, 1840. Thus he has been an eye-witness to the development that has transformed a wild, trackless prairie and woodlands into a high state of cultivation, sharing the privations peculiar to pioneer life, and becoming part of the growth of the town by aiding largely in the work that has made southern Wisconsin bloom and blossom like a garden. After his father's death, which occurred Sept. 28, 1846, he lived with his mother, at the old homestead, until 1854, when his brother, Solomon C. Carr, became its owner. His mother then purchased eighty acres of land which were still in an uncultivated condition, and erected a comfortable house and outbuildings, and her sons Elijah M. and Joseph G. began to convert the land into fertile fields which yielded an abundant harvest.

On the 17th day of October, 1863, Mr. Carr was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Isabelle Maxson, by Rev. James Rogers. Five children have blessed their union, of whom Maude, born Aug. 13, 1882, died Feb. 27, 1884. Fred M., born April 2, 1865, is an energetic farmer at Marshfield, Wis.; he married Miss Ella Palmer March 28, 1894, and they have two children, Haldane, born Feb. 25, 1895, and Maude, born May 12, 1899. Annabel, born April 7, 1866, married Ludwig Kumlien, professor of physics and natural history in Milton College, Dec. 21, 1892; their children are Carr, born Dec. 6, 1893; Lorraine, born Feb. 28, 1896; and Alice, born Oct. 30, 1900. Joseph L., born April 7, 1870, resides in Chicago; he married Miss Charlotte Maxson June 10, 1896. Alice M., born Jan. 17, 1875, married Fred H. Campbell June 27, 1894, and resides in Edgerton, Wis.; they have had two children, Lenore, born Oct. 13, 1897, who died Aug. 31, 1898; and Phyllis, born April 11, 1899.

Mrs. Carr was the daughter of Nathan Maxson and Susan Isabelle Well, who were married Sept. 23, 1844. Both were natives of New York. Four children were born to them: Phoebe I., Oct. 8, 1845, in Alfred, N. Y.; Nathan E., July 29, 1847; Mary G., April 17, 1849; and Adelbert W., March 19, 1852, who died May 14, 1890, in the Indian Territory. Nathan Maxson was born Oct. 23, 1819, in Alfred, Allegany Co., N. Y., one of eight children born of the marriage of Luke Maxson and Susannah Greene, which occurred in 1807, and was the first marriage celebrated in the town of Alfred, N. Y. The fathers of both contracting parties being Revolutionary soldiers, Mrs. Carr is thus entitled to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Carr's parents were early settlers of Milton, and were people of much character and intelligence. Both are deceased, Mr. Maxson having died Feb. 17, 1855, and his wife Oct. 31, 1866.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr began their married life upon that portion of the homestead which belonged to his mother, where they yet reside, he having purchased the same in 1866, thus adding to his original fifty acres. Oak Lawn now consists of 250 acres of improved land, which he has brought to a state of fertility from the virgin soil, and which is now noticeable in this region of fine farms for its beautiful lawn, commodious residence, excellent barns and outbuildings—all models of convenience and bespeaking the thrift and enterprise of the energetic owner. For years he has made a specialty of dairy stock raising, and his herd of fifty grade Jerseys are the pride of Oak Lawn.

Socially Mr. Carr has been an earnest, untiring worker of the Patrons of Husbandry, and Du Lac Grange, No. 72, owes its origin to him and his neighbor, Robert Stockman, who perfected the organization Feb. 18, 1873; he has served as worthy master of same several years. He was chosen treasurer of the Milton Junction Building Association at its organization, in 1881, and has served in the office continually since then. In politics he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and has taken a deep interest in public affairs and improvements of all kinds, as every true American should do, but was never an aspirant for office.

Though of a retiring, unassuming nature,



Mr. Carr is a benevolent, whole-souled man, and his honorable, upright life during his long-continued residence in the same community, for more than sixty years, has won for him the respect and confidence of all who know him, and he is deservedly held in high esteem as a valued friend and citizen, and a man of sterling worth. His worthy wife has been truly a helpmeet in all branches of his business, and their lives have been a marked success.

DWIGHT TIMOTHY PARKER, SR., who throughout his active life was a prominent business man of Grant county, died while still a young man; but probably no man in the list of the early settlers of the county contributed in as great a degree as did he to its material growth and development when the limited number of years of his business life proper is considered, and the comparatively early age at which he passed away.

Dwight Timothy Parker, Sr., was born in the village of Malone, Franklin Co., N. Y., Dec. 21, 1821. His parents, Enos and Mary (Todd) Parker, both belonged to old New England families. Investigation into the ancestry of the Parker family discloses the fact that it is descended directly from Catherine Cole, one of the pilgrim band that landed from the "Mayflower" on Plymouth Rock in December, 1620. Mary Todd Parker belonged to a well-known New England family that was well represented in the war of the Revolution, and she was a sister of Rev. John Todd, a famous New England divine. This estimable woman possessed many of the characteristic traits that rendered her family so noted. Unfortunately her children were deprived of her love and care when still very small, she dying when Dwight T. Parker was but a child, leaving behind her two sons and one daughter who attained to mature years. Of these children, (1) Dwight T. was the eldest. (2) Arunah came to Grant county, Wis., after his brother, and studied law with J. Allen Barber, of Lancaster, Wis., with whom he practiced until 1848, when he was elected county clerk. Later he took a trip through the South, and finally became identified with copper mining interests in Pennsylvania, and at the same time had a law office in New York City. His death occurred in 1855, when he was aged thirty. (3) Mary, named after her mother, married John Newton,

a prominent citizen of Prairie du Chien; she died in the autumn of 1871.

Enos Parker was twice married after the death of his first wife. To the second union four children were born: George W., who came to Grant county in 1856, was for a time employed as clerk by his brother Dwight, and for many years was a member of the firm of Parker, Hildebrand & Co., of Boscobel, of which concern Dwight T. Parker was the senior partner; John J., also associated with his brother Dwight for some time, finally went to South Dakota, and died at Spearfish, that State, where he was engaged in mining; William W. is now a resident of Spearfish, S. Dak.; Catherine became the wife of Owen Gibbs, of the firm of Deering, Milligan & Gibbs, of Portland, Maine, and died in that city in 1875. No children were born to Enos Parker's third marriage. Mr. Parker died at the home of his daughter, in Portland, Maine, in January, 1870, in his seventy-sixth year, his death being the result of a cold contracted at the wharf in Portland while viewing with thousands of others the coming into the harbor of the vessel bearing the remains of the famous philanthropist, Peabody, from Europe.

The Parker family were long residents of the State of Connecticut, but prior to the birth of Dwight T. Parker they removed to New York, and thence to Georgia, Franklin Co., Vt., when the latter was but two years old. Dwight T. Parker was named for Timothy Dwight, Sr., long president of Yale College, whom his father greatly admired. At the paternal home in Vermont our subject grew to manhood, working on the farm, assisting his father, and attending the country school of his neighborhood in the winter. Reared in the characteristic New England manner, habits of perseverance, industry and frugality were early instilled into his nature, and formed the keynote of his after success. About the time he attained his majority Mr. Parker decided to seek his fortune in the West, and in 1843 he started toward the setting sun, his objective point being the then Territory of Wisconsin. The first stop he made was at Watertown, Wis., for the purpose of obtaining work of some kind to replenish his depleted purse. From that place he journeyed to Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis., most of the way on foot, having but a few dollars in his pocket, but a superabundance

of good health, energy and determination. Working at whatever honorable employment he could find, no matter how humble, Mr. Parker tried mining and other kinds of manual toil, by which he accumulated enough money to commence his active business career in 1847. Prior to this he had also taught several terms of country school, but after engaging in business for himself he continued thus until his death. His first venture was in the mercantile line, at Lancaster, with N. W. Kendall, who was sheriff of Grant county in 1844-46, under the firm name of Kendall & Parker. Two years later Mr. Parker bought out the interest of Mr. Kendall, and for about ten years conducted a large and prosperous business.

In 1856, on the coming of the railroad to Boscobel, Mr. Parker saw increased facilities for business, and, with his usual foresight, established there what was known as the "People's Store." This proved so successful that he established branch stores at Fennimore and Wauzeka. While his mercantile interests were extensive, various other enterprises received a share of his attention, and in February, 1871, only a few months prior to his death, he established the First National Bank of Boscobel, of which he was president and principal owner. This bank was continued until 1879, when its business was succeeded to by A. J. Pipkin. Mr. Parker was the owner of a fine stock farm in the town of Fennimore, on which he resided from 1865 until 1870, taking a great deal of interest in his stock and the development of the place. This farm was the largest and finest in Grant county, comprising about one thousand acres under cultivation and many more of timber and unbroken land. In time Mr. Parker also became the largest real estate owner in Boscobel, and in 1869 he erected, in that city, the largest and finest store building in Grant county, which is now, and has been continuously, occupied by the firm of Parker, Hildebrand & Co. The death of Mr. Parker occurred at Boscobel May 21, 1871, the result of a tumor, caused by an injury received two years previously.

The character and career of Dwight Timothy Parker are well worth the emulation of the youth of to-day. Beginning life a poor boy, with no advantages other than those given to an ordinary farmer boy, by his own industry and determination to succeed, and the exercise

of a well-balanced judgment, he secured wealth and a position in the business world which few men attain in the limited number of years that covered Mr. Parker's business career. While he was essentially a business man, and the leading one of Grant county, he was public-spirited, and always prompt to assist with his influence and means any enterprise whose object was the promotion of the best interests of the community. A member of no church, he recognized the value of religious teachings, and gave liberally to the establishment of churches and their support. Mr. Parker was also interested in educational matters, and to the worthy poor he ever lent a helping hand. Notwithstanding his large business interests, which ever demanded much of his time, he found opportunity for reading, and possessed a well-stored mind. Among his favorite authors were Burns and Saxe, and he would repeat many of the finest quotations of the Scottish poet in native dialect in a most delightful manner. Mr. Parker's home was a most beautiful one, and he was a generous and liberal entertainer. The home circle was ever a happy one, and his domestic relations were the most pleasant. When Dwight T. Parker died Grant county lost one of its ablest financiers, the community one of its most useful citizens, and his immediate family a kind, generous, loving husband and father.

On Dec. 27, 1848, Mr. Parker was married, at Lancaster, Wis., to Mary E. Shrader, born at Vandalia, Ill., Dec. 17, 1829, a daughter of Lenhart O. Shrader, a prominent citizen of Lancaster, who was clerk of Grant county from 1843 to 1846. A sister of Mr. Shrader, Mary E., became the wife of Hon. Charles Dunn, first Chief Justice of the Territory of Wisconsin, and afterward Judge of the Fifth Wisconsin Circuit; their daughter became the wife of Nelson Dewey, the first governor of Wisconsin. Mrs. Parker when a child lost her mother, and was reared in the home of Hon. Charles Dunn: she is still living, residing at the old home at Boscobel. To Mr. and Mrs. Parker were born four children: May Louise, Dwight Timothy, Frank Arunah and Charles Dewey. The first mentioned was born in Lancaster June 13, 1851, and secured an excellent education, graduating in music at the Rockford Female Seminary in 1870, and in literature at the Milwaukee Female College in 1873. She was married Feb. 23, 1875, to Andrew J.

Pipkin, a prominent citizen and banker of Boscobel. They have no children.

DWIGHT T. PARKER, JR., president of the State Bank of Fennimore, was born in Lancaster June 30, 1856, and was educated at Beloit College and at the Wisconsin State University. In 1878 Mr. Parker became vice-president of the First National Bank of Boscobel, an institution founded by his father, remaining as such until the business was transferred to A. J. Pipkin. For sixteen years prior to the organization of the bank at Fennimore Mr. Parker occupied and conducted his large stock farm in Fennimore, which is one of the finest in the State of Wisconsin, comprising 500 acres of choice land. In 1895 Mr. Parker moved into the village of Fennimore, and in 1896 established the State Bank there, of which he has since been president. This gentleman inherits many of the qualities of his father, whom he ever holds in fond remembrance, by whose teachings he endeavors to be governed, and whose example he emulates. The banking institution of which he is the head is conducted on sound business principles. Its business has increased rapidly year by year, and at the beginning of 1901, only four and a half years from the date of its organization, its deposits were \$150,000, which demonstrates the confidence the institution inspires in the community. Mr. Parker is public-spirited, an ardent Republican, though in no sense a politician, and is ambitious for the success of the principles of his party, although he has no desire for public office. Mr. Parker is a member and treasurer of the Republican State Central Committee, and chairman of the Grant County Republican Central Committee; also chairman of the Special Jury Commission for Grant county, and auditor of the Southwestern Wisconsin Mutual Fire Insurance Co. However, as president and chief stockholder of the State Bank of Fennimore, Mr. Parker's energies are chiefly occupied; and in addition to his business interests he in 1895 served as chairman of the town of Fennimore and as member of the finance committee of the county board. At the present time he is one of the trustees of the village of Fennimore. He is a member of the Order of K. P., and is treasurer of the lodge at Fennimore.

On Oct. 13, 1880, Mr. Parker was married to Miss Cora B. Anderson, of Ripon, Wis., born at Fairview, Penn., April 3, 1858, daughter

of Robert and Alice Anderson, who came to Boscobel about 1868. Mrs. Parker graduated from the Boscobel high school, and was a successful teacher for many years. Later the family removed to Ripon, Wis., where she was married to Mr. Parker. This lady is a member of the M. E. Church, is president of the Grant County W. C. T. U., and an ardent and faithful worker in the cause of temperance. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have five daughters: Ethel and Marie (twins), Amy, Eleanor, and Gladys.

Frank A. Parker, the second son of Dwight T. Parker, Sr., was born at Boscobel Jan. 20, 1859, and was educated at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Later, for some time, he was in Denver and New Orleans on account of his health, and in 1882 located in Minneapolis, and engaged in the real-estate business. There he was married to Miss Genevieve Marian de Gosseline, who died in that city Nov. 24, 1895, leaving five children, Arunah F., D. Charles, Genevieve I., Paul I., and May Louise. At this time (1901) Frank A. Parker is a traveling salesman.

Charles Dewey Parker, the youngest in the family of Dwight T. Parker, Sr., was born at Boscobel April 9, 1862, and was educated in the schools of his native town. For some time he was associated in business with his brother Frank, at Minneapolis, but is now a resident of Chicago. On Sept. 18, 1889, Charles Dewey Parker married Miss Rose Grandelmyer, of Brainerd, Minn. They have no children.

CHARLES A. BOOTH, editor and publisher of the *Sentinel*, and late postmaster at Monroe, Green county, is a veteran newspaper man, and has a high reputation for both ability and integrity among the members of the fraternity of the State. He is at present senior editor in the State in active business.

Mr. Booth was born in Covington, Tioga Co., Penn., Feb. 15, 1840, a son of George W. and Artemisia (Crandell) Booth, and lived with his parents until 1857, following their migration to Wisconsin, in 1854, when they settled in Beloit. In 1857 the young man came to Monroe, and entered the office of the *Sentinel*, with the purpose of learning the printing business from the ground up. He began as an apprentice, and his long career as a

printer and publisher shows that he thoroughly mastered the rudiments of his calling.

In 1862 Mr. Booth entered the Union army, as a member of Company G, 22d Wis. V. I., and served throughout the war, proving a brave and capable soldier. At the battle of Thompson's Station the young soldier received a gunshot wound in his leg, and had other slight injuries. The fierceness of the engagement may be inferred from the fact that his clothing was pierced by nine bullets. He was in the hospital at Nashville six weeks on account of his wounds, had a furlough, rejoined his regiment, and was made first lieutenant. He was in every battle in which his regiment participated, from Wauhatchie Valley to the grand review at Washington; was a staff officer during the Atlanta campaign with Col. John Coburn, and during the march to the sea, and to Washington with Brevet Brig. Gen. Dustin, of 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 20th Army Corps. He was in over one hundred battles and skirmishes, among the more important ones being those at Spring Hill, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, Marietta, Culp's Farm, Cassville, and nearly all the engagements in front of Atlanta. He commanded, as staff officer of Col. John Coburn, commanding the Brigade, the right wing of the skirmish line that entered the city of Atlanta. The first night after he entered that city, he slept in the house of Mayor Calhoun, who surrendered the city to Col. Coburn, and during the next few days of occupation this house became the headquarters of Lieut. Booth's provost guard.

When peace returned Mr. Booth came back to Monroe, and purchased an interest in the *Sentinel*, in company with A. J. High. That gentleman sold out in 1870 to S. E. Gardner, and three years later Mr. Booth leased his partner's interest, and later bought it; becoming sole proprietor of what is and has been recognized for fifty years as one of the most valuable printing plants in southern Wisconsin. The *Sentinel* was established in 1850 by John W. Stewart, who died in Chicago in 1899. John Walworth, one of its early editors, was a Free-Soil Democrat, and one of the original leaders in the formation of the Republican party, and was chairman of the first Republican State Convention, since which time the paper has always been Republican, and has never missed a weekly issue. Mr. Booth has

been in the printing and publishing business forty-two years, and expects to follow it as long as he lives. He has been a member of the State Editors and Publishers Association since 1868.

Mr. Booth and Miss Elizabeth Gardner were united in marriage Sept. 10, 1862. Mrs. Booth is the daughter of Elijah T. and Elizabeth (Stephenson) Gardner, the former one of the pioneers of Green county, and an early settler in Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Booth are the parents of three sons and two daughters, all of whom have grown to maturity, and are yet living. Their pleasant home is at No. 424 Jackson street. Mr. Booth is a member of O. F. Pinney Post, No. 102, G. A. R., and also of the Royal Arcanum, the A. O. U. W., Monroe Lodge, No. 72, I. O. O. F., and Ivanhoe Lodge, K. of P. His political and business standing was recognized by his appointment as postmaster at Monroe. He entered upon his official duties Feb. 1, 1900, and proved himself a capable and efficient postmaster, until finding the work too irksome and severe in connection with his newspaper business, he resigned. His assistant, Robert A. Etter, was appointed, upon Mr. Booth's recommendation, as his successor, his appointment taking effect in February, 1901. Mr. Booth has attended many State and Congressional conventions as a delegate, and at Minneapolis sat as a member of the convention which nominated President Harrison.

**JOHN BECK.** When in contemplation of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of Benton, Lafayette county, the name of John Beck stands in bold relief, and to the people of the community in which he lives there is no man more highly esteemed for his many good qualities. In politics, in business, and in the administration of municipal affairs he stands pre-eminent. Mr. Beck was born on the Isle of Man Jan. 15, 1845, son of John and Ann (Cannell) Beck.

John Beck, Sr., passed his entire life on the Isle of Man, and died there in June, 1865, at the age of fifty-two years. His wife, Ann Cannell, lived to the age of sixty-five. Besides the subject of this sketch, they were the parents of six children, as follows: (1) William married and settled in England, and is now a resident of the Isle of Man. (2) James still resides in the Isle of Man. (3) Jane married

William Kewley, a Manxman. (4) Annie married a Mr. Roscoe, of England (now deceased) and settled in Brisbane, Australia, where she and her family still reside. (5) Martha grew to womanhood and married Robert Corlett, and in 1867 accompanied her husband to this country, locating in New Diggings township, Lafayette county, where he followed mining for some years. They then moved to Big Patch, Grant Co., Wis., where they still reside. In their family were seven children, John, Annie (deceased wife of Ralph Miller, of Lafayette county), Douglas, Thomas, Emily, Southward and Jennie. (6) Thomas, born in 1841 on the Isle of Man, was educated there, and in 1864 came to this country, via New York. His first employment was in Cramp's Ship Yard, in Philadelphia. He remained there but three weeks, when he began work on the railroad at Havre de Grace, Md. In July, 1864, in company with his brother, he came West and located in Benton, Wis., finding work in the mines. After a year or two he opened a general store in Etna, same county, continuing there until 1875, when he returned to Benton and built the "Rock Store," engaging in mercantile business until 1882. That year he located in Galena, Ill., and three years later went to Aspen, Colo., where he is now in business. In 1866 he wedded Miss Margaret Alton, who was born in England, daughter of William and Esther Alton, natives of that country, who came to America in 1861. Of their union eight children were born: Emma, wife of Fred Kissel, of Colorado; John, of Colorado; Jennie, wife of Milton Vincent, of Galena, Ill.; William and Thomas F., of Colorado; Annie, wife of Thomas Hicks, of Colorado; and Maggie and Henrietta, of Colorado. The mother of these children has passed to her rest.

John Beck received a substantial education in the government schools of England, and in that country, too, served an apprenticeship at the miller's trade with William Kennish. After his location in Wisconsin, in 1864, he enlisted in the army, becoming a member of the 22d Wis. V. I., and doing duty at Camp Randall, Madison, until the close of the war. When he left the army he began mining, and was so engaged for six years. He then returned to his trade, and for three years milled for R. H. Emerson, at New Diggings. His permanent location was not made in Benton until 1875,

and after his removal there, in that year, he engaged in the lumber business, and was also interested in the grain trade. The following year he purchased real estate, and erected a comfortable home for himself, and some little time later erected a large grain and lumber building near the Benton depot, where he has since remained. He handles all kinds of rough and worked lumber, sash, doors and blinds, barbed wire, flour and feed. Success in this business came to him early, and his honorable dealing and careful attention to his work have brought their natural results.

In 1867 Mr. Beck was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Alton, daughter of William and Esther Alton, and ten children have brightened their home: (1) Esther, born at New Diggings in 1868, married Alonzo Miller, a farmer of Benton, and has two children, Mona and John Alton. (2) Margaret E., born in 1870, married Thomas Wilkinson, of Benton, and has one son, Frederick. (3) Henrietta, born in 1871, married William Temple, a farmer of Benton, and has three children, Verta, Melvin and Cosetta. (4) Mary, born in 1873, married Matthew Brunier, of Benton. (5) Louisa J., born in 1875, is at home. (6) Anthony A. was born in 1877. (7) John was born in 1881. (8) James, born in 1882, is now a student in the State Normal at Platteville. Both he and his brother John are graduates of the Benton high school. (9) Herbert Gladstone and (10) Martha both died young.

Mr. Beck is an earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also his wife. For twenty years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and for a longer period has been one of the trustees, and has also been class-leader. He was one of the founders and builders of the new church and parsonage at Benton, and in every line of church work has proven himself a liberal contributor, both of his time and of his means. He has also taken an active interest in educational work, and the new high school building had no warmer advocate than Mr. Beck. Since the erection of this new building he has held the position of clerk and director continuously. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 168, of Lead Mine.

In his political affiliations Mr. Beck has been a pronounced Republican, and has voted for every President from Lincoln up to and including McKinley. Believing that to every

citizen there are duties beyond his personal affairs, he has given himself over to public service at times to the great detriment of his private business. For twelve years he has been justice of the peace, for five years he served as village clerk, and at the present time he is most capably administering public affairs as president of the village board.

**NICHOLAS SCHENCK.** This prominent citizen and farmer of La Prairie township, Rock county, is a native of Wisconsin, the son of a pioneer. He was born at Shopiere, Rock county, Sept. 12, 1844, son of William and Sarah Jeannette (Yost) Schenck, natives of New York State, and grandson of William Schenck, also a native of New York, of Holland-Dutch descent, who was married three times, and had seventeen children. The latter, who was a farmer, about 1845 came to Wisconsin, taking up a tract of land near Beloit, and several years later removing to Jefferson county, and engaging in farming between Jefferson and Watertown until his death, at a ripe old age. William Yost, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was also a native of New York State, of Holland-Dutch descent. He was a farmer, and lived in his native State to old age, surrounded by a large family of children.

William Schenck, the father of our subject, was a carder by occupation, and was employed in the woolen mills of New York. In 1842 he came to Wisconsin, locating at Shopiere, and there following his trade for a year. He then entered 320 acres of government land in Section 27, La Prairie township, and several years later sold eighty acres of the tract for a sum sufficient to pay for the other 240 acres, the ownership of which he retained until his death, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a man of prominence, and held various local offices, including that of chairman of the town board for a number of terms. He was twice married, first to Sarah Jeannette Yost, by whom he had eight children, five sons and three daughters, of whom four are living: Dorcas, widow of John Wayman, of Mexico, Mo.; Rachel, widow of Henry Hart, of Mexico, Mo.; William, of Arcadia, Kans.; and Nicholas, our subject. The mother of these died at the age of forty-two years, and for his second wife the father married Miss Mary Mason, daughter of Edwin and Mercy Mason;

by her he had one daughter, Lorraine, now living at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Nicholas Schenck, our subject, was reared in La Prairie township, attended the district schools and for two terms was a student at Milton (Wis.) College. Possessing the pioneer spirit, he began life for himself in Tama county, Iowa, where he purchased 160 acres of land for \$6 per acre. This he afterward traded with his brother for 190 acres in the townships of Rock and La Prairie, Rock county, of which he still owns twenty-four and one-half acres. At the death of his father he came into possession of the homestead of 240 acres, which he now owns and occupies, having purchased the interest of the other heirs. Mr. Schenck is a prosperous and progressive farmer, and is recognized as an authority in agricultural affairs. In addition to farming he devotes considerable attention to stock raising. He has resided in Rock county for fifty-seven years, except the five years spent in Iowa and one year when he was engaged in the grocery business in Mexico, Missouri.

On Jan. 23, 1895, Mr. Schenck married Miss Jennie M. Peterson, daughter of Ole and Mary (Anderson) Peterson, natives of Norway, who were married in Janesville. The father died July 22, 1898, aged sixty-seven years, and the mother is now a resident of Janesville. Both were devout members of the Lutheran Church. To Ole and Mary Peterson were born eight children, two sons and six daughters, of whom six are now living: Bessie M., wife of George Goldsmith, of Rock township; Jennie M., wife of our subject; Christina A., wife of Herman Hunt, of Janesville; Dora M.; Marvin H.; and Lena R., of Janesville. To Nicholas and Jennie M. Schenck have been born two children, William Edward and Marvin Roland.

Mr. Schenck is a Republican in politics. Fraternally is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an influential citizen, one whose long residence in the community and sterling character have justly commended to his fellow citizens as truly representative of the best human achievements of Rock county.

**JOHN J. PUTNAM,** deceased, was one of the prominent and well-remembered early settlers of the town of Decatur, Green county, Wis. He came here in the fall of 1848, and purchased a tract of five hundred acres, to

which he removed his family in the month of June, the following year. Almost immediately he became identified with the moral and material growth of the community, and throughout his entire life took a leading part in everything that related to the general progress of the community.

Mr. Putnam was born in Hampshire county, Va., in 1801. In his early life he had a very limited opportunity for education. The death of his father, when he was seventeen, put upon his shoulders to a very great extent, the burden of the support of the family, and he nobly met the serious responsibilities of the situation. He was married before leaving Virginia to Miss Mary M. Fleek, a daughter of Adam Fleek. The young married couple very soon sought a home in Hocking county, Ohio, and later removed to Licking county, in the same State, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, there continuing to reside until he came to Wisconsin, in 1849.

Mr. Putnam was a man of great mental gifts and sterling integrity. Though he died comparatively early in the history of Green county, he left a record that is not forgotten. He was justice of the peace for a number of years, and also held the office of chairman of the town. He accumulated a valuable property, leaving an estate of fourteen hundred acres. His death occurred June 5, 1856, and his widow survived until February, 1874. Of their children, four are now living: Elizabeth A., the wife of W. Atherton, of Albany; Oliver S., who was a captain in the war of the Rebellion; Henry C., a banker in Brodhead; and Virginia, wife of Burton Gardner, of Brodhead.

Hon. I. F. Mack, a former resident of Green county, in a contribution to a historical compilation of a decade or more back, has this to say of Mr. Putnam: "I was well acquainted with very many of the early settlers of Green county, and among the more prominent men of that early day I am pleased to name the late lamented John J. Putnam, who, with a large family connection of six or eight families, left Ohio, and settled in the town of Decatur, a little earlier than 1848, forming one of the most frugal and thrifty granger settlements it has ever fallen to my lot to know, none of whom will regard it invidious if I place Mr. Putnam, in his life, in the front in point of intelligence and noble manhood. Although a

farmer, Mr. Putnam was a man of extensive reading, a keen observer of men and things, an astute reasoner, thoroughly posted on all questions that then divided political parties, of ripe judgment and unassailable integrity. Though firm and decided in his convictions, he was not intolerant, but genial and kind to the last degree. He was a prominent figure in the old Whig ranks, and a keen admirer of Henry Clay. Many a Democrat felt the incision of his political thrusts in the early days; and with true patriotism in his bones he could but pass into the Republican ranks. Stricken with a fatal malady while endowed with manly vigor, he passed away, leaving a handsome competence for a surviving wife and an interesting family of several sons and daughters."

JOSEPH H. CLARY. Among the well-known citizens of Lafayette county who have been prominently identified with many of its interests, is Joseph H. Clary, the subject of this sketch. He is a native of the Empire State, born in Auburn, Cayuga county, May 24, 1828, a son of Dr. Joseph and Susan (Bostwick) Clary, the former an eminent physician of western New York.

Dr. Clary was born in Conway, Mass., of Irish ancestry who located in America in 1645. Our subject's mother descended from ancestors who were early settlers of Long Island, coming thither from Chester, England, in 1643. Dr. Joseph Clary participated in the war of 1812, and was at Sackett's Harbor during the important military operations of that war. In about 1806 the family settled in Jefferson county, N. Y. Dr. Clary removed to Cayuga county in 1812, when the now important city of Rochester consisted of two huts, and those constructed of logs. He began the study of medicine in Jefferson county, graduated at a medical school in the State of Vermont, and for many years was a prominent physician of the city of Auburn, where his deeply lamented death occurred in 1863. The mother of our subject died in 1836, when her son Joseph was but eight years old. He was one of seven children, of whom he and one brother, Charles A., are now the only survivors.

Joseph H. Clary received his primary education in the public schools, prepared for college at the Auburn and Aurora academies, and entered Hamilton College in 1848, graduating in the class of 1851. Subsequently he took a

post-graduate course in the law department of his Alma Mater, under the instruction of Prof. Theodore W. Dwight, was admitted to the Bar at Oswego, in his native State, in 1852, and at once engaged in practice at Westfield, Chautauqua county. This was nearly fifty years ago, when a tide of emigration was sweeping westward, and many young professional men were seeking newer and what promised to be more profitable fields of labor. Mr. Clary joined the procession, in the fall of 1853, locating at Mineral Point, Wis., and there entering upon the practice of law. He remained for fifteen years, and established quite an extensive practice. Mineral Point was well known for its abundant deposits of mineral, and many of the men connected with it have been those whose influence has been of the greatest value in the development of the State of Wisconsin. Mr. Clary became intimately acquainted with the leading men of the State, and his recollections of men and events of forty years ago are vivid and intensely interesting. With an excellent memory and fine conversational powers, he is an interesting and instructive talker. In 1868 Mr. Clary changed his residence to Darlington, and has been an esteemed citizen of that city ever since. Being well versed in the law, he has held the position of district attorney, in both Iowa and Lafayette counties, and has always been a prominent man.

The marriage of our subject, celebrated in 1858, at Delafield, Wis., was to Miss Elizabeth F. McHugh, who was born in New York State Sept. 27, 1837, a daughter of Rev. Stephen McHugh, one of the early and well-known Episcopalian clergymen of the State of Wisconsin; her maternal grandfather was Gen. Norris, formerly of the English army. Rev. Stephen McHugh was identified with the early religious interests of this State, and established two churches of his denomination, those in Madison and Delavan. Late in life he removed to Arkansas, where he passed his last years. Eight of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clary are surviving: James C., in Nebraska; Stephen McHugh, in Darlington; Henry H. and Paul M., of Darlington; Mrs. Susan B. Duncanson, who resides in Nebraska; Mrs. Grace Walker, living in Mineral Point; Mrs. Maud Henry, residing in Nampa, Idaho; and Miss Elizabeth, now principal of the high school at Pierre, the capital city of South Dakota. One son, Joseph William, died in

Omaha Nov. 14, 1886; another son, George, was killed by lightning at Camp Douglas, Wis., where he was encamped with his regiment, on July 11, 1893.

Mr. Clary is a man of liberal culture, extensive and varied reading, and possesses a mind well stored with useful knowledge. As a citizen he is held in high esteem, and he and family are valued members of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is and always has been a Democrat. As he says, he "voted for Palmer and Buckner in 1896, and in 1900 did not vote for President because there was no Democratic candidate for that office."

WILLIS P. COLBURN, the well-known and efficient principal of the Cassville public schools, is a native of Grant county, his birth having occurred in Platteville in 1866.

T. J. Colburn, his father, was born and reared in Vermont. In 1845, at the age of nineteen years, he came to Platteville, where as a carpenter and contractor he successfully engaged in business for many years. He married Miss Margie Jeardeau, and to them were born six children, namely: 'Mrs. C. J. Hosmer, a resident of Westfield, Mass.; Margie, a seventh-grade teacher in the schools of Milwaukee; Wis.; Mrs. Dr. E. E. Coerper, of Milwaukee; Philip, of San Diego, Cal.; Willis P.; and Roy Victor, who died in 1884. The father, who was a great lover of music and possessed an excellent voice, taught that art in the Platteville Academy, and also in the State Normal School after it was established at Platteville. He continued teaching for a number of years, and was also leader of the choir in the Congregational Church, of which both he and his wife were prominent members. He died in Platteville in 1890, and his widow now resides in San Diego, California.

During his boyhood and youth Willis P. Colburn attended the public schools of Platteville, and later entered the State Normal School at that place, where he was graduated in the class of 1891. He has since devoted his time and attention to teaching. In 1885 he took charge of his first district school, and taught one winter in Smelser township, Grant county; in 1887 he had charge of the school in Benton; and in 1888 was at Hurricane Corners, near Lancaster. He became principal of the Potosi public schools in 1891, and remained there until coming to Cassville, as principal of the pub-



lic schools at this place, in September, 1894. For seven years he has been principal of the high school, with Roscoe Woodward as assistant, while in the grammar grades under his charge are three teachers: Prof. Clarence Brocket, who has charge of the upper grades—the seventh, eighth and ninth; Miss Marguerite Baumgartner, the fourth, fifth and sixth grades; and Miss Mame Prior, the first, second and third grades. The entire enrollment is 220, forty-five being in the high school, which was organized in 1889, and is supplied with a physical laboratory and a good reference library of 350 volumes.

Prof. Colburn is a member of the State Teachers Association, and also of the Principals Association, and is one of the leading educators in Grant county, having met with excellent success in his chosen profession. Socially he is connected with Cassville Lodge, No. 235, F. & A. M., of which he is secretary, and also belongs to Platteville Chapter, R. A. M. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist, and has been leader of the choir in the Congregational Church at Platteville.

Our subject was married, in July, 1900, to Miss Jennie Helena Grimm, daughter of Hermann Grimm, of Cassville.

**HARVEY MARSHALL MILLER**, for many years proprietor of the Miller homestead, in Section 32, Bradford township, Rock county, has lived many years in this community, and the simplicity of his life, his industrious habits and genuine manliness have alike commanded the confidence and esteem of his neighbors.

Mr. Miller was born in Rome, N. Y., March 23, 1823. He was educated at the academy at Whitesboro, N. Y., and began life for himself as a clerk in a hotel in his native city, being employed there four years, when he married and moved to Baltimore. He was twenty-nine years of age at that time, and a very capable and attractive business man. He continued in the hotel business for seven years in the "Union Hotel," situated at the corner of Thames and Bond streets, one of the oldest buildings in that city. The material for it was brought from England, the building constructed in 1777. When the Civil war broke out the strong Union sentiments of Mr. Miller aroused the dangerous hostility of the Southern element, which was manifested to such an

extent that he thought it wise to dispose of his property and leave for the North. He returned to New York, and took a position as clerk in a hotel in Oriskany. There he remained for two years, and then came to Wisconsin to engage in agriculture. He located at his present residence in 1900. He owns a tobacco farm of twenty acres in Clinton township.

Mr. Miller and Miss Anna Christman were married Jan. 16, 1852, when she was seventeen years of age. She is the daughter of Col. Abraham and Betsy (Carpenter) Christman, of Oriskany, N. Y., the former of whom was a farmer, and a prominent man in that community. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Miller have no children. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject has been an Odd Fellow for fifty years. He shuns politics, and will accept no elective office.

George W. Miller, the father of Harvey Marshall, was a native of Oldhadam, Mass., born in 1792, and was a farmer. He married Miss Elizabeth Powell, a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Spencer) Powell, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and they became the parents of seven children, Harvey M., Elizabeth, Mary, Reuben P., Oliver, Nathaniel P., and one child who died an infant. At the present writing only Elizabeth and Harvey M. are living. The Millers were Quakers in England and came to this country about 1682.

**WILLARD EDMONDS GRINNELL**, who is now living retired from active work at his comfortable home at No. 923 South Emerson street, Monroe, Green Co., Wis., is a highly respected citizen, who has inherited from two lines of Revolutionary ancestry the inherent patriotism that marks the highest type of American manhood. Mr. Grinnell was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1824, a son of Robert P. and Esther J. (Montgomery) Grinnell.

Robert P. Grinnell was a native of New York, a son of Amos Grinnell, a farmer of French descent, who passed nearly his entire life in the Empire State, served in the Revolutionary army, and died when nearly ninety years of age. Robert Grinnell was likewise a farmer, and came from New York to Wisconsin in 1847, locating in Adams township, Green county, where he took up 120 acres of government land. There his death occurred Aug.

28, 1868, at the age of 73 years, 1 month and 12 days, his birth having occurred July 16, 1795. He had married Esther J. Montgomery, a daughter of Capt. Silas Montgomery, who was a brother of Gen. Montgomery. To their marriage were born five children, three of whom are now living: Willard Edmonds; Silas M., of Vancouver, Wash.; and John F., of Monroe. The mother of these children died at the age of eighty-two years. In religious faith the family were Baptists.

Willard Edmonds Grinnell was reared to manhood in New York State, where his education was acquired in an old-fashioned subscription school. He was early trained to farm work, and until his retirement that has been his constant occupation, except for a short time in early life, when he engaged to some extent in carpentering. In 1847 he accompanied his father to Wisconsin, and there took up 160 acres of land in Adams township, Green county, extending the boundaries of his land later, until he was the owner of 360 acres of well-improved arable land. He erected suitable buildings and otherwise improved his farm until he had attained a high place among the progressive farmers of the county. In 1886 he laid aside the cares and responsibilities of active management of his affairs, renting his old home farm, and moved with his wife into a home he had purchased in the city of Monroe, there to pass the rest of their lives in well-earned rest and enjoyment.

On April 20, 1847, Mr. Grinnell was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hanks, and to this union were born children as follows: Frank D., deceased, married Rosella Day, and had three children, Ernest, Ethel and Earl; Lovisa married Hiram Austin, of Monroe, and has one child, Lena; Anson W. married Catherine Owrey, deceased, and has three children living, Rena, Edward and Maud; Orissa C., deceased, married a Mr. Atherton; Willis, a wealthy farmer and carpenter of southern Iowa, married Samantha Stewart, and has a large family of children; Harvey, who lives near Chamberlain, South Dakota, married Maggie Shrake, and has six children; Serepta married Don Wheeler, of Ireton, Iowa, and has six children; Alice, of Ireton, married Roy Wheeler, and has three children: Esther married Lewis Grinnell, of Washington township, Green Co., Wis., and has three children; Walter, a carpenter, married Lucinda Brooks, and

has one child, Guy; and Burty, of Boone, Iowa, is in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. Mr. Grinnell was married to his present wife, Miss Louisa Owrey, in December, 1871. No children have been born of this union, but two have been reared as their own, Rosa Adams and Guy Grinnell. Mr. Grinnell is a staunch Prohibitionist in his political views. Formerly he was a Whig and an anti-slavery man. He has filled a number of important positions in official life, among them being constable, supervisor, school clerk, etc., in all of which he discharged the various duties with the same fidelity that has characterized his entire life.

Mrs. Grinnell is a daughter of Jacob and Samantha (Grinnell) Owrey. Jacob Owrey was a carpenter and came to Wisconsin in the early days, settling in Dane county, later locating in Green county, where he lived retired for the last years of his life. He died April 29, 1879, in his ninetieth year. He served under Commodore Perry in the war of 1812. His wife died April 24, 1877, aged seventy-eight years. They were the parents of eleven children, three of whom are yet living, Ruth, wife of Elijah Millman; Charlotte, wife of Governor Bailey, of Michigan; and Mrs. Grinnell.

HON. JOSEPH B. TREAT, of Monroe, is one of the most prominent citizens of Green county, throughout which he is known and esteemed, not only as a successful business man, but also for his high character and his excellent record as a financier.

Joseph Treat, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Maine, of English lineage, and was a merchant and farmer by occupation, with residence in the city of Frankfort, that State, where he died at a very advanced age. He had a family of five children. Oliver Parker (maternal grandfather of Joseph B.), also a native of Maine, born of English ancestry, and an agriculturist by vocation, was ninety-two years old when he died; his family consisted of seven children.

Nathaniel Treat (father of Joseph B.), also of Maine nativity, was a lumberman on the Penobscot river, in that State, until his coming in 1870 to Wisconsin, when he located in Monroe, whither all his children had preceded him. Here he died in 1895, and although at his death he had attained the patriarchal age of ninety-six years, he did not

require the use of glasses. He was a highly educated man, and wrote considerably for the columns of the current newspapers, one month before his death having contributed an able article on the tariff. In politics he was a Democrat, but in 1892 voted for Harrison. While living in Maine he served as selectman, and as a member of the State Legislature. In 1823 he married Mary P. Parker, also a native of Frankfort, Maine, and ten children were born to them, five of whom are yet living, namely: Ezra Parker, Joseph B., Nathaniel B., Susan Alice (widow of Samuel Chandler), and Mary P. (widow of William Bloom), all of Monroe, Wis., except Mrs. Bloom, who is a resident of Chicago. The mother of these died in 1882, aged eighty-two years. She and her husband were both identified with the Universalist Church.

Joseph B. Treat, of whom this memoir more particularly relates, was born Dec. 22, 1836, in Orono, Maine, where he was reared and educated. At the age of eighteen he commenced business for himself in his native town, as a general merchant, and continued as such until 1860, in that year coming to Wisconsin and settling in Monroe. Here he established a dry-goods business, which he conducted until 1892, when he sold out, and embarked in the lumbering industry in Green county, engaging in same exclusively for several years, and to some extent at the present time. For the past twenty-five years he has been vice-president of the First National Bank, of Monroe (the first National bank established in the county); he has also interested himself in manufacturing and other industries of Monroe, which at all times receive his substantial encouragement.

On Jan. 18, 1859, Mr. Treat was united in marriage with Miss Priscilla W. Gould, daughter of Niah and Priscilla (Whitney) Gould, and two sons have been born to them: (1) Charles G., born in 1859, in Dexter, Maine, graduated in 1882 from West Point, where he is now commandant. He married Miss Margaret Cornell, of New York City, and they have three children, Joseph B., Margaret and Catherine. (2) Harry W., born in 1865, in Monroe, is a graduate of Cornell University: at present he is in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he is engaged in mining. He married Olive M. Graef, of New York.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Treat are Universalists. In politics he is a Republican, and for the past two years has been chairman of the Republican State Central Committee; from 1876 to 1880 he was a member of the State Senate; has served as mayor of the city of Monroe two terms; was supervisor several terms, and chairman of the county board; for four years he was a member of the city school board. Socially he is affiliated with Ivanhoe Lodge, F. & A. M., Monroe, also of the Chapter, and of Janesville Commandery, No. 2; and he is prominently identified with the I. O. O. F. In every relation of life Mr. Treat has borne an honorable part as an upright, patriotic, loyal citizen, and is justly classified among the representative men of Green county.

**COL. THOMAS STEPHENS.** The mere mention of the name of this late distinguished citizen of Wisconsin, who passed from earth nearly thirty years ago, awakens memories of affectionate esteem in the hearts of many of the older residents of the southern portion of the State, who recall with pleasant thoughts his manly bearing, his dauntless courage, and his sterling worth.

Col. Stephens was the eldest of the four sons of Charles and Elizabeth Stephens, and was born in the borough of Tavistock, Devonshire, England, May 13, 1815. His father was a miner, and Thomas and his brothers were bred to the same occupation. Naturally of a robust physique, the hard, manly toil involved in this laborious pursuit tended greatly to develop his native strength, and on reaching his majority he presented a magnificent specimen of physical manhood. He was of remarkable stature, standing six feet, two inches, and his well knit frame was in perfect proportion to his great height. Of so striking appearance was he as to attract the notice of some high officials of the royal court, through whose influence he was made a member of the Queen's Life Guards, then famed as the finest body of troops in the British army. None of the members were less than six feet tall, and perfect physical proportions and a high order of intelligence were absolutely essential requisites for admission to the corps. Young Stephens was at once sent to Windsor Castle, where he entered upon his new life with the utmost enthusiasm. He was duly



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instructed in those branches of knowledge, a familiarity with which was deemed indispensable to the proper discharge of his duties as a soldier, chief among these being the arts of fencing, broadsword exercise and "self-defense." He found that exercise with the sword possessed for him a positive fascination, and to perfecting himself therein he devoted a very considerable portion of the time allotted to the men for recreation. In consequence he attained such a degree of proficiency that he won the reputation of being one of the best swordsmen, if not the very best of all, in the English army.

The life of a guardsman, however, with its restrictions and monotonous inactivity, presenting, as it did, but few chances of promotion, after a time began to grow irksome to him. His eyes turned toward the United States, where he thought opportunities for advancement were far better than in the service of the Queen. Accordingly, having secured a substitute to complete his term of military service, he bade adieu to the shores of the land of his birth, and accompanied by a younger brother, Richard, set sail for the New World in 1840. Upon landing in America they proceeded at once to the mining region lying around Pottsville, Penn. There his skill as a swordsman soon became bruited abroad, and he found his time fully occupied in giving exhibitions and imparting instruction to pupils. Believing that better success would attend him in a wider field, he went to Philadelphia, where he taught sword practice for many years. During his residence in that city he repeatedly attested his well-nigh matchless skill, meeting and defeating such past masters of the art of fencing as Profs. Newton, of the University of Norwich, Morris, of the Pennsylvania Military Institutions, and Davis, swordmaster and military instructor for the State of Virginia. He was constantly in receipt of encomiums and testimonials from high authorities, among the most valued of these being those received from Gov. Porter, of Pennsylvania, and Gen. Johnson, the reputed slayer of the famous Indian chief, Tecumseh. After leaving Philadelphia he taught at various points in Pennsylvania, as well as at New York.

Early associations, however, are not easily forgotten, and he still cherished a strong desire to inspect the mining districts of the Northwest. In 1845 he visited the lead mines around

Galena, and soon afterward went to Lake Superior, where he spent two years as agent of the North American Copper Mine. Not long after reaching this country he met, at Williamsport, Penn., Miss Jane Hageman, a resident of that place. At that time he was teaching fencing there, and the young couple plighted their troth. In 1847 Mr. Stephens returned to claim his promised bride, and on Aug. 5, of that year, they were united in wedlock. They at once removed to Dodgeville, Iowa Co., Wis., which place was their home until Col. Stephens' death, and his widow yet resides there. In 1851 he visited California, returning in 1852. In 1857 he was commissioned inspector general of the Wisconsin State militia, a post for which he was admirably qualified, by reason of his previous soldierly training and military experience. His business was dealing in real estate, and making and handling loans thereupon, in the conduct of which he was eminently successful.

The Colonel was a true patriot, loyal to the core of his being, to his adopted country, and the first gun of the Rebellion fired in the harbor of Charleston stirred his patriotic soul. In connection with C. C. Washburne he recruited and organized the 2d Wisconsin Cavalry, of which he was commissioned lieutenant colonel, Col. Washburne being first in command. Later—on the elevation of Col. Washburne to a brigadier generalship—he was promoted to the colonelcy. He led his men throughout the war with distinguished gallantry, and, while an admirable disciplinarian, succeeded in gaining not only their respect but their affection as well. His service, however, was not without its unpleasant experiences. Being compelled to return home on sick leave, he employed the period of his convalescence in securing recruits for his regiment at the front. On rejoining his command, he discovered that one of his subordinate officers had taken advantage of his absence to disseminate scandalous and baseless reports concerning him. By permission of his superiors he at once proceeded to Washington, where he demanded a prompt and thorough investigation. His request was granted, and the inquiry resulted in his complete and triumphant vindication. For self-seekers within the service, and for traitors without, Col. Stephens had a hearty detestation. That a man of such high sense, rugged integrity and resolute purpose

should make enemies is no cause for surprise. Yet the Colonel's firmness, no less than his distinguished military skill and undaunted heroism, won him alike the hearty respect of his superior officers and the unfaltering devotion of his men, none of the many gallant officers of the Wisconsin volunteer regiments who served with courage and fidelity during that great conflict returning with more honor than Col. Thomas Stephens, or with a more enviable record. In testimony of their appreciation and love the men of the 2d Cavalry, on being mustered out, presented him with a costly sword, belt, sash, and other equipments of a cavalry commander, which his family will ever regard with love akin to reverence, as they recall the husband and father who has gone to his reward.

The Colonel, in addition to knowledge, skill and courage, did not lack literary ability, and his treatise on "Broad and Short Sword Exercise," which appeared in 1861, won a high eulogium from Gen. Winfield Scott, and commanded the unstinted admiration of all competent military critics, being officially recommended for study by officers of the United States army.

While Col. Stephens returned home with high honor, he brought back from his country's service a shattered constitution, his magnificent physique being broken beyond repair. In a vain hope of regaining his lost health he visited England in 1869. His return to his native land was most gratifying to the old member of the Queen's Guards, the former toiler in the tin mines of Cornwall being received with marked honor at Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace and the House of Parliament. The trip, however, proved of little benefit as a restorative to his ruined health, and not long after his return to his home at Dodgeville he passed away, July 22, 1873. Few deaths in Southwestern Wisconsin within a decade were as deeply mourned. In no relation of life had he been tried and found wanting. An ardent patriot and a fearless soldier, he was also a tender husband and an indulgent father. Benevolent in heart, and with impulses generous to a fault, no worthy charity appealed to him in vain, and after the lapse of nearly thirty years his memory remains still green.

Col. Stephens' long experience with the world had taught him sound business sense, and his judgment was rarely at fault. He was

fortunate in his investments, particularly in real estate; and it is probable that when called from earth in middle life (before reaching the age of fifty-nine) he remembered with pleasure that he would leave his family in moderate affluence. He left a widow and three children, two daughters and one son. Harriet, the first-born, is the wife of Solomon Osborne, of Dodgeville. Thomas Charles, the only son, resides in Chicago. Elizabeth, the youngest, is the wife of Dr. Henry Carson, of Milwaukee.

Mrs. Stephens was born in the township of Lycoming, Lycoming Co., Penn., in 1820, daughter of Isaiah and Rebecca Hageman. Her father was of Holland descent, and one of the most prominent pioneers of Lycoming county. Both her parents died full of years and good works in the county of their residence, highly esteemed by their neighbors and mourned by their friends.

This necessarily abridged tale of Col. Stephens' honored life may be best concluded by a brief reference to the other members of his father's family. As has been said, he was the eldest son. His brother Richard, the next in order of birth, accompanied him to America. The other brothers were named James and Elijah. The father and mother, with the two younger sons, crossed the ocean two years after Thomas, and the family was reunited at Danville, Penn. Not long afterward they removed to Ralston, near Williamsport, same State. Richard went from Pennsylvania to Galena, and thither his father and James followed him in 1844, leaving the mother and Elijah, who were to join them later, should the outlook prove favorable. Six weeks after reaching Galena, however, the father died. The widow joined her children, and received their tender love and gentle care until her death, in 1853, at Dodgeville, Iowa Co., Wis. Richard twice visited the California gold fields, and served for a time in the army of the Union; he removed to Kansas, and there died. James, the third and only living brother, resides at Dodgeville. Elijah, while yet a very young man, went to California, and from there to Chile, South America, where he died.

CAPT. THOMAS FLINT, a retired farmer, now living in Albany, Green county, has led an active and strenuous life, and now in his old age can look back over the years with

a sense of gratitude that he has been able to do so much in the world, to have so many good friends, and to help forward so many valuable and hopeful enterprises.

Captain Flint was born in the town of Antrim, Hillsboro Co., N. H., July 31, 1822, and is a son of John and Sallie (Atwood) Flint, both natives of that State. Ten children were born to them, of whom five are now living: Thomas; Lydia, the widow of Aaron Broughton, of Rock county, Wis.; Kate, of Minnesota; Elsie, the wife of Gaylord Lockwood, of the town of Brooklyn; and Sanford H., of Woodstock, Ill. The father, who was a farmer, removed from New Hampshire to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and engaged in farming there. In 1845 he came to Wisconsin, and located in the town of Albany, Green county, on an eighty-acre farm, which he cultivated as long as he lived. He died at the age of seventy-eight. His widow survived some three or four years, and died when seventy-seven years old. They were members of the Congregational Church. Adam Flint, grandfather of Captain Flint, was a native of New Hampshire. He engaged in farming, and reared a large family. The history of the Flint family in this country begins with the arrival of three brothers of that name in 1635, all settling in New England. The father of Sallie Atwood was a native of New Hampshire, and passed his entire life as a farmer.

Thomas Flint was six years old when his parents moved to New York. In 1843 he made his first appearance in Wisconsin, only to return to New York, and in 1845 bring back to Wisconsin his mother and several of his brothers and sisters, making the journey overland by wagon. His father had come on to Wisconsin, and made a settlement the previous year. Our subject was reared a farmer, and all his life he has been faithful to his early teaching and kept close to the soil. He obtained his early education in the district schools, and has always been a student of men and events, keeping a broad vision of the world, keenly alive to the significance of the history that is being made in these days.

Captain Flint and Miss Mary Simmons were married July 2, 1846, and six children were born to them, Ella, Myron, Alta, Merlin, Floyd and Ida. Ella married Arnold A. Bennett, of Albany. Myron married Esther Flint, and they have one son, Merlin, a farmer

in the town of Albany. Alta married Charles Comstock, of Albany. Merlin died when eleven months old. Floyd married (first) Dora Meinert, of Albany, now deceased, by whom he had one child, Addie Dora, at present living with her aunt, Mrs. Bennett; for his second wife he wedded Miss Kate Wessel, of Albany, and they have two sons, Harold and Alfred. Ida married William Smiley, of Albany, and is the mother of four sons and three daughters, Arnold, Edna, James, Robert, Harry, Florence and Mary. Mrs. Mary Flint died Dec. 25, 1891. She was a Congregationalist, and a lady of many charming traits. On Aug. 12, 1893, at Southwest City, Mo., Mr. Flint married (second) Mrs. Tamar A. Gillies, widow of Edward A. Gillies; she died July 7, 1894. On April 25, 1897, Mr. Flint married Mrs. Hannah M. Colton, widow of Melzar Colton, and daughter of Dorwin Hulbert. She is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Flint was a member of the Congregational Church at Albany, but since it disbanded has not united with any other.

Mr. Flint has led a hard and laborious life, and has made his way against every kind of obstacles. When he started out for himself his first work was cutting rails, at thirty-six cents a day, on Rock river, a mile and a half from Janesville. He then worked on a farm for a year on Rock Prairie. During this time he borrowed some money, and in 1845 bought eighty acres in Section 19, town of Albany. He has added to this from time to time until he has owned six hundred and twenty acres. He gave a farm to each of his boys, sold some, and on March 1, 1900, sold what remained, a farm of two hundred acres. He lived on his farm until 1886, when he rented it and moved into Albany, buying a good home, in which he now resides. He owns six acres of land within the limits of Albany, and is prosperous beyond his early hopes.

Mr. Flint enlisted, Aug. 24, 1864, as a private, and on Sept. 25, following, was commissioned captain of Company I, 5th Wis. V. I., and served through the closing months of the war. He was discharged May 15, 1865. While his military record is not extended, it covers some of the fiercest fighting of the war. He participated in the battles of Hatcher's Run, Fort Steadman, Petersburg, Sailor's Creek, and in a number of skirmishes, several of which in a smaller war would have been



called battles. He was taken sick at Farmville, Va., and was in the hospital two months at Cedar Point and Georgetown, and then came home. Since then he has followed farming. He belongs to Erastus Hoyt Post, No. 69, G. A. R., of which he is commander, and has filled this position for many years. He belonged to the Odd Fellows for forty years, but at the present time is not affiliated. He was a Whig in early life, and has been a Republican ever since the formation of the party. He has been on the county board two terms; was county treasurer two years; has been a member of the town board several terms; and was assessor of the town of Albany thirteen terms.

WILLIAM MINOR LUDLUM, who died Oct. 21, 1900, in Belmont, Lafayette county, where he was living retired, belonged to the fast lessening number of those who came to this State when it was very largely a wilderness, and with gigantic courage attacked the prairie and the forest with the implements of civilization, living to see the State become a garden spot of industry and wealth. Few there are of that noble company remaining, and let those who do have the more honor and reverence.

Mr. Ludlum was born in Warren county, Ohio, in November, 1823, a son of Ephraim and Mary (Kelly) Ludlum, both natives of that county, who spent their lives on a farm within its limits. Two of their children are still living: Clarinda is the widow of John Trump, and is living on the old farm in Warren county, Ohio, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years; Phoebe is the widow of Benjamin Clark, and lives in Warren county, Ohio. Johanna, Rebecca and James came to Wisconsin, and married in this State, but all have been dead some years.

William M. Ludlum grew to manhood on the home farm in Ohio, and received a very good education in the local schools until he met with an unfortunate accident in early life that shut him out from school attendance in the later years of his boyhood. He began well, but becoming a cripple was not able to go to school or study with that intensity that his nature would otherwise have demanded. Nevertheless he was a close reader and an attentive student of the world around him, and his conclusions were neither hastily drawn nor con-

trary to facts as they appear to the thoughtful eye. It was not until 1843 that Mr. Ludlum felt able once more to wrestle with fate and fortune, and he essayed the struggle by coming into the West, and doing farm work in Lafayette county, Wis. After a few years spent in this fashion he had saved enough to warrant the purchase of eighty acres of government land, at a dollar and a quarter an acre, and he began life for himself as an independent farmer. A few years later he bought a second eighty at ten dollars an acre, and still later he bought more land, until at the time of his death he owned as handsome a farm, of 200 acres, as may be found in many a day's ride in the southern part of Wisconsin.

In 1848 Mr. Ludlum and Miss Ruth A. Osborn were married. She is a daughter of Stephen and Mary Osborn, both her parents being members of old families. Her father, who was a Revolutionary soldier, died when she was but four years old. Her mother subsequently remarried, and moved to Virginia, where she died. Mrs. Ludlum was born in Fayette county, Penn., in 1824, and remained in her native county until she had become a girl of eighteen, when she accompanied her brother Peter to Wisconsin. She located here, but he was not satisfied with the outlook, and after two years moved into Iowa, and still later to Johnson county, Kan., where he is still living. A second sister, Lavina, accompanied Ruth A. and Peter Osborn to Wisconsin; she married Moses Eastmann, moved to California in 1850, and died in 1898. Lydia Osborn married Samuel Bell, lived in Pennsylvania, and died there in 1894. Martha and Catherine Osborn accompanied their mother to Virginia, where they married and are now living. Samuel Osborn died in Henry county, Iowa. John Osborn came to Galena at a very early day; there he married, and brought his wife to Lafayette county, Wis., where he was located on a farm for some years; selling out, he went to Iowa, and is living a retired life in that State. Enoch Osborn is a retired farmer in the town of Tabor, Iowa.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ludlum built a log house on their farm, which served them as a home until 1884. That year they put up a modern house, with up-to-date improvements, and set the old building back to serve very subordinate purposes. Mr. Ludlum built a large Pennsylvania barn on his



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MINOR LUDLUM



farm some twenty-five years ago. In 1899 Mr. Ludlum bought a residence in the city of Belmont, which the family still occupy; it is a pleasant and commodious edifice, and has all the comforts of a well regulated home. Our subject and his wife had five children, two of whom are living: Laura M., Mary L., and Martha S. died in childhood. E. O. Ludlum, the only son, was born in Lafayette county in 1849, was partly educated in the local schools, and attended the Normal at Platteville. He remained with his parents until his marriage, with Miss Martha Killpatrick, of Galena, Ill. They settled on the old homestead, where she died in 1888, leaving five sons, Charles H., Fred E. (who was killed by a runaway horse when he was sixteen years old), Richard F., Clarence B. and William E. Charles H., the eldest of this family, is married, and resides in Belmont, where he is engaged in the livery and feed business. Hattie C. Ludlum, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Minor Ludlum, grew up on the home farm, was very well educated in the local schools, and married Walter E. Wright, of Belmont, where they live, and where he is engaged in business. She is the mother of three children, Laura M., Luella Pearl and Lester E.

Mr. Ludlum was a Republican, and a supporter of the party from its organization. He was brought up under the influence of the Methodist Church, and, though he never joined the church, he always gave liberally to its support. He and his good wife were numbered among the earliest pioneers of the State, and among its honored and well-to-do citizens, holding a warm place in the hearts of their neighbors for their kindly and genial qualities.

**GRATIOT FAMILY** in Southwestern Wisconsin. Among the families whose annals are intertwined with the history of the Wisconsin lead mine region, none occupies a more honorable and conspicuous place than that of Gratiot.

The founder of the family in America was Charles Gratiot. He was a remarkable man. His father and mother were Huguenots of La Rochelle, France, and were driven from their home and native land by the savage act of Louis XIV, in revoking the edict of Nantes. They fled to Switzerland, and took up their residence at Lausanne, where Charles was born.

He was sent to England, where he received a business education, and before his majority sought wealth and fame in the fur trade in Canada. With headquarters at Mackinaw, he traveled to all the early French settlements and among all the Indian tribes of the Northwest. The canoe and the batteau formed his merchant fleet, and with them he journeyed in his adventurous trade from Montreal to St. Louis. In the year 1774 he abandoned the lake region, and established trading posts at Cahokia and Kaskaskia. When the Revolutionary war broke out he gave time, influence and fortune to the cause of freedom and independence. At the close of the war Charles Gratiot established himself at St. Louis. He married Victoire Choteau, and thus allied himself with the founders of St. Louis. Charles Gratiot had four sons: Henry, Charles, John Bunyan and Paul Messellier. He had five daughters: Julie, Victoire, Marie Therese, Emile Anna, and Louise Isabelle Choteau.

Charles Gratiot, Jr., was born in St. Louis, Aug. 29, 1786, and died there May 18, 1855. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1806; was second lieutenant of engineers; captain in 1808; served under Gen. Harrison in 1812; was brevetted colonel; was at the defense of Fort Meigs in 1813; and of Fort McKenzie in 1814. He was major of engineers in 1815; built the fortifications on the Delaware river, and planned and superintended the erection of Fortress Monroe; was lieutenant colonel in 1819; chief engineer, Engineer Department, in 1828; brevet major general, May 24, 1828; inspector United States Military Academy in 1838; and resigned in 1839.

Charles Gratiot, Jr., married Ann Belin, of Philadelphia. He had two daughters: Marie Victoire married Charles F. de Montholon, was lady of honor to Empress Carlotta in Mexico, and allied to some of the most distinguished families of France; her sister, Julia Augusta, was married to her cousin, Charles P. Choteau.

Louise Isabelle, sister of Charles Gratiot, Jr., was born in St. Louis, and died there July 13, 1878. On May 31, 1812, she married Jules de Mun, of the nobility of France.

John Bunyan Gratiot was born at St. Louis, Feb. 19, 1797, was a partner with his brother Henry in mining and smelting lead ore in Wisconsin, and lived at "Gratiot's Grove," where

their smelting operations were carried on. At the breaking out of the Winnebago war he raised a company of mounted men, and joined the command of Gen. Dodge. During the Black Hawk war he raised a company, and took part in the battle of Bad Axe, which ended the war. He died in St. Louis in 1876. He married, Nov. 18, 1819, Adele Marie Antoinette Pedreuveille, daughter of Kene Pedreuveille, of Havre, a noble of France, who filled high positions under Napoleon.

It is with Henry Gratiot, however, more than with any other member of the family, that the history of the lead mine region is most intimately and prominently related. He was the second son of Charles, the original pioneer, and was born at St. Louis April 12, 1789. In 1825 Henry Gratiot and his brother John were among the first to take up mineral lands in northern Illinois and engage in the mining and smelting of lead ores. In 1826 they moved their families there; in the following spring they moved to a new discovery, purchased from the Indians, and erected new cabins and furnaces. Making this place their residence, they called it Gratiot's Grove, and there they remained during the Winnebago outbreak and the Black Hawk war, Mr. Gratiot and his brother taking an active part in both. At this time the settlement contained 1,500 souls. The present city of Shullsburg, one mile north of Gratiot's Grove, was a naked prairie. In the spring of 1826 rumors of rich lead mines where the city of Shullsburg now stands were circulated; but the Indians were unfriendly, and concealed the place, lest they should offend the Great Spirit. The cupidity of the Indians eventually overcame their scruples, and they told Jesse W. Shull, who had long been an Indian trader, that if he would go with them to Berry's hill (Gratiot Grove hill) they would shoot arrows in the direction of the lead ore. Shull followed the direction, and put up a cabin, but the Indians soon drove him off. The Gratiots, by the friendly aid of a half-breed Winnebago woman, named Catherine Myott, bought for a large quantity of goods and supplies the right to dig for lead ore. On the north slope of Gratiot Grove hill was a heavy forest of hard wood timber, and here at one time were nine log furnaces running, and smelting a large share of the product of the lead region.

Mrs. J. P. B. Gratiot thus describes the

first news of the outbreak of the Black Hawk war: "Up to this time (1832) our dwelling had been completed, and we were surrounded with many comforts, and in our light-heartedness never dreamed of the storm gathering over our heads. On the Fourth of July I claimed the privilege of entertaining our friends at dinner. The table was set, the guests assembled. Ours were primitive accommodations. I was carrying a large bowl of custard to the table, Mrs. Henry Gratiot was assisting, when we saw four tall Indians with guns in their hands approaching. I let the dish fall, to the great dismay of the children. We were quite relieved when we saw them stack their guns and share our dinner. An interpreter was sent for. They were four friendly Winnebago chiefs, who were friendly, but told us they could no longer restrain their young warriors, on account of the encroachments of the whites. They did not want to hurt them, but advised them to remove their women and children. All was terror and confusion, and the women and children were speedily sent to Galena. The services of Henry Gratiot during and at the close of the Indian wars were beyond compute."

Henry Gratiot was sent in 1832 by the government to negotiate the release of Rachel and Sylvia Hall, the two young girls taken prisoners by the Sac, Fox and Pottawatomie Indians. Charles de St. Vrain, their agent, had been murdered by them about this time. Henry Gratiot was taken prisoner by the Indians, but by the intercession of the principal Winnebago chiefs, he and the two girls were released upon the payment of a large ransom.

Henry Gratiot was married, Feb. 20, 1813, to Susan Hempstead, a daughter of Stephen Hempstead, of New London, Conn., who was a Revolutionary soldier. He acted as sergeant in Capt. Nathan Hale's company; accompanied that noble young officer on his fatal mission; was at Boston in 1775; participated in the battle of Bunker Hill; was in Washington's army when the Declaration of Independence was first read to the troops, in July, 1776; was wounded at Harlem Heights and taken off the field for dead, and again twice wounded at Fort Griswold, and was one of the twenty-three who spiked the guns at Fort Trumbull when attacked by Benedict Arnold, Sept. 6, 1781.

After the close of the Black Hawk war Henry Gratiot gradually closed up his business of mining and smelting, and prepared to open a large farm adjoining Gratiot's Grove. He built a large house, after the French style, which was burned in 1853. Having passed through many dangers and tribulations, he settled down to enjoy life with his family. In 1836 he went to Washington, D. C., on business, and to visit his brother, Gen. Charles Gratiot, then chief of the corps of United States engineers. On his way home he was taken sick, and died at Baltimore April 27, 1836, at the age of forty-seven years. The town of Gratiot, Wis., was named after him.

Henry Gratiot had four sons: Charles H., Edward, Henry and Stephen; and two daughters: Adele and Susanna. Of these, Charles H. Gratiot married Anne Sheldon; Edward Gratiot married Ellen J. Hagur; Adele Gratiot married Elihu B. Washburn; Susanne Gratiot married Thomas C. Child; Henry Gratiot married Eliza de Lorimier; Stephen Gratiot married Mary J. Chamberlin.

Charles H. Gratiot, son of Henry, was born in St. Louis March 15, 1814. In 1825 he came with his parents to Galena, Ill. In 1832 he entered into business at Gratiot with Hon. Frederick Stahl. One year later he opened the first store in Dubuque, Iowa, in partnership with Peter A. Lorimer. Later he went to the copper regions of Michigan, and there opened the first copper mine, for which he was rewarded by the government. In 1849 he visited the gold fields of California, and after remaining there a few years returned to Gratiot, Wis. In 1859 he led a wagon train to Pike's Peak, and while there was stricken with paralysis, from which he never recovered. Mr. Gratiot served with distinction during the Black Hawk war, and when eighteen years of age held the position of lieutenant in that memorable struggle. He married, at Willow Springs, Wis., Anne E. Sheldon, who was born at Detroit, Mich., Nov. 17, 1819, and died at Gratiot, Wis., Jan. 9, 1882. Charles H. Gratiot died at Gratiot March 15, 1883.

Charles and Anne (Sheldon) Gratiot were the parents of three sons, of whom Charles C. married Etta Marcy, and they are the parents of nine children. H. R. married Ellen Noble, and they are the parents of six children; they live in Gratiot, Wis. Charles and Anne

(Sheldon) Gratiot also left three daughters, of whom Elizabeth married Edward Collins, and they became the parents of three children; Mrs. Collins is a widow, and resides with her children in Shullsburg. Mary married J. H. Chassaign, and they are parents of four children; they reside in St. Louis, Mo. Antoinette married Joseph Brewster, and they became the parents of five children; Mr. Brewster is deceased, and his widow resides with her children in Madison, Wisconsin.

CHARLES C. GRATIOT is a prominent physician, a graduate of Jefferson Medical College. He has been mayor of Shullsburg, where he now resides, and has long been identified with the public schools, in which he takes a great interest. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow, Knight of Pythias, and member of the G. A. R., having served in the war of the Rebellion.

EDWARD A. HOLMES, one of the prominent and successful business men of Milton, Rock county, was born in that village April 25, 1841, son of Harvey and Abbie (Waterman) Holmes, natives of Connecticut.

Harvey Holmes was a carpenter by trade, and became one of the first settlers of Rock county, migrating hither in 1838, and settling on what is known as the Waterman place, one mile south of the village of Milton. Later he moved to the town of Harmony, and bought a farm of 176 acres, which he improved and occupied until his death, in 1854, at the age of forty-nine years. He was a farmer of unusual prominence, was chairman of the county board of supervisors a number of years, and in 1852 was elected to the State Legislature. He was a Whig in politics. Himself and wife were active members of the Congregational Church, of which he was a long time deacon. The widow still survives, a resident of Santa Clara, Cal., at the age of eighty-eight years. To Harvey and Abbie Holmes were born seven children, two sons and five daughters, of whom three now survive: Edward A., our subject; Adelaide A., widow of Alfred Post, and now a resident of Santa Clara, Cal.; and Sarah M., wife of John Swinton, of Portland, Oregon.

Alfred Holmes, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Connecticut, and lived to the age of about ninety years. He had four sons and one daughter. Joseph Waterman, the maternal grandfather, was a

native of Connecticut, and an early settler of Rock county, locating about 1839 a mile south of the village of Milton, where he lived to the age of eighty-seven years.

Edward A. Holmes was reared on the farm in Milton township, attended the district schools, and completed his education at Milton College. He then started life for himself as a farmer, continuing thus until 1879, when he engaged in a general mercantile business at Milton, until his general store was destroyed by fire, in 1898. Mr. Holmes then opened a grocery store, and he has since conducted that business. For the past twenty years he has been agent at Milton for the United States Express Co.

On Oct. 20, 1869, Mr. Holmes married Miss Alice Wilkins, daughter of Joseph and Celesta (Johnson) Wilkins, and to this union have been born seven children, five sons and two daughters: (1) Harvey E. married Marcia Jones, and they have two children, John Edward and Harvey. (2) David Alfred married Nettie Spaulding. (3) Helen Frances married Frank A. Root, and lives at Appleton. (4) Walter Scott married Ina Gray, and lives in Harmony. (5) James Pitt, who is unmarried, participated in the Spanish-American war; he now has a position in the Northern Hospital for the Insane. (6) Paul Allen died Dec. 25, 1898, aged eighteen. (7) Sarah Alice is a student of Milton College. Politically Mr. Holmes is a Republican. He attends the Congregational Church.

JOHN S. WILLIAMS (deceased) was for many years an honorable and industrious farmer in Grant county, and is well remembered in the town of Hazel Green as a thoroughly upright and public-spirited man.

Mr. Williams was born in Cornwall, England, in April, 1820, where he received a fair education, and remained until after he reached his majority. While still living in England he married Miss Susan Bosanco, and she accompanied him to Wisconsin, whither he came many years ago, very early in the history of Grant county, engaging in lead mining for some years. In 1850 he crossed the Plains to the gold fields of California, and spent some three years in the mines. Coming back to Wisconsin, he settled on a farm three miles west of Hazel Green, and at that home Mrs. Williams died, leaving eleven children who

lived to reach mature age: (1) Susan, born in Grant county, in 1846, is now the wife of Frank Lightcap, of Winnipeg, Canada. (2) Honor, born in April, 1848, married Joseph Thomas, of Shullsburg, Wis. (3) Hannah, born in 1850, married James D. Rogers, of Smelser. (4) John, born in 1852, married Miss Nettie Jellett, of Hazel Green, lives in Platteville, and is the father of four children, Hattie, Vivian, Raymond, and Irene. (5) Urias, born in January, 1856, married and settled in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and is the father of two children, Irene and Warner. (6) William, born in February, 1859, married Miss Sallie Price, of Galena, Ill., and lives in South Dakota; he is the father of one daughter, Elsie. (7) Sarah, born in May, 1861, married Thomas Mann, and lives in Sutherland, Iowa, where she is rearing her family of children. (8) Mary, born in February, 1864, married Rev. Richard Brown, and lives in Minneapolis. They have one daughter, Joie. (9) Grant, born in April, 1866, married, and lives in LeMars, Iowa. (10) Alfred, born in October, 1868, married Miss Naomi Jewell, of Hazel Green, where he is living. (11) Thomas A., born in September, 1870, is married, and lives near Sibley, Iowa, where he is engaged in farming.

John S. Williams and Miss Elizabeth Coombe were married in January, 1887. Mrs. Williams was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Coombe, old and prominent pioneers of Grant county, who came from England at a very early day, settling in the town of Hazel Green. Here Mrs. Williams received her education, in the public schools, and here she grew to womanhood. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Williams live on a farm some two years, and then purchased the Edward Thompson home, in the village of Hazel Green, in which house Mr. Williams spent the remaining years of his life, dying April 23, 1900. There were no children by the second marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were both members of the Methodist Church, which received a liberal support from the family, and he was one of the officers of the church for many years. In politics he was ever an ardent Republican, and had always taken an active part in local affairs.

Mr. Williams began life in this country a poor man, and by long and unflagging industry and wise management became quite



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prosperous. He was a good man, and left a wide circle of friends. Mrs. Williams is a lady much respected for her many virtues, and much of her time is spent in unostentatious charity and genuine Christian work.

MATTHEW STOTT, whose years of active toil are over, is now passing the evening of a well-spent life in the home his industry has provided. He is a native of Yorkshire, England, born Sept. 18, 1826, son of Matthew and Margaret Stott, who passed their entire lives in their native land. Of their children, Robert came to this country, and died unmarried a few years ago. Four others are living in England.

Matthew Stott grew to manhood in Yorkshire, and received a fair education in the schools there. In 1856 he boarded a sailing vessel for the New World, and on landing came directly West to Wisconsin. His first employment was as a miller in Big Patch, Grant county, where he and Messrs. Wilkison and Johnson operated a mill in partnership. He later sold out his interest in the mill and returned to England, but after a year in the old home came back to Wisconsin, and located in Benton, Lafayette county, where he followed mining for a number of years. Etna, New Diggings township, was his first location after his marriage, and he was there engaged in farming and mining until he purchased his present fine farm, which he has since greatly improved, erecting good, substantial buildings, and making a comfortable home for himself and his wife in their old age. As pioneers of the county he and his wife can relate many interesting experiences of the early days, and both are much loved by all who know them.

In 1866 Mr. Stott wedded Mrs. Margaret White, daughter of John and Elmer Coates, both of whom died in England. Mrs. Stott was born in that country in 1823, and on reaching young womanhood married Thomas White. In 1848 Mr. White, his wife and three children located in New Diggings, where he followed mining a short time, and then crossed the Plains to California, where he died in the gold fields. His wife and her four children were left in Wisconsin. These children were as follows: Barbara, wife of Dixon Cottingham, of Dubuque, Iowa, is the mother of nine children. Isabel, Matthew, Mary E.,

John, Lizzie, Minnie, Ella, Eva and William; Eleanor, wife of William Bonner, of O'Brien county, Iowa, is the mother of eight children, William, John, Nora, Mary E., Robert, Annie, Thomas and Lizzie; John' (deceased) married Bell Collard, of New Diggings, where he died in 1892, leaving three children, two of whom, Maggie (Mrs. William Bird) and Grace, live in New Diggings, and the third, W. L., is in Alaska; and William C., born in 1859, emigrated to New Mexico, where he married, and then moved to Cripple Creek, Colo., where his family now reside, during his absence at Cape Nome, Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Stott were both brought up in the faith of the Church of England, and have lived good Christian lives. In politics Mr. Stott is a Republican.

FREDERICK LIBERT. Sound judgment, combined with fine ability in mechanical lines, has enabled the subject of this biography, a well-known blacksmith of Platteville, Grant county, to attain a substantial success in life, and his history is of especial interest. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1840, and when only five years old crossed the Atlantic with his parents, Kausman and Margaret (Martins) Libert, also natives of Bavaria, who located first in Jo Daviess county, Ill., but in 1856 moved to Grant county, Wis. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died at Hazel Green in 1861, and the mother departed this life in 1858. In their family were ten children, of whom the following are still living: Nichlos, Andrew, Frederick, Barbara and Eva.

Frederick Libert was reared and educated in Jo Daviess county, Ill., and Grant county, Wis., and during his youth learned the blacksmith's trade at Platteville. That occupation he has made his life work, and in its prosecution has met with good success. His labors were interrupted by his service in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion. On Aug. 8, 1862, at Platteville, Mr. Libert enlisted in Company E, 25th Wis. V. I., for three years or during the war. The company was organized at La Crosse, and mustered in at Madison. As a part of the Army of the West it took part in the Sauk war in Minnesota, was sent south in January, 1863, and took part in the siege of Vicksburg; the engagement at Jackson, Miss.; the battle of Kenesaw Moun-

tain; and was with Sherman on the march to the sea. At Atlanta Mr. Libert was taken prisoner, and for two months was confined in Andersonville prison. He rejoined his regiment at Atlanta, in time to take part in the Carolina campaign, including the last battle of the war—that of Bentonville. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and when honorably discharged, at Madison, Wis., in June, 1865, returned to his home in Platteville. He has been a resident of Grant county since 1856, for two years lived in Hazel Green, and since then has made his home in Platteville.

At Hazel Green, in 1866, Mr. Libert was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Garner, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Daniel Garner; her mother's maiden name was Oppenley. Mr. and Mrs. Garner were early settlers of Grant county, and are now deceased. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Libert, four are still living, namely: Maggie, now Mrs. Dolley, of Sioux county, Iowa; Nellie, now Mrs. Spink, of Platteville, Wis.; Elsie; and Sadie. Socially Mr. Libert affiliates with W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., and politically is identified with the Republican party. His fellow citizens have for him the highest esteem, and he has been called upon to represent his ward in the city council five terms, filling the office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

FRANKLIN STONE (deceased) was a well known pioneer of Monticello township, having arrived in Lafayette county in 1848. His birth occurred in Lennoxville, Canada, near Montreal, July 3, 1813. His parents, Phineas and Salome Stone, were natives of Massachusetts.

Franklin Stone grew to manhood in Canada, and came to the United States in early manhood, reaching Wisconsin by way of Chicago in 1835. Chicago, then but a little hamlet, was his home for a year or so, and he then engaged in mining in Iowa county, Wis. He was quite successful in his operations there, and after a few years returned to Canada, where on Oct. 12, 1848, he wedded Miss Jane Aldrich, who was born in Canada, daughter of Asa and Sally Aldrich, natives of New Hampshire. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stone settled on the farm in Lafayette

county on which the family still reside. This had been previously purchased by Mr. Stone, and after his determination to make it his home he had greatly improved it, continuing so to do until his death, which occurred June 10, 1891. Mr. Stone was a prominent and highly respected citizen, and was intimately associated with the pioneer history of the township. In the early days he was a Whig in political faith, but after the formation of the Republican party became one of its firm supporters. Mrs. Stone survives her husband, and, with two of her children, makes her home on the farm where the happy years of her married life were spent.

Eight children came to bless the union of Franklin Stone and Jane Aldrich, three sons and five daughters: Clara, wife of James H. Mann, of Shullsburg; Edmund, of Defiance, Wis.; Esther, wife of W. O. Dimmick, of Bluehill, Neb.; Frank, a resident of Bluehill, Neb.; Emeline, at home; Lucy, wife of J. J. Blackburn, of Wyoming; Oscar, at home; and Mary, who became the wife of James Terrill, and died at her home in Wyoming.

WALGRAVE ATHERTON, a retired farmer of Albany, is one of the old and successful farmers of Green county, and is now spending the closing years of his life in the enjoyment of a richly earned competence, surrounded with the respect of the community and the regard and esteem of those friends who know him most intimately.

Mr. Atherton was born in Licking county, Ohio, Aug. 4, 1826, and is a son of John and Clarissa (Ackley) Atherton, natives of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively. They had three sons, and Mr. Atherton, of Albany, is the only one now living. The father was a chairmaker, and moved into Licking county, Ohio, in the early settlement of that country, and owned about two hundred fifty acres at the time of his death. He died in 1881, at the age of eighty-one. His wife passed away in 1873, at the age of seventy-six. Thomas Atherton, the father of John, was of English descent, and was bred a farmer. He died in Ohio, at an advanced age, leaving a large family. Calvin Ackley, the father of Clarissa, was of English descent, and was born in Connecticut. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and moved from New York to Ohio, where he followed farming. He was the father of a

large family, and died at the age of ninety-one.

Walgrave Atherton lived in Licking county, Ohio, on a farm until he was twenty-eight years old. The district schools afforded him opportunity for an education, and he taught for seven winters. He followed farming as his chief occupation, and came to Wisconsin in 1854, where he bought a farm of one hundred fifty-seven acres in Decatur township, Green county, where he resided, engaged in its cultivation, until 1888, when he moved into Albany, and there is living a retired life. He now owns four hundred ninety-two acres, and is one of the most prosperous farmers of the county.

On Oct. 20, 1852, Mr. Atherton and Miss Elizabeth Ann Putnam were married. She is the daughter of John J. and Mary M. (Fleek) Putnam, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Atherton are the parents of nine children, namely: Florence V., Edwin P., John P., Oliver Herman, George W., Elmer E., Harry C., Ernest and Fred V. Florence V. died when nineteen years old. Edwin P. married Irva Maynard, and lives in Albany, where he is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business; they have one daughter, Floy. John P. married Miss Susie Robertson, of Laredo, Mo., where he is a station agent. Oliver H. married Miss Kittie Clemmer, and lives in Blanchardville, Wis., where he is station agent; they have three daughters, Nina, Leila and Eva. George W. married Miss Olive Smout, and lives on the old home farm; they have one daughter, Winifred. Elmer E. married Miss Nettie Conn. of Juda, Wis.; he is publisher of the Albany *Indicator*, and is the father of two sons, John W. and Charles Ellsworth. Harry C. married Miss Nora Francis, and is a farmer in the town of Decatur. Ernest died when three and a half years old. Fred V. is a printer, and lives with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Atherton are members of the Baptist Church, in which he is deacon, trustee and clerk. He was once a Republican, but in 1884 became a Prohibitionist. He was clerk and school director in the town of Decatur, where he also served a term as school treasurer.

Mrs. Atherton's parents were natives of Virginia. They had ten children, four of whom are living.—Elizabeth Ann, the wife of W. Atherton; Oliver S., a captain in the

war of the Rebellion; Henry Clay, of Brodhead, Wis.; and Virginia, the wife of Burton Gardner, of Brodhead. Mrs. Atherton's father was a school teacher when a young man, and later in life became a farmer and a land agent in Licking county, Ohio. He was a trustee of the town of Newark, Ohio, and came to this State in 1849. He located in Sylvester township for a year, and then moved to the town of Decatur, where he died in 1856, at the age of fifty-five. His widow died Jan. 31, 1873, at the age of sixty-eight. They were members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Atherton's paternal grandfather was Peter Putnam, a native of Virginia, and her maternal grandfather Adam Fleek, of Pennsylvania. He lived many years in Virginia, and died in Wisconsin when eighty-five.

LAWRENCE GANSHIRT, a prosperous farmer residing in Section 7, Gratiot township, Lafayette county, is a native of Baden, Germany, born in 1840, who offered his services to his adopted country in her hour of peril during the Civil war.

Mr. Ganshirt received his education in the schools of his native land, and in his twenty-second year left the Fatherland for America. He first located in Pennsylvania, remaining there only a short time, however, when he went to Illinois, where he was living when the war began. He enlisted in Company D, of an Illinois volunteer cavalry regiment, and joined his regiment at Fairfax Court House, Va.; they were brigaded with the 13th and 16th New York Cavalry regiments, and performed such service as fell to their lot in Virginia and Maryland. Our subject's regiment was in pursuit of the famous guerrilla leader Mosby, in Virginia and North Carolina. The brigade was ordered to Maryland, and a sergeant of the 16th New York captured and shot John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln. After that they were left near Brandywine, where the citizens swore allegiance to the United States. During his entire term of service Mr. Ganshirt was on active duty, but was fortunate enough to escape the bullets of the enemy. The hardships and exposures incident to the life of a soldier left their scar, and Mr. Ganshirt is a sufferer from rheumatism, and disease of the throat and heart. He was mustered out of the service at the close of the war, at St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1867 Mr. Ganshirt was united in marriage with Miss Pauline Busch, who was born in Baden, daughter of Fred and Mary E. Busch, who located in Lafayette county, Wis., in 1868, and there passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Ganshirt are the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters. They have a pleasant home on their farm, and are highly respected citizens. Socially Mr. Ganshirt is a member of John Bragg Post, No. 176, G. A. R.

I. C. SMELKER, a popular and influential citizen of Platteville, Grant county, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war whose devotion to his country was tested not only by service on the field of battle, but in the still more deadly dangers of the Southern prisons. This gallant soldier was born in Johnstown, Penn., April 3, 1842, a son of J. W. and Catherine (Horner) Smelker, also natives of the Keystone State.

The father of our subject was born in Bellefonte, Center county, Sept. 17, 1817, of Holland ancestry, and continued his residence in that State until coming to Platteville, Wis., in 1845. By occupation he was a carpenter and joiner. On Sept. 7, 1862, at Platteville, he became a member of Company E, 25th Wis. V. I., as first lieutenant. As a part of the 16th Army Corps he participated in the Yazoo expedition; was on provost duty at Helena, Ark.; took part in the siege of Vicksburg and in a number of engagements in Alabama and Tennessee; and was with Gen. Sherman on the march to the sea and in the Atlanta campaign. Being disabled, he was sent to Mound City hospital, and received an honorable discharge at Cairo, Ill., in 1864, after which he returned to his home in Platteville. He died at that place in April, 1894, and his wife passed away in January, 1898. To them were born four sons and one daughter, the two youngest dying in infancy. Three surviving sons were all numbered among the boys in blue during the Rebellion. Theodore, the eldest, enlisted, in 1861, in Company C, 7th Wis. V. I., for three years or during the war, and received a gunshot wound in the breast and right arm in the battle of Antietam. He now resides in Lincoln county, S. Dak. I. C., the second son, is mentioned below. J. P. enlisted at Platteville in the three-months service, as a member of Company A, 41st Wis.

V. I., and in January, 1865, joined Company K, 47th Wis. V. I., with which he served until the close of the war, being honorably discharged at Madison Sept. 4, 1865. He took part in a midnight attack on Gen. Forrest. He rose to the rank of orderly sergeant. Returning to Platteville, he studied law, and is now an attorney at Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

I. C. Smelker was only three years old when brought by his parents to Platteville, in the public schools of which place he acquired his education. Since reaching manhood he has followed the carpenter's and joiner's trade. It was in 1863, at Platteville, that he enlisted in Company C, 7th Wis. V. I., for three years or during the war, and he was mustered into the United States service at Camp Randall, Madison. A member of the Iron Brigade, in the Army of the Potomac, he participated in the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, and was three times wounded, twice by a gunshot in the left thigh, and lastly by a bayonet in the hands of a Rebel, while he lay on his back under the trees on the battlefield; the Rebel also cut the buttons from his coat. He was also taken prisoner, and confined at Salisbury, N. C., seven months, after which he was sent to Libby prison, it being 315 days before he was exchanged. When captured he weighed 172 pounds, and during his imprisonment his weight was reduced to eighty-one pounds. On being exchanged he was sent to Annapolis, Md., and from there went to Baltimore, where he was granted a furlough. For some time he was confined in the hospital at Prairie du Chien, Wis., and while there asked leave to return home, but not receiving the desired furlough he and a comrade crossed the river in a boat to McGregor, and from there proceeded to Potosi, whence our subject started to walk to Platteville on crutches. When within five miles of home he became exhausted, and had to discontinue his journey until the following day. After spending the 4th of July at home, he returned to the hospital, and for disobedience was put in the guard-house. While there he smuggled a letter to Gov. Randall for transportation, and was honorably discharged at Madison in September, 1865.

In 1876 Mr. Smelker was married, at Platteville, to Miss Nettie Connor, who was born in Wisconsin, a daughter of Patrick and Catharine (Blindert) Connor, natives of Ire-

land and Germany, respectively, and early settlers of Potosi, Grant Co., Wis. In early life her father followed mining, but later engaged in farming in Platteville township, where both parents died. Mr. and Mrs. Smelker have five children, Jessie, Edward C., Stella, Kattie and Byron.

In his political views Mr. Smelker is a pronounced Republican, and has held office in Platteville, having received the appointment of deputy revenue collector under President Harrison, and held that position for four years and three months. Mr. Smelker is also connected with the fire department of Platteville, and is one of the leading and influential men of that city. As one of the organizers of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., he has always taken an active interest in its work, and is very popular in Grand Army circles. He is now serving as commander of his post, and also holds the important position of inspector-general of the Department of Wisconsin, G. A. R., under Commander D. G. James, of Richland Center. He has been first vice-president of the Grant County Soldiers and Sailors Association for the last six years.

ANDREW ANDERSON, a farmer and painter living in Clinton township, Rock county, is an industrious and hard-working man, and has made his living by his own efforts.

Mr. Anderson is the third child and second son of Rev. Dr. Ole Andrewson, of whom a biographical history appears elsewhere in this volume. Our subject was born near Ottawa, La Salle Co., Ill., Nov. 24, 1848, and while still a young boy moved with his parents to Clinton, Wis. Here he worked on a farm until about 1865, in which year he entered a store as clerk, and was engaged for some three or four years in that capacity in the different stores of Clinton. After the great fire of 1871 Mr. Anderson went to Chicago, and there learned the trade of painting, which has been his main business to the present time. He is now living five miles southeast of the village of Clinton, owning a home of forty acres, to which he attends in intervals of his work at painting. He is well situated, and is comfortably fixed.

Mr. Anderson and Miss Nellie Hawkinsen, a daughter of Ole Hawkinsen, of Manchester, Ill., were married Nov. 4, 1875. They have

had ten children, three of whom are now deceased; the living are Ruth Amelia, Hannah Irene, Sarah Louisa, George Henry and Grace Henrietta (twins), Otto Paul, and Emma Helena. The two eldest lived in Sharon, Wis. The young people are bright and helpful, and are bound to become useful citizens.

JOHN FRANKLIN WILLEY, editor and publisher of the "Farm and Home," at Janesville, Rock county, is a well-known authority on agricultural matters, and his journal enjoys a wide circulation on account of its reliability, as well as its literary merit.

John Franklin Willey was born in St. Johnsbury, Caledonia Co., Vt., March 17, 1859, a son of George F. and Eliza (Raines) Willey, natives of Vermont and New Hampshire, respectively. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Stephen Willey, a native of Maine, of Scottish descent, died in Vermont, well advanced in years. There were three sons and one daughter in his family. Mr. Willey was very prominent in church affairs. The grandfather on the mother's side was a native of Maine, of Scottish descent, and died at Bethel, that State. By trade he was a machinist. He reared a large family.

George F. Willey was a blacksmith by trade. In 1863 he came West to Madison, Wis., and a year later removed to Beloit, where he died in 1868, aged thirty-seven; his wife passed away two years previously, at the age of thirty-three. Both of these worthy people were Free-Will Baptists. Three children were born to them, one son and two daughters: Our subject; Louisa C., wife of Frank N. Briggs, of Brandon, Vt.; and Emma, wife of Charles Hackbarth, of Lima, Wisconsin.

John Franklin Willey came to Wisconsin with his parents, residing at home until the death of his father, in 1868, when he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Malachi Richardson, of Janesville, both of whom are now deceased, he dying on June 19, 1896, and his wife on Feb. 28, 1897. Mr. Richardson was an old settler of Janesville, and a gardener by occupation. At one time he served as school commissioner. He was a man of considerable education, having been a school teacher in his younger days, and gladly assisted his young charge in his studies, which the latter pursued in the excellent public schools. Following

the calling of his adopted father, Mr. Willey was a farmer and gardener until he was thirty years of age, when he began the publication of the "Wisconsin Tobacco Leaf," and continued the journal until 1897, about eight years. At this time he started the "Farm and Home," which, as its name implies, is devoted to the interests of the farm and home. For the past twelve years Mr. Willey has corresponded for a number of papers on the subject of tobacco growing, and the industry in general, being considered an authority upon the question. In religious matters Mr. Willey takes a very liberal view, according to every man the right to worship as his conscience dictates, and himself attends All Souls Church. Mr. Willey not only thoroughly understands agricultural subjects, but is conversant with up-to-date methods of getting out an attractive publication, and the "Farm and Home" is welcomed, not only by the farmer, intent upon securing valuable information relative to his work, but also by the other members of the family, who enjoy the entertaining stories and household articles presented to them within its pages. Socially Mr. Willey has many friends, and is an agreeable, well-informed gentleman; politically he is a staunch Republican.

JOHN A. CLEMMER, retired farmer, now residing in Monroe, has won the comparative leisure which since 1892 has been his by a previous life of activity as an influential and successful farmer of Green county. He came to the county when a youth of eighteen years, and for forty years following his marriage was a most industrious agriculturist, and became prominent in that calling, during the period when the State of Wisconsin emerged from its primitive condition of undeveloped resource to wealth and influence.

Mr. Clemmer is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Fayette county May 30, 1832, son of Jasper and Delilah (Neal) Clemmer, both native-born Pennsylvanians. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Clemmer, was also born in the Keystone State, and was a descendant of one of the early German families that settled in Pennsylvania. He followed farming. He lived to the age of almost one hundred years, was twice married, and reared a large family. The maternal grandfather, William Neal, was also a native of Pennsylvania, of

Scottish ancestry, and died in middle life, leaving a large family. He was a farmer by occupation.

Jasper Clemmer, the father of John A., was born June 16, 1801, and in his native State followed farming. In 1850, when about forty-nine years of age, he migrated with his family to Wisconsin, purchasing a half section of land in Sylvester township, Green county, which he occupied and operated for many years, residing there until his death, Dec. 17, 1885, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, who was born Sept. 13, 1805, died Dec. 21, 1887. They were members of the Regular Baptist Church, in which Mr. Clemmer was for many years a deacon. He was a man of great probity of character, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. To Jasper and Delilah Clemmer were born six children, five sons and one daughter, of whom four are now living, namely: Dr. J. N., of Clarksville, Iowa; John A., whose sketch appears below; Dr. J. J., of Cresco, Iowa; and G. G., of Nevada.

John A. Clemmer received his education in the district schools of Pennsylvania, and was eighteen years of age when, in 1850, he came with his parents to Wisconsin. He possessed musical talent, which he cultivated in his youth, and for fourteen years taught vocal music. After reaching Wisconsin he remained with his parents for about four years, on Jan. 21, 1855, marrying Miss Rhoda M. Whitcomb, daughter of James and Nancy (Goltry) Whitcomb. She was then living with her widowed mother in Mt. Pleasant township, Green county.

James Whitcomb, the father of Mrs. Clemmer, was born in New York State May 17, 1812; his wife, also a native of New York, was born Aug. 7, 1814. Isaac Whitcomb, father of James, was born in Maine May 25, 1769, and died Feb. 26, 1816. He married Susanna Gregory, who was born Sept. 1, 1784, and died July 7, 1839. Their family consisted of five children. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Clemmer were Paul and Rachel (Moffett) Goltry, who had a family of thirteen children. Paul Goltry was born in New Jersey May 24, 1767, and died Sept. 28, 1845. He was a man of remarkable mental activity, well educated, a writer of great force and pleasing diction, a musician of note, and a splendid violinist. Active in temperament, he became a cattle drover, and frequently drove large

herds over the mountains of Virginia. His sympathies were deeply enlisted in the cause of the slaves, and he often assisted them in escaping from the fields of Virginia to a northern refuge.

James Whitcomb removed from New York to Indiana, and thence in 1847 to Rock county, Wis., and two years later to Mt. Pleasant township, Green county, where he purchased 160 acres of land. There he died April 24, 1854, aged nearly forty-two years. His wife survived him many years, passing away May 22, 1883, aged sixty-nine years. They were devout members of the Baptist Church. James Whitcomb was an active Abolitionist, and while living in Indiana was the leader in the Abolition movement in his locality, presiding at meetings and assisting many fugitive slaves.

After his marriage, Jan. 21, 1855, John A. Clemmer began farm life on a tract of eighty acres in Sylvester township, given him by his father. To this he subsequently added ten acres, and there continued to farm for about twenty years, when he sold and bought a farm of 210 acres in Decatur township. In 1892 Mr. Clemmer rented that farm and removed to Monroe, where he has since resided, except for a short time when he lived in Evansville, to educate his son, John F. To Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer have been born six children, one son and five daughters, as follows: Laura A., who married Alvin I. Keen, of Monroe township, and has two children, Roy and Lois; Kittie C., who married Herman Atherton, of Blanchardville, and has three children, Nina, Lela and Eva; Nannie D., who married Henry Horan, of Algona, Iowa, and has one son, Clemmer; Cora A., who married Lawrence Horan, and is now deceased; Letha, a stenographer in the First National Bank of Monroe; and John F., who is bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Algona, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer are prominent members of the Baptist Church of Juda, in which he has been for many years a deacon. In religious, social and business circles he is one of the leading spirits of Green county, and is held in high esteem by a wide acquaintanceship throughout that and adjacent counties.

JOSEPH T. BRIDGE, deceased. Half a decade has passed away since this pioneer citizen of Green county, passed from earth into eternal rest, mourned by his friends and held

in high esteem by his fellow citizens, who had learned to love him for his genial nature, and to honor him for his moral worth.

John and Deborah (Clark) Bridge, his grandparents, were among the pioneers of Preble county, Ohio, having migrated to that State from their native New Jersey. John H. Bridge, the father of the late Joseph T. Bridge, was born April 3, 1815, in Preble county, one of a family of eight, three sons and five daughters, and was early inured to the toils and hardships of a frontier life. On reaching manhood he married Nancy Sample, a native of Virginia. In 1835 he visited Green county, Wis., with a view to ascertaining its desirability as a place of abode, and in 1840 he became a permanent resident, being reckoned as one of the pioneers of Jefferson township. He was a man of notable industry, strict probity and strong character, and soon became a prominent and influential citizen. In 1873 he surrendered the management of the farm to his son and retired from active work, to reside in the city of Monroe, his son following him thither in nine years. In 1884 Mr. Bridge set out for California, but on reaching Denver, Colo., suddenly sickened and died. His son was with him, and also the latter's wife, who had accompanied her husband and father-in-law that far. Together they brought back the remains to his former home, and with loving care did they minister to his widow, taking her to their home, where she passed away Oct. 30, 1899, in her eighty-fifth year.

Joseph T. Bridge was born on his father's farm in Jefferson township, Oct. 9, 1849, and was the only one of six children to live beyond the years of childhood. He inherited the property of his father, and with it as a basis, and with unwearying industry as well as wise financial management, he accumulated a handsome competence. Five years before his death he built a charming home, and at that time apparently had before him the prospect of a long and honored life. In the spring of 1895, however, he was attacked by an incurable malady, which baffled all efforts for relief, and died on the morning of Aug. 19, of that year, deeply and widely mourned.

Joseph T. Bridge deserves more than a passing notice in the Commemorative Record of Southern Wisconsin. Born here soon after



the organization of Wisconsin as a State, the son of a pioneer, his whole life, although comparatively brief, was passed in the immediate vicinity of the place of his birth. He was not prominently identified with public life, as he never sought office, although he served most acceptably in the city council. As a citizen he was beloved and respected for his kindness of heart and unassuming manner. He was a man of sterling integrity, and conscientious in all he did and said, in either public or private life, ever aiming to be governed by Christian principles. In short, he was a man who believed in right living, in being just to his fellow man, and honorable in all things.

On Dec. 22, 1874, Mr. Bridge was married to Miss Anna Hosier, of Kansas City, Mo. Her parents, Evan Abram and Rachel Hosier, came to Green county from Ohio about 1850, removed to Missouri in 1860, and returned to Green county in 1864. Mr. Hosier, who died there in 1866, was widely known, influential and highly esteemed. He was a man of superior education, and in the early days of Green county was a successful teacher. Mrs. Bridge is one of five children: Harrison, who has been for many years a resident of Denver, Colo.; Sarah E., Mrs. Bolender, of Monroe; Anna, Mrs. Bridge; and Abram and George B., who have their homes in Kansas City. It was there also that Mrs. Hosier died in 1892. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Bridge was blessed by the birth of one son and two daughters: Burton (a student at the State University of Wisconsin), Ethel and Daisy.

DUNCAN MCGREGOR, M. A., Litt. D. In this age of intellectual activity, when success in the business world depends not upon mere physical prowess, but also upon mental activity, upon an ability to master the principles and details of any enterprise, the work of the educator has become of even greater importance than ever before. Long occupying a prominent rank among the educators of Wisconsin is Dr. McGregor, the well-known president of the Wisconsin State Normal School, Platteville, Grant county, under whose leadership that school has taken rank with the best of its kind in the country.

A native of Scotland, our subject was born in the Forest of Clunie, Parish of Clunie, Perthshire, Aug. 12, 1836, son of Malcolm

and Catherine (Kennedy) McGregor. The father was a farmer in prosperous circumstances while in Scotland. Until fourteen years of age our subject received instruction in a private school, and then prepared for college at Perth Academy, one of the best schools in Scotland, where he won several prizes in drawing and English. He took his academic course in the University and King's College, Aberdeen, where he spent three years, completing the junior year at that institution.

In June, 1857, Dr. McGregor came to America, and located at Wausau, Wis., where he engaged in lumbering and running on the river for one year. In the fall of 1858 he took charge of the school at Farmington, this State, and remained there the three winters following, serving one term as town superintendent of the schools. For five years he was principal of the high school at Waupaca. Dr. McGregor attended Lawrence University one year, passed the examination, and received the degree of A. B. He taught for a short time thereafter, and then, in 1864, joined the Union army, being chosen captain of his company, which was mustered in as Company A, 42d Wis. V. I. He served during the remainder of the war, being engaged in provost duty on the Mississippi river and its tributaries. His military career ended, he resumed teaching in the high school of Waupaca, where he remained until 1867, when, a year after its organization, he was appointed professor of mathematics, teacher of methods and supervisor of practice in the State Normal School at Platteville, Wis. In 1878 Dr. McGregor was elected president of that institution, which responsible position he held uninterruptedly for sixteen years, when, owing to a change in the political complexion of the Board of Regents, he was not re-elected, but was made professor of pedagogy, while another was chosen president. Having resigned his chair in 1895, Dr. McGregor was again elected president, by the unanimous vote of the Board, a grateful testimonial to the ability and fidelity with which he served the cause of education for so many years.

The Wisconsin State Normal School was established Oct. 9, 1866, with C. H. Allen, now of San Jose, Cal., as principal. He held that position four years, and was succeeded by Edwin Charlton, who died at Brodhead, Wis., in 1897. He was president of the school eight



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years, and was in turn succeeded by Dr. McGregor, who held the office sixteen years. Dr. James Chalmers was then president for three years, at the end of which time Dr. McGregor again took charge of affairs. The institution was first known as the Platteville Academy. In 1853 a good building, 40x70 feet, was erected, which was turned over to the State in 1866. It was then enlarged by a donation from the State of \$20,000, and Gen. Grant assisted in its dedication. An addition, 40x70 feet, was made in 1881, another addition, 50x90 feet, in 1891, so that the building is now 200 feet long, while the south wing is 100 feet deep, and the north wing 90 feet deep, and all two stories in height. It is built of fine limestone, quarried at Platteville. Since the school came under the control of the State the attendance has increased from thirty to three hundred, and the Faculty has been increased from five to twenty-one, while the payroll has been increased accordingly. The school has a good physical and chemical laboratory, and is doing a large amount of work in biology and geology. The Doctor has prepared a book on drawing, published by A. H. Andrews, of Chicago. As an evidence of his scholarly accomplishments Lawrence University has conferred upon him the degree of Litt. D.

Dr. McGregor was married, Dec. 26, 1865, to Miss Anna Bowman, and to them have been born five children, Alice, Grace, Elizabeth, and Jessica, all teachers, and graduates of the State Normal; and Richard, still in school.

Dr. McGregor has always been an earnest advocate of Republican principles, but has chosen to be only a private in the ranks of the party, though in 1896 he was mentioned as a most suitable person for nomination as governor on the Republican ticket. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist. In Masonry he has passed from the Blue Lodge to the Consistory and Shrine; has been a member of Melody Lodge, F. & A. M., for several years; has repeatedly served as high priest of Washington Chapter, R. A. M.; was grand high priest of the State two years; committee on correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin eight years; a member of Commandery No. 12, K. T., of Mineral Point; of Milwaukee Consistory; and of the Mystic Shrine.

He has ever been an advocate of progress and reform, and all that pertains to the public welfare receives his hearty endorsement.

DANIEL TRUMM is numbered among the prosperous farmers of Woodman township, Grant county, his broad acres showing the effect of careful, systematic cultivation, and his substantial buildings bespeaking consideration for his family and his stock.

Mr. Trumm was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1837, a son of Daniel and Catharine (Dunt) Trumm, also natives of Germany, who came to America, settling in Syracuse, N. Y., where the father died, while the mother passed away in another portion of the same State. To the parents of our subject five children were born: Catharine, Maggie, Elizabeth, Barbara, and Daniel.

Our subject was fifteen years old when his parents immigrated to this country, and he resided at Syracuse until he was twenty-two. Having decided to move further West, he came to Wisconsin, settling in Marion township, Grant county, where he remained until he purchased his present farm of 160 acres, then but partially improved. This property Mr. Trumm has brought into a high state of cultivation, and built substantial buildings thereon, making of it a model farm.

During the Civil war Mr. Trumm served his country most bravely, enlisting in August, 1864, in Company C, 43d Wis. V. I., and being mustered in at Milwaukee. Mr. Trumm was in the Army of the Potomac, did garrison duty, and received an honorable discharge at Nashville, Tenn. After receiving his pay as a soldier, at Milwaukee, in 1865, he returned to his home in Woodman township, where he has since resided, turning his sword into a ploughshare.

Daniel Trumm married Miss Margaret Schippener, in Syracuse, N. Y., and this estimable lady has borne him children as follows: Mrs. Margaret Miller, of Marion township; Mrs. Elizabeth Gilleland, of Fennimore; Mrs. Catharine Martin, of Boscobel; Daniel, who is married, and is a resident of Watertown; John, married, who resides in Hopeville, Iowa; Mrs. Caroline Hagensick, of McGregor, Iowa; Julius, who is married and living at home; Louise, at home; Mrs. Annie Wellner, of Marion; Jacob, married, and liv-

ing at home; and Mrs. Julia Wellner, of Marion.

Having served in the Civil war, our subject naturally takes an interest in the G. A. R., and is a member of the post at Boscobel. Mr. Trumm has seen the township grow during his many years' residence in Woodman, and has assisted materially in its development. He and his wife are very pleasant people, and are highly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances and friends.

**JOHN CLEMENS**, a retired merchant, and one of the wealthy residents of the city of Cuba, is well known throughout Grant county as a thoroughly reliable man, and one well worthy the esteem of his fellow townsmen. By his own industry and thrift he has gained a comfortable competence, and is now enjoying the result of his efforts in peace and plenty.

Mr. Clemens was born on a farm in Grant county, near Cuba, in June, 1849, a son of Christopher and Annie (Tripp) Clemens, who were born, reared and married in Cornwall, England. Christopher Clemens came to Grant county, Wis., in 1842, and engaged in mining two years. He then went to the island of Cuba, where he engaged in the copper mines, owned and operated by a company of Americans, for five years. From Cuba he went to England, was married, immigrated to Grant county, and worked in the lead mines until 1849. At that time he started across the Plains to California, remained one year, and returned to Grant county. After a short time he again set out for the gold fields, and worked in the mines of California for a short time. He then formed one of a company which went to California, thence to Vancouver, this company making the first trail to the Fraser river known to white men. Here Mr. Clemens was very successful, panning out a large quantity of gold, but his heart yearned for his loved ones, and as soon as he felt he had secured a sufficient amount he finally returned to Wisconsin, where he purchased 400 acres of land, all in one piece, in 1860. This property, located near Cuba, is now one of the finest farms in Grant county. After working upon the farm for a number of years Mr. Clemens finally retired, locating in Cuba. The following year he and his wife made a trip to England, visit-

ing among their friends, and soon after their return, in 1876, she died. Later Mr. Clemens remarried, and he resided in Cuba until the day of his death, in 1894, when he was eighty years of age. Six children were born of his first union: John. William, born in Grant county, married Miss Grace Bowden, of Grant county, and settled on the old Clemens homestead, where he and his wife both died in 1894, leaving six children. Albert, born in Grant county, married Miss Rena Wills, and settled on a part of his father's farm, where he died, leaving a wife and one son, Albert. Samuel, born in Grant county, married Miss Lizzie Wills, and now resides in Cuba City; he owns a part of the home farm in Hazel Green township (they have no family). Mary A., born in Grant county, died in 1876, while yet a young lady, at the old homestead. Naomi, born in Grant county, married Lester Jackson, now resides on a portion of the old homestead, and has two sons. All of the family have been, and are now, a credit to the worthy parents.

Our subject grew to manhood on the old home farm, received a district-school education, and later a thorough business course. In 1869 he purchased 160 acres of farm land, adjoining the city of Cuba, and he also owns a large farm in Hazel Green township, having in all over 400 acres of the best farm land to be found in Grant county, if not in the United States. Since 1881 Mr. Clemens has resided in Cuba, engaged in the general merchandise, live stock and grain business, until December, 1898, when he retired from active life. Having erected a fine residence, in 1888, in Cuba, the family reside in this modern, comfortable home. In addition to his farms and residence Mr. Clemens owns a large amount of real estate in Cuba, including four houses and a modern equipped creamery, which he rents.

In 1869 Mr. Clemens married Miss Sarah Nichols, daughter of Isaac and Jane Nichols, prominent pioneers of Grant county, who came from England at a very early date in the history of Wisconsin. Mrs. Clemens was born in 1855, and was educated in the schools of the home neighborhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Clemens five children have been born: Mabel J. died when twelve years of age. Clinton died in March, 1896, aged eight. Laura, born in Cuba City, in June, 1872, educated in the

schools of Cuba, was married in 1889 to Samuel Stephens, agent and operator for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad at Cuba, where they reside; they have two children, Freddie and Dwight. John A., born in August, 1874, grew up on the farm, and in 1900 married Miss Bessie Smalley, of Cuba, daughter of Daniel Smalley, postmaster at that city. C. C., born in Cuba in May, 1881, is single, and resides at the old homestead.

Politically Mr. Clemens has always been identified with the Republican party, serving as a member of the Smelser town board for fifteen years; also as member of the city council; member and treasurer of the school board; as well as in other local offices, in all of which he performed his duties in a manner most acceptable to the public. Mr. and Mrs. Clemens are active workers in the M. E. Church, toward which he is a liberal supporter. Being identified with the best interests of the city, Mr. Clemens holds a very enviable position among his fellow townsmen, and is as popular as he is deservedly respected.

**JAMES NELSON DAVIS.** Among the esteemed citizens and wealthy retired farmers of Clarno township, Green county, may be mentioned James N. Davis, who makes his home in the handsome residence erected on his large farm, just two miles south of Monroe.

Mr. Davis was born Oct. 26, 1827, a son of David and Mary (Woodle) Davis, and is in the strictest sense of the word a self-made man, so far as his financial acquirements are concerned. He was brought to Wisconsin in youth by his parents, and received his education in the little log school house near his home. He gradually acquired his fine property, his home farm now consisting of nearly 500 acres of well-tilled fields. His entire life has been a temperate one, and he has never tasted whiskey nor used tobacco in any form—a fine example, worthy of emulation. Of lofty ideals, a high sense of honor, of untarnished reputation, he is a citizen of which any community might well be proud. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and he has held the offices of school director, chairman of Decatur township, supervisor of Clarno township, giving to the duties of each the same careful, close attention he gave to his private affairs, and proving himself a most acceptable official. In religious belief he is

a consistent member of the Baptist Church at Juda, Wisconsin.

On March 17, 1851, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Elizabeth Roderick, daughter of Andrew and Lydia Roderick, early settlers of Green county. To this union came ten children, as follows: Lydia, Miles O., Aura, Eva J., Lucinda R., Austin C., Frank, Nora, and Edith J. and Edna M. (twins). Four died in 1871, within six weeks, and those now surviving are Lydia, Aura, Eva J., Lucinda R. and Austin C. Mr. and Mrs. Davis also reared an adopted son, Frank, now a dentist at Brodhead, Wis. Mrs. Davis, who was born in 1825, died April 29, 1895, a faithful follower of the teachings of the Baptist Church.

David Davis, father of James N. Davis, was a son of James Davis, and was a native of Pennsylvania, of Welsh descent. He came to Green county in 1838, settling in the town of Spring Grove, thus becoming one of the very early settlers of the county. He was born May 6, 1793, and died Feb. 17, 1882. He married (first) Polly Ross, who bore him three children: Joshua, deceased; Nancy, widow of Alfred Baremore, of Juda; and Keziah, widow of J. W. Kildow, of Spring Grove township. For his second wife he married, on Nov. 22, 1822, Mary Woodle, who was born in Fayette county, Penn., Feb. 9, 1804, and died Feb. 17, 1871. She was of Scotch lineage. Their family of sons were eleven in number, namely: Thomas, born Sept. 2, 1824; James N., mentioned above; David, born Nov. 22, 1829; Joel J. P., Jan. 8, 1832; Samuel, March 8, 1834; William, Nov. 25, 1836; Doctor E., Aug. 12, 1839; Zachariah P., June 2, 1841; Joseph J., Nov. 18, 1843; John Q., May 26, 1848; and Levi G., Dec. 1, 1850. Four are still living, James N.; Samuel, of near Hampton, Iowa; Doctor E., near Brodhead, in Rock county; and David, in Clarno township.

**JOHN EDGAR FUNK**, of the township of Monticello, is one of the oldest native-born residents of Lafayette county, where his birth occurred April 10, 1829.

Benjamin Funk, his father, was born in the State of West Virginia Nov. 19, 1798, son of a surgeon in the Revolutionary army, whose father was a native of Germany. Benjamin Funk left his native State in his youth, and went to Ohio. The news of the golden

opportunities in the lead mines of Missouri lured him thither, and there he remained some time. On April 14, 1828, he arrived at Gratiot's Grove, Lafayette Co., Wis., where he engaged in farming and stock raising, this being his occupation during the remainder of his life. His first settlement was on the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, in Monticello township. For some time after coming to Wisconsin he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, Thomas Wiley, but they finally separated their interests, Mr. Wiley taking the land upon which they were located, and Mr. Funk a tract on Section 27. This was his home at the time of his death, in September, 1851. The event was most unexpected. He and his wife were on a journey to visit the latter's relatives, who lived near Springfield, Ill., when Mr. Funk suddenly became ill and passed away. During his residence in Missouri Mr. Funk met and married Miss Catherine Wiley, who died in 1838, and for his second wife he wedded Mrs. Nancy Black, who passed away in 1897. Four children were born of the first marriage: Harriet, Mrs. Kleeberger, a widow, residing near Apple River, Ill.; Mary, Mrs. Rundle, also a widow, residing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; John Edgar; and Alonzo A., of Independence, Kans. To the second marriage was born one son, Sidney, who grew to manhood, and has since passed away. Benjamin Funk was a well-known and highly respected citizen, industrious and progressive. He was a most valuable man in the new community, and possessing no inconsiderable knowledge of medicine, to the study of which he gave close attention, he was often called to treat the sick among the early settlers. His kindness and benevolence endeared him to all who knew him. In his political views he was a Whig, of strong anti-slavery sentiments. He was one of those men to whose death a community finds it hard to become reconciled.

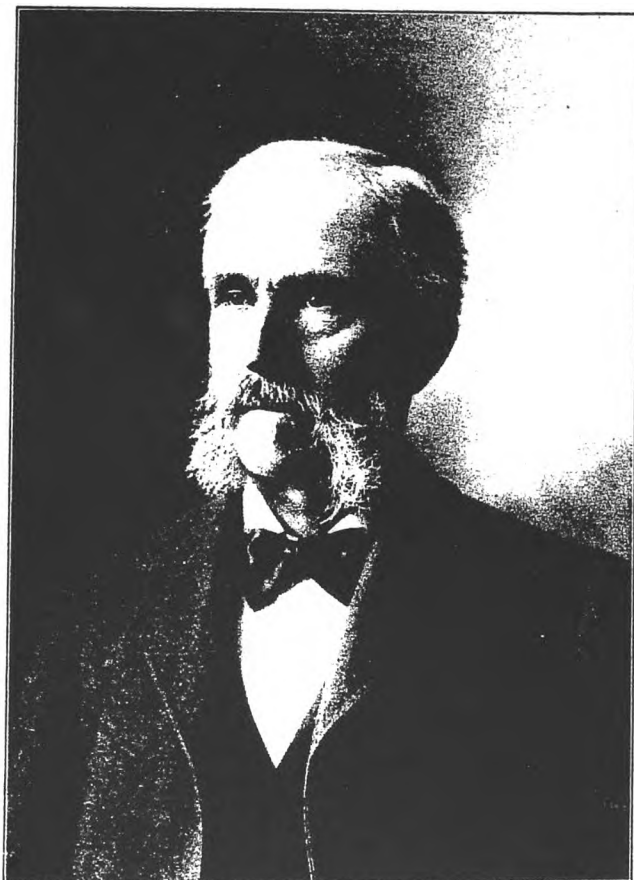
John Edgar Funk is now the only member of the family residing in Lafayette county, which has always been his home. In his boyhood days he assisted upon his father's farm, and attended such schools as were provided in those early days. He never attended a school taught in a regular school house, as his education was received before the establishment of schools in the neighborhood, the first he attended being a private school taught in his

father's house. In 1849 Mr. Funk went to California, being one of the first company that went overland to the newly discovered land of gold. It was quite an event to go to the Pacific coast a half a century and more ago. His company left Council Bluffs March 16, and camped in the Sacramento Valley Oct. 1, following. Our subject did well in the mines there, remaining until the spring of 1852, when he returned to Wisconsin, and has since been engaged in farming. He purchased part of his present farm when he returned from California, and has made that place his home.

On Dec. 14, 1852, Mr. Funk was united in marriage with Miss Sophronia Dimmick, daughter of Lot and Mary Ann Dimmick, and six children have blessed their union: Dr. Zalmon E., of Cripple Creek, Colo.; Norman A., a merchant of Clay county, Iowa; George H., an attorney of Olympia, Wash.; Ernest, a resident of Chicago; Adelaide S., wife of Prof. A. J. Volland, principal of the high school at Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Mary A., wife of George H. Goodrich, a merchant at Anoka, Minn. Mr. Funk has always been on the side of progress, and has taken an active interest in public affairs. He cast his first vote in 1856, John C. Fremont being his choice among the Presidential candidates that year, and his last vote was cast for William McKinley, in 1900, making it evident that in his political affiliations he has been constant to the Republican party.

DWIGHT FLOWER, M. D. The progressive and pleasant town of Monticello, Green county, has among its prominent citizens a man of deep learning and successful practice in his profession of physician and surgeon—Dr. Dwight Flower, the efficient health officer of Monticello.

Dr. Flower was born in Rupert, Vt., Jan. 4, 1839, a son of Roswell and Phoebe Ann (Peck) Flower, both of whom were natives of Vermont. They reared a family of four children, two sons and two daughters, three of whom are living: Dr. Dwight, our subject; Esther, who is the wife of George Cruikshank, of Humboldt, Iowa; and Ellen, who is the wife of John B. Scott, of Forest Grove, Oregon. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Roswell Flower, was a native of Massachusetts. When but a boy he went from his home in Feeding Hills, that State,



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to Vermont, and located in Rupert township, Bennington county, where he engaged in farming, dying there on his old farm, which was afterward the property of his son Roswell. The great-grandfather had moved from Wethersfield, Conn., to Feeding Hills, Mass., where he died. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Thomas Peck, a native of Vermont, of Scottish descent, and a farmer by occupation. About 1856 he came to Wisconsin, where for many years he was a man of affairs, being elected selectman and justice of the peace for a number of terms. His death occurred in Dane county, this State, in 1865, when he was in his seventy-fifth year.

The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation. In 1857 he moved from Vermont to Iowa, settling at Humboldt, where he pre-empted a claim of 160 acres and purchased the adjoining 160, and this has ever since been the old family home. There Mr. Flower's last days were passed, and he died in 1898, at the age of eighty-nine. Mrs. Flower died there in 1890, aged seventy-six. Both were devout members of the Christian Church, in which he was a deacon. For a number of years he had served as town clerk in Humboldt county.

Dwight Flower, the subject proper of our sketch, lived in Bennington county, Vt., until he had reached the age of seventeen, receiving his early education there, in the common schools. In the fall of 1856 he left Vermont and entered the Western Reserve Eclectic Institute, now Hiram College, where he pursued his studies for two terms, leaving to accompany the family on the removal to Iowa. After locating at Humboldt Dr. Flower learned something of the practical side of pioneer life by opening up a farm, building a house, fencing the lands, and hauling rails, continuing this active life until 1860, when he entered Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, Ohio. In the summer of 1863 he left there in order to enter Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y., whence he graduated in 1864, immediately entering the Medical Department of the same institution, which is located at Albany, N. Y. After graduating at Albany, in 1866, Dr. Flower took a course of lectures in New York City, later teaching school a short time in Schenectady. Crossing the ocean to Heidelberg, Germany, he visited the hospitals there, studying methods and various

forms of disease, with their care and cure. From this center he went to Berlin, where a year was profitably spent in the hospitals of that great and enlightened city. Four months were passed in a similar life in Vienna, at the end of which time Dr. Flower turned his face to his native land, well equipped for the intelligent practice of his chosen profession. To his credit be it said, he started college without a cent, and paid the expenses of his college and medical school courses by teaching and other work, teaching in all six terms, no two in succession, during his career at college and medical school.

Upon reaching home Dr. Flower decided to locate at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and remained there about one and one-half years, coming then to Wisconsin, and settling at Arena for the two succeeding years. On Jan. 1, 1875, he located in Monticello, where he has remained ever since, building up a fine practice, and gaining continually in the esteem of the community. For many years he has been the town's efficient health officer, his success in this line being attested by the remarkable sanitary condition in which the village is kept.

Dr. Flower was married Oct. 23, 1879, to Miss Kate L. Roser, a daughter of Henry and Theresa (Seiler) Roser, of Platteville, Wis., and a family of eight children have been born of this union. Roswell S., who died at the age of thirteen months; Zella, who died at the age of four years and ten months; Roswell C., who died at the age of two years and seven months; Dwight, who is a student at River Falls, Wis.; Gretchen; Charlene; Rupert; and Jeane.

The father of Mrs. Flower was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, and her mother in Alsace, France. Their living children are: Kate L., wife of our subject; Henry H., who resides in Denver, Colo.; and Emil B., who lives in Wellington, Kans., the father residing there with him. Mrs. Roser died in 1893, aged seventy-one years. Mr. Roser was a soldier in Germany in 1848, coming to America about 1850.

Politically Dr. Flower is an Independent, not agreeing with the tenets of any of the parties before the public. With his large and increasing practice, the Doctor still takes an active interest in all that pertains to the advancement of Monticello, and to his intelligent supervision may be attributed the escape of

this pleasant place from all prevailing epidemics. A close student, he is well aware of all modern inventions, and makes use of the same in his practice. Dr. Flower is a representative citizen of Monticello, and no record of Green county would be complete without mention of his name.

MRS. MARGARET WITHROW, who has won a good name and a standing as a business woman and manager of a farm in the town of Paris, Grant county, was born in Sangamon county, Ill., in October, 1849.

Mrs. Withrow's parents, John and Lucinda (Rister) Wilson, were natives of Pennsylvania, and settlers in the part of Illinois mentioned. They came to Wisconsin at a very early day, lived for a time in the town of Harrison, Grant county, and then bought a farm west of Dickeyville, on which they passed the remaining years of their lives. Mrs. Wilson died at this home in 1877, and Mr. Wilson lived to April, 1900, attaining a very great age. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson reared a family of seven children, all of whom are living: Margaret, Mrs. Withrow, the eldest; David, a retired farmer of the town of Paris; John, who lives in Lyons, Minn.; Jacob, a farmer in Minnesota; Tabitha, Mrs. Henry Hatfield, of Madison, Wis.; William, who lives in Minnesota; and Henry, who is engaged in farming in that State.

Margaret Wilson obtained her education in the Dickeyville school. In 1870 she married John Withrow, of Grant county, who was the son of William and Martha Withrow, old settlers in their town. John Withrow was born in Potosi, Grant county, in June, 1841, enlisted in Company I, 25th Wis. V. I., and served until discharged for disability, in 1864. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Withrow lived on a farm near LeMars, Iowa, for about a year, when it was sold, and the present home of the family in the town of Paris was purchased. There Mr. Withrow died in January, 1890, leaving his wife with seven children living: (1) Julia, born in the town of Paris in 1873, was for a time a student in the Platteville Normal. She married Milton Varnnetta, and they have two children, Lester and Bertha. They live in the town of Cornelia. (2) Frank, born in 1874, is single, and lives at home. (3) Minnie, born in 1876, is the wife of Burt Rider, of the town of Harrison. (4) Hattie,

born in January, 1878, was educated in the home schools, and is living at home. (5) John, born in 1880, is at home, as are (6) George, born in July, 1882, and (7) Walter, who was born in 1884.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Withrow has continued on the farm, keeping her family together, and displaying much business ability. The farm has been greatly improved under her management. In 1897 she erected a large bank barn, and in the summer of 1900 a fine modern house, erected on the foundations of the old home, which was consumed by fire May 3, of that year. Mr. Withrow was a Democrat, and a member of the Congregational Church, as is also his widow. Mrs. Withrow is a highly respected lady in the community. Her parents were fine people, and socially the entire family are ranked among the best in the town.

WILLIAM H. CALVERT is a retired miner and farmer of Benton, Lafayette county, where his venerable age and long and useful career demand and receive the respect of the community.

Mr. Calvert was born in Yorkshire, England, March 9, 1815, a son of William and Mary (Harker) Calvert, farming people, both of whom were born and bred in Yorkshire. Five of their six sons came to this country, (1) William H., who came in 1839, being the first to emigrate. Jackson, Jonathan, Thomas and Simon came later. James Calvert, the youngest of the six, still resides in England, now aged seventy-two years. (2) Jackson Calvert spent a few years in the mines of Wisconsin, and in 1851 crossed the Plains to California, where he was married to Isabella Layton, a native of London, England. He is still living, in Nevada City, that State. (3) Jonathan Calvert settled in McGregor, Iowa, where he died in 1898, leaving a widow and six children, William, John, Edward, May (Mrs. Ben Corkett), Mary (Mrs. Cole), and Etta (Mrs. Utter). (4) Thomas Calvert died in McGregor, Iowa, unmarried. (5) Simon Calvert was married in England, came to this country, and settled in Benton, where he followed cabinet making. He died March 8, 1901.

William H. Calvert obtained his education in the school of his native community, where his early life was spent, and in 1839 crossed

the ocean in the sailing-vessel "Columbia," commanded by Capt. Collins, making the journey from Liverpool to New York in twenty-one days, then rapid transit. From New York he went to Buffalo by the Hudson and Erie canal, and from there journeyed by the lakes to Chicago, from which city the way was by wagon and foot to Galena. Eighteen young men agreed to come through to the mines of Wisconsin. When Mr. Calvert arrived at Galena he had only twenty-five cents, and he pawned his jack-knife to pay his fare across the Mississippi river. Our subject is the only one of these eighteen young men now living. In Wisconsin he began his career as a miner, and was engaged in that capacity for ten years, during which period he purchased land adjoining the town of Benton, where he erected his present home. When he came to this State there was not a white woman in the locality, and the company had to "batch" it for a long time. Our subject's first cabin was of rock and sod. Mr. Calvert has dealt largely in real estate since coming to Wisconsin, with most satisfactory results, and is one of the more prosperous and well-to-do citizens of the country.

In the fall of 1848 Mr. Calvert went back to England, and on Jan. 30, following, was married to Miss Jane Alton, of Yorkshire, a daughter of William and Easter (Cottingham) Alton. Mrs. Calvert was born Dec. 28, 1826, and received a good education. Her parents came to America in 1861, and settled in the town of Benton, where her father died six years after his arrival; her mother lived until 1875. Of their family four daughters are still living. (1) Henrietta, who died March 16, 1886, was the wife of James Blades, of Benton; (2) Jane is the wife of our subject; (3) John died in England; (4) Ellen is the wife of Miles Cottingham; (5) Mary A., deceased wife of Alexander Stevens; (6) Margaret, deceased wife of Thomas Beck; (7) Elizabeth, wife of John Beck (she lives in Benton); (8) Esther, widow of William Kay, of Cuba City; (9) Joseph; (10) Reuben; (11) Anthony died in Benton. Mr. Calvert brought his wife to this country, and installed her in the home which he had prepared for her, and in which they have lived to celebrate their Pearl and Golden Weddings. They have reared a family of fourteen children: (1) Mary Ellen, deceased, became the wife of

George Peart, of Aspen, Colo., and the mother of six children, Leona (Mrs. Wayne Watkins, of Colorado), Joseph William, Isabella Calvert, Phyllis, Phoebe Carrie, and Elenore Jane. (2) Easter Ann, born in Benton, is unmarried, and is living at home. (3) William Alton is single, and lives at home. (4) John Metcalfe married Miss Ella Josephine Cheney, of South Wayne, Wis., and settled on a farm near Fennimore, where his wife died in 1887, leaving him with two children, William H. and Cheney James, who are in the home of their grandparents. On account of his health John M. Calvert went to Colorado, where he died in 1895. (5) Henrietta is the wife of John Bunt, of Fremont, Neb., where he is engaged in carriage manufacturing. They have three children, Mary Ann, Jane Alton, and Gladys Percilla. (6) James Jackson Buchanan married Miss Mary Emily Emerson, of Lafayette county, and resides on a farm joining his father's. They have three children, Isabella Maud, Mary Moody and Emily Winniefred. (7) Isabella Jane died when a young lady, in 1884. (8) Margaret Elizabeth is unmarried, and lives at home. She was educated in the home schools, and possesses that culture and refinement which characterize all the members of the family. (9) Caroline Milner is the wife of Jacob Miller, and lives at West Superior, Wis.; they have a family of five children, Eva Jane, John Jacob, Caroline Calvert, Wilhelmina Victoria and William Calvert. (10) George Thomas was married to Esther Grieves Blades, and lives on a farm in the town of Benton, where he has a family of five daughters, Ida Myrtella, Henrietta Alton, Ella Josephine, Elizabeth Golden and Jane Alton. (11) Sarah Johanna is the wife of George Hunsaker, of Fennimore. (12) Reuben Harker was married to Mae A. Joslyn, daughter of Rev. Mr. Joslyn, of this State, and they have one daughter, Charlotte Joslyn. They reside on the homestead of his father. (13) Joseph Simon and (14) Melvina Arabella both died in infancy.

All the family are either members of the Methodist Church or closely associated with it. Mr. Calvert has been an active member of that body for forty-five years, and was instrumental in its founding. In his politics Mr. Calvert was a Democrat for years, but he is now a Prohibitionist, as are also his sons. He has held the office of justice of the peace,

has served on the school board, and filled several other local positions.

Mr. Calvert is one of the oldest pioneers of the county, and came to these regions at a very early day. He has maintained a good character, worked hard, been thrifty and frugal, and is now able to give free play to his generous feelings. He has many friends, and is known as especially warm-hearted toward the erring and the unfortunate. He has a smile and a hearty hand-shake for all, without regard to their wealth or social standing. He is the ideal of his family, and is highly regarded in the community.

JAMES MILES AND JOHN F. MILES, highly respected retired farmers and money-lenders of Platteville, Grant county, are natives of Chester county, Penn., the latter born in 1829. Their parents, William and Hannah (Pinkerton) Miles, also natives of Chester county, reared as farming people, moved thence to Lancaster county, Penn., purchased a farm, and there passed the remainder of their lives. Of the seven children born to them, three died in the East, and four came West, viz.: Sarah, Louisa, James, and John Franklin. For a short time these four remained in Ohio, and then came to Platteville, arriving there April 25, 1846. At that time Platteville was a small mining village, the entire section being underlaid with lead ore. They reached this point by coming down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi, by steamboat, to Galena, Ill., and then across country by team, and here they all lived under one roof, the circle being unbroken until the death of Sarah, in 1895.

On first reaching Platteville James and John F. worked at coopering, in conjunction with farming, having purchased sixty acres of land, which they afterward increased to 300. Later the two brothers opened an office in the town, loaned money on real-estate security, and greatly prospered. They are now among the very wealthy men of the county, owning considerable property in the city of Platteville and elsewhere, and in the city own one of the finest homes on Pine street. The four members of the family who came to Wisconsin clung together in one family. Neither of the sisters married, and Louisa still keeps house for the two brothers.

In religion the Miles sisters and the brother

James united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which they have liberally contributed of their means on all occasions. In 1900 the "Miles M. E. Sunday-school Library of Platteville" was established by this family, they putting in \$500 cash as a sinking fund. In politics both of the brothers have affiliated with the Republican party, but have never been very active in political affairs.

The Miles family came to Wisconsin when it was a Territory, but were comfortably situated from the start, and escaped many of the hardships which their pioneer neighbors endured. They were always honest, industrious and frugal, and have ever enjoyed the respect and good-will of their neighbors. While they were engaged in a business which often tends to harden man's heart toward his neighbor, they have never been known to oppress the poor, and many a man who is now prosperous and comfortable owes his success in life to their assistance and support in days of necessity and trouble.

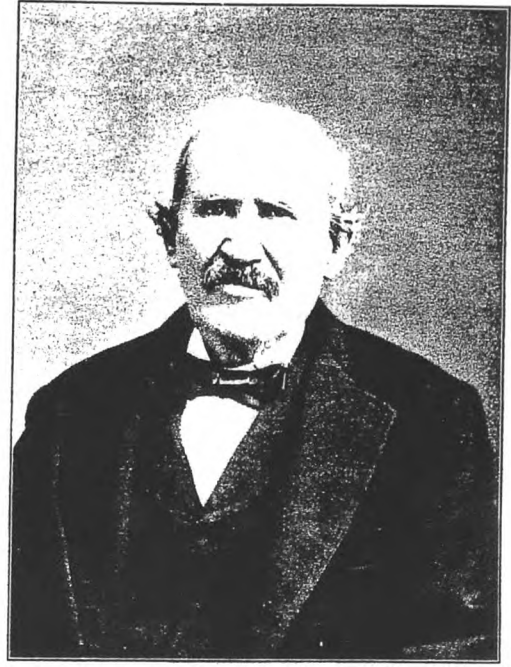
AARON SMITH. Among the prominent residents of Albany, Green county, who assist in making up the substantial framework of social and commercial life in the pleasant village, is Aaron Smith, the subject of this sketch, who is also a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Adams, Jefferson Co., N. Y., on Dec. 17, 1826.

The paternal grandfather was Aaron Smith, a native of Vermont, of English descent, who took an honorable part in the war of 1812, was a farmer by occupation, and reared a family of six children. The maternal grandfather was named Isaac Rodgers, who was a native of Rhode Island, who combined the trades of farmer, blacksmith, shoemaker, miller and general mechanic. His death occurred in Jefferson county, N. Y., at the age of eighty-eight, having reared a family of eleven children.

Lewis Smith, son of Adam, and father of our subject, was a native of Vermont. He married Olive Rodgers, of Rensselaer county, N. Y., and they had one son and three daughters, two of whom are still living. Caroline, the wife of Silas Curtis, of Jefferson county, and Aaron, our subject. Lewis Smith was always a farmer, but served his country during the war of 1812, dying in Jefferson county, N. Y., on March 30, 1872, at the age



JOHN F. MILES



JAMES MILES



LOUISA MILES



SARAH MILES



of seventy-five. His wife died in April, 1876, aged sixty-nine, both of them having been devoted members of the Methodist Church for many years.

Aaron Smith, our subject, was reared on the farm in Jefferson county, and lived at home, attending the common schools, maturing into a fine specimen of young manhood. On his twentieth birthday, Dec. 17, 1846, he was married to Miss Helen M. Dennie, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Knapp). Dennie, and six children were born of this union: Josephine, who married Edward Shepardson, now deceased, resides in Bellevue, Ohio; Charles, who died, aged seven; Olive, who married the late William Caple, lives in Magnolia, Rock Co., Wis., and has three children, Elma, Helen and John; Florence, who married Henry Hickathier, resides at Evansville, Wis.; Kate, who died, aged a little over two; Lewis A. married Ida Milks, resides on the old home farm at Magnolia, and has two children, Neva and Sarah.

In 1860 Mr. Smith, with his wife and all the children except one, came West to Wisconsin, landing at Milwaukee. The same day they started for Janesville, soon after deciding to buy a farm in Rock township, Rock county, where they remained only a short time. Mr. Smith then bought a farm of eighty acres in Magnolia township, to which he added, as his means permitted, until he owned an estate of 240 acres, upon which he lived until March, 1897, when he removed to the village of Albany, selling the farm, with the exception of eighty acres, to his son Lewis.

On Dec. 18, 1861, Mr. Smith enlisted in Company E, 3d Wis. V. C., in which he served through the Civil war, until February, 1865, when he was mustered out in Madison. Mr. Smith entered the army as a private, but was promoted to sergeant. One of the greatest battles in which he was engaged was that of Prairie Grove, Ark. After the war he returned to the paths of peace, although the events of those years can no more be effaced from memory than can a grateful country forget her defenders.

The parents of Mrs. Smith were natives of New York. Eight children were born to them, the mother dying in her native State about 1848, her father surviving for seven more years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are firm believers in the Methodist faith, and their lives

are as their profession, charitable, honest, upright, with an unwavering faith in the Bible as the Book of Books. Formerly Mr. Smith was a Whig, but has been a Republican since the formation of that party. He has been prominent in all things beneficial to the community, and has been called upon to serve as justice of the peace, performing the duties of that office in the quiet, conscientious way that has characterized every act of his life.

JOHN P. WRIGHT, for many years a well-known carpenter and builder of Janesville, Rock county, has been identified with many of the best constructions of the city, either as contractor or as foreman of the building crew. The substantial character of the buildings he has erected attest the honesty of his work and the upright spirit that is in him. Two things have been his good fortune, that he was born in England, and that he was reared in the United States. He had back of him sound and healthy ancestors, and came to this country with a heredity of health. He grew to manhood under the stimulus of liberty, and felt the inspirations of the New World.

Mr. Wright was born in Cambridgeshire, England, Dec. 10, 1848, and is a son of Samuel and Lucy (Poole) Wright, both English born and bred. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom lived to attain maturity, and five of whom still survive: John P.; George; William; Ida, wife of James Clatworthy, of Elmira, N. Y.; and Mate, wife of James Horn, of Janesville. The father was an overseer on a large English farm. He came to this country in 1851, locating in East Troy, Wis., where he remained for two years, and came to Janesville at the expiration of that time, where, with the exception of nine years, he has continued to reside to the present time. For a time he was a mason, and later a contractor, but for the last half dozen years he has been living retired. His wife, who died in 1892, at the age of sixty-six, was, with her husband, a member of the Methodist Church. He is a Republican. His father died in England at an advanced age. Isaac Poole, the father of Lucy Poole, was a farmer, and kept a toll-gate. He lived to be old, and left a small family.

John P. Wright was two and a half years old when his parents came to this country, and



he has spent all but about five years of his life in Janesville. He attended public and private schools when a boy, and was a student at a commercial college. When only twelve years old he bought a kit of carpenter's tools, and he early selected that work as the occupation of his life. For about twenty-five years he has done contract work in the city and in the surrounding country, and has been employed on many of the best buildings of Janesville. He helped to build the Baptist church and the Congregational churches twice, and the mark of a master workman is on them. In December, 1900, he purchased a lot on South Main street, in the business portion of the city, and erected thereon a brick block, three stories in height—a store, with dwellings above.

Mr. Wright and Miss Mary Ella Jepson were married April 13, 1875, and they have six children, three sons and three daughters: Glen, Harry, Grace, Edna, Doane and Charles. They live at No. 102 North Main street. Mrs. Wright is a member of the Baptist Church, which her husband attends. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Globe, and is very popular in fraternal circles. In politics he takes an independent attitude, seeking the best men to go with the best principles, but he generally votes the Democratic ticket. He is a man of good habits, clean character, honest and industrious, and has a host of friends.

SCOTT SMITH, one of the prosperous and influential farmers of La Prairie township, Rock county, is a native of Wisconsin, and the son of one of the earliest pioneers of Rock county. He was born in Milton township, Rock county, Dec. 13, 1847, son of Isaac T. and Nancy A. (DeJeans) Smith, natives of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and grandson of Farrington Smith, a native of Vermont, of English descent, and a farmer by occupation, who in the early days migrated to Milton township, Rock Co., Wis., where he died at the age of about seventy years. He had a family of five children.

Isaac T. Smith, father of our subject, was born in 1817, and came to Wisconsin in 1836, locating in the town of Milton, where he entered government land and lived for a number of years. Removing to Marshalltown, Iowa, he lived there for a year or two, and then engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements at Fort Dodge, that State. He af-

terward lived in Colorado, and in the northern part of Wisconsin. The last five years of his life he spent with his son Scott, the subject of this sketch, in La Prairie township, Rock county, and died there in January, 1898, aged eighty-one years. He was twice married. His first wife, Nancy A. DeJeans, was the daughter of Stephen DeJeans, a native of France, who when a boy of about fifteen years of age came with his parents to America and located at Albany, N. Y., where he grew to manhood. He served in the war of 1812, and in 1837 came to Wisconsin, settling near Milwaukee, where he engaged for a time in farming. He died near Brooklyn, Dane Co., Wis., aged about seventy-five years, leaving a large family. To Isaac T. and Nancy A. Smith were born nine children, six sons and three daughters, five of whom survive, namely: Flora, wife of Charles Jones, of Iris, Colo.; Jay F., of Hotchkiss, Colo.; Scott, our subject; Ida M., wife of Frank Farrell, of Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Ira Clair, of Nelson, Northwest Territory, Canada.

Scott Smith, our subject, was reared on his father's farm in Milton township. He attended the district schools during his boyhood, and at the early age of thirteen years began working on the farm by the month. Arriving at the years of manhood, he adopted farming as his vocation, and rented land for a number of years. In 1882 he bought seventy-four acres in the town of Rock, living there until 1884, when he sold the property and bought the present home farm, in Section 25, La Prairie township, containing 161½ acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, and where he has since resided. Mr. Smith also owns fifteen acres of land two miles south of the home place.

Mr. Smith married, Feb. 17, 1870, Miss Adelaide M. Spears, daughter of Edward and Mariette (Brown) Spears, and to them have been born six children, namely: Lucy E. died at the age of eight years. Eugene S. married Jean Little, and has two children, Harold and Louise; they reside in La Prairie township. George W. died at the age of four years. One died in infancy. Hattie E. married W. W. Day, of the town of La Prairie, where they reside on a farm. Walter E. lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smith are prominent members of the M. E. Church, of which he is a steward. In politics he is a Republican. He has been through life an industrious, progress-

ive farmer, of sterling character, and holds the respect and high esteem of all who know him. His farm life was broken during the Civil war by his enlistment in Company G, 44th Iowa V. I., in the one-hundred-days service, at the expiration of which he returned to the farm.

WARREN JOHNSON, a very successful and highly respected stock and dairy farmer of the town of Lima, Grant county, was born in the same town in which he is now living, in May, 1847.

Farnum and Amanda (Eastman) Johnson, his parents, were born in Ohio, the father in 1802 and the mother in 1806. They came to Galena, Ill., when young. In 1837 they fled to the old fort in Grant county for protection against hostile Indians, and there met and were married. At that time Mr. Johnson was engaged in hauling lead from Platteville to the smelting works at Galena, and drove the first wagon coming into Platteville. In 1834 he purchased one hundred acres of wild land from a Mr. Mayfield, and that land is still in the possession of the family, his sons Henry W. and Warren now owning it. Mr. Johnson was an industrious man, and accumulated a fine property through industry and with the help of his faithful wife. In 1878 he died at this home, which he had carved out of the wilderness. Mr. Johnson was a Republican, and for a number of years served on the town board of Lima. In religion he and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. After the death of her husband Mrs. Johnson removed to Platteville, and there she made her home until she passed away, in 1891, in the serene expectation of a better life. She was a woman greatly beloved and respected by all who knew her. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born a family of five children: (1) Mary A., born at Fever River, in Lafayette county, married J. J. Wallace, and now resides on a large ranch at Boulder, Colo., where they have reared a family of four children, Ernest, Lewis, Fred, and Lena (wife of Marvin Hobson, of Colorado). (2) Elizabeth is now the wife of G. G. Clemmer, of Colorado. They have two daughters, Kitty, Mrs. Iden Stewart, of Hampton, Iowa, and May, Mrs. Norman Ingles, of the same city. (3) Nancy E. married William Humason, and is now a widow, living in Platteville. She has two chil-

dren, Arthur and Dela, the latter the wife of Fred Wallace, and living in Kansas. (4) Henry W. and (5) Warren are mentioned more fully.

Henry W. Johnson, born in 1844, grew up on the old homestead, and had the benefits of a country school education. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in Company E, 25th Wis. V. I., and served under Capt. Scott. The 25th Wisconsin was sent to Fort Snelling, Minn., and held for duty against hostile Indians until November of that year, when they were returned to Camp Randall, at Madison, Wis., where they spent the winter. The following May they were ordered to Columbus, Ky., where they were put under the command of Gen. Grant, and took part in the capture of Vicksburg. Mr. Johnson was sick for nearly half a year, but regained his health in time to join his regiment before Vicksburg, and take part in the movements that led to the fall of that city. The 25th Wisconsin was transferred to Gen. Sherman's army, and took part in the great march through Georgia. It lost heavily, and suffered many hardships, but marched clear through to the end, and went down the streets in the grand review that signalled the end of the war and the victory of the Union. It had done duty in fifteen States, and its record is one that any regiment of the Union army might consider creditable.

After the war, in 1868, Mr. Johnson married Miss Maria Quinby, of Platteville, Wis., daughter of Selden and Anna Quinby, of Lafayette county, Wis. After his marriage Mr. Johnson bought a part of the old homestead, where he now resides. They have had a family of four children: (1) William L., born October, 1869, was killed when a young man by a vicious bull. (2) Ella M., born in June, 1876, was a student of the State Normal at Platteville, and has been a successful teacher since 1896. (3) Ethel, born in 1879, is a student at the State Normal in Platteville. (4) Alta, born in November, 1882, died when eight years old.

Warren Johnson, the youngest child of his parents, was reared on the old homestead, and obtained his early education in the public schools and in the Academy and the State Normal at Platteville. His first employment was as a drug clerk in the store of his brother-in-law, in Austin, Minn. After remaining there a year he came back to Grant county, to take

charge of his father's business. In 1869 he married Miss Phoebe Dickinson, a daughter of Ensign P. and Fannie Dickinson, old and honored pioneers of the county. The father, who died a few years ago, was a member of the Legislature from this district, and was a man well known for his honest character and public spirit. The mother is still living, and makes her home with her son, Charles Dickinson. Mr. Johnson, after his marriage, purchased a part of the old Johnson home, and put up a fine house and large and roomy farm buildings. He has taken much pride in his home surroundings, and every part shows the touch of a master hand. To Mr. Johnson and his wife have been born a family of seven children: (1) Farnum, born in 1871, married Miss Elsie Russell, of Lima, and resides on his farm in the town of Lima. They have three children, Earl, Eugene and Hazel. (2) Fannie, born in 1873, is now the wife of Isaiah Buttson, who resides on his farm in Lima, and has three children, Susan, Warren and Ina. (3) Maud, born in 1875, is the wife of Frank Jones, one of the leading farmers of Harrison, and is the mother of three children, Frank, Helen and Ruth. (4) Gertrude, born in Lima, in 1877, fitted herself for teaching at the State Normal at Platteville, and is a successful worker in the schools of Grant county. (5) Warren, born in 1881, is a student at the Platteville State Normal. (6) Grace was born in 1885, and (7) Clair in 1889.

In politics all the members of this family have been identified with the old Republican party, and have always been prominent in local affairs. Warren Johnson has been a member of the county board, and chairman of the town board. In religion he and his wife are associated with the Christian Church.

**JULIUS BALDWIN**, who is a retired farmer at Brooklyn, Green county, where he is filling the office of justice of the peace, was born at Clearville, Kent Co., Ont., April 16, 1832, and is a son of David Samuel and Catherine (Roome) Baldwin, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Nova Scotia. In their family were eleven children, five of whom are living: Lucinda, widow of Ralph Ford, of Evansville, Wis.; Phineas, of Brooklyn; Asa James, of Wausau, Wis.; Julius; and Anson, of Evansville, Wisconsin.

David Samuel Baldwin was a lumberman

and a farmer, and for seventeen years had a mail contract in Canada. He came to Wisconsin in 1849, and settled in Oregon, Dane county, two miles from the village of Brooklyn, where he bought six hundred acres of land, which he improved. Here he died Aug. 25, 1854, at the age of seventy-five years. His widow died June 14, 1880, at the age of eighty-six years. Mr. Baldwin was a Whig in the United States. In Canada he served as justice of the peace, and as captain of militia. Phineas Baldwin, his father, and the grandfather of Julius, was a native of Litchfield, Conn., dying in Canada at the early age of forty-two years; he was the father of five children. Abraham Roome, the maternal grandfather of Julius Baldwin, was a native of New Brunswick, and he was a farmer by occupation, finally moving into Kent county, Ontario, where he settled in a place called "Fifty-Two;" he died in middle life, the father of a numerous family. The first Baldwin in America is said to have been a kidnapped child, taken from some place in England or Wales, from which the Baldwins sprang. David S. Baldwin was married a second time, and his second wife was the mother of the children mentioned above. By his first wife he was the father of two children.

Julius Baldwin spent the first seventeen years of his life in Canada, where he had his schooling. He was steadily engaged in farming until 1894. In 1849 he came with his parents to Wisconsin and remained at home until he reached maturity. His father gave him one hundred acres of land, after his custom of giving each of his children land to the value of one thousand dollars. Julius Baldwin continued to cultivate the old homestead farm until 1894, when he rented it to his son, and moved into his fine residence property in Brooklyn, where he has since lived retired. Mr. Baldwin added to his landed possessions from time to time until at one time he owned 216 acres. During his active years he did general farming and stock raising.

On Oct. 24, 1855, Mr. Baldwin married Miss Clarissa B. McLaughlin, a daughter of William W. and Sarah (Robinson) McLaughlin. To them were born: Charles S., who married Nona Colby, who is now deceased; Clinton L., who married Carrie Bennett, and lives in the town of Oregon, Dane county; Lloyd M., who married May Gray, now de-

ceased; Minnie E., who married Palmer A. Haynes, of Brooklyn, and is the mother of one daughter, Beth; Myra J., who married Robert S. Gillies, and lives in Raymond, S. Dak.; Boyd M., who married Minnie Boning, lives on the old homestead, and is the father of three sons, Henry, Robert and Frank; and Daisy, who is teaching school near Raymond, S. Dak., and is unmarried. Mr. Baldwin is a member of the Brooklyn Lodge, No. 332, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican, and was supervisor in Oregon one year, assessor for eleven years, and for two years he has occupied his present position as justice of the peace.

Mrs. Baldwin's parents were natives of Ohio, and had four children, three of whom are now living: (1) Anna Maria, the wife of Reuben Boyse, of Dane county; (2) James B., of Sheldon, Iowa; (3) Clarissa, who is Mrs. Baldwin. William McLaughlin learned the shoemaker's trade, but followed farming all his life. His first wife, a devout Methodist, died in Clark county, Ohio, in 1836, when a young woman. For his second wife he married Emeline Hazeltine. To this marriage there were born four children, two of whom are still living: Harriet, who is the wife of John White, of Minneapolis, and Almira, the wife of Frank Frisbie, of Sheldon, Iowa. Mr. McLaughlin moved into Green county, Wis., in 1842, where he owned 200 acres of land. At the first his nearest neighbors were nine miles off. He became a prominent man, and was the first chairman of the town board, and was chairman of the town board of supervisors a number of years. He was twice elected to the State Assembly, and for many years was assessor. He died April 2, 1877, at the age of seventy years. His widow died in 1896 at the age of eighty. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Baldwin was James McLaughlin, a native of Scotland, who came to this country when he was six years old. He was the father of six children, and died advanced in years. Mrs. Baldwin's maternal grandfather was Richard R. Robinson, a farmer, who was born in Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent, and who died at the age of eighty-four.

**ESAJAS BLUMER.** The American Republic owes much to her foreign-born citizens, but to no country does she owe more than to her sister republic of Switzerland for the high

class of citizens she has contributed to the arts and trades of America. Thrifty and honest, industrious and patriotic, they hold a prominent place in the communities in which they live. Esajas Blumer, a highly respected citizen of Monroe, Green county, Wis., was born in Canton Glarus, Switzerland, Aug. 15, 1839, a son of John and Dorothea (Blumer) Blumer.

John Blumer was born in Switzerland, and, as his father died while he was quite young, he was early obliged to earn his own livelihood, which he did as a laborer, and for a time found work in the factories of his native country. In 1853 he came to America, and located in Washington township, Green county, Wis., where he purchased forty acres of land, later adding several different tracts, all of which he finally sold and bought a 200-acre farm in the same township. He was frugal and industrious, and by his careful cultivation his property rapidly increased in value. He sold his farm in Washington township in 1881, and purchased 300 acres in Mount Pleasant township, remaining about three years, in 1884 locating in Monroe, where he lived retired until his death, Dec. 11, 1900, at the age of eighty-four years. In Switzerland he married Dorothea Blumer, whose death at the early age of thirty-five years occurred in 1849. Five children were born to them, as follows: Anna, wife of Jost Tschudy, of Palmer, Neb.; Esajas, of Monroe, Wis.; John, of Monroe; Sarah, wife of Jacob Freitag, of Monticello, Wis.; and Caroline, wife of Joseph Hilton, of Ireton, Iowa. After coming to America Mr. Blumer married a second time, Miss Mary Ann Stuessy becoming his wife, and to this second union were born ten children, six of whom are now living: Ursula, wife of Henry Freitag, of near Monticello, Wis.; Mary, wife of John Legler, of Juda, Wis.; Fred, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Samuel, of near Elkhorn, Wis.; Katharina, wife of W. F. Truckenbrod, of Monroe; and Jacob, of Washington township.

Esajas Blumer was about fourteen years of age when his father brought him to America. He attended the schools of his native land, and after coming to Wisconsin attended during the winter term for a time. Before leaving Switzerland he had been employed in the calico printing factories, working from six o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in

the evening for five cents per day, and after coming to this country he worked out by the month on farms for four dollars per month, giving his earnings to his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. Upon attaining his majority he started out in life for himself, working the first year for his father for one hundred dollars, and then worked for other people. When the Civil war threatened the disruption of the Union he shouldered a musket in defense of his adopted country, becoming a member of Co. K, 16th Wis. V. I., in 1863, and was mustered out in Louisville, Ky., July 15, 1865. He took part in over twenty battles, went with Sherman to the sea, and marched back to Washington, D. C., in time to participate in the grand review there. While too sick for duty a number of times, he kept well enough to avoid the hospitals. After the war was over he returned to Wisconsin, and worked that fall for \$20 per month, but rested through the winter, and with the opening for farm work the next spring he entered into contract with Mr. J. J. Tschudy, of Clarno township, to work the season for \$250. In a short time he purchased a farm, and by his untiring industry and practical economy he has acquired a comfortable competence. Farm work has been his life work in this country, but since 1897 he has lived retired in Monroe, at his comfortable home No. 724 Church street. Mr. Blumer takes an active interest in public affairs, and socially belongs to the O. F. Pinney Post, G. A. R.

On April 2, 1867, Mr. Blumer was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Grosse, daughter of Gottlieb and Rosina (Winter) Grosse, and these children came to bless this union: Rosa, who married Ernest Holcomb, of Adams township, and has had eight children, seven of whom are still living. Fred, Robert La Follette, Harold, Ira, Henrietta, Clarence, and an infant; John, of Washington township, who married Fannie Blum, and has one son, Werner; Wilhelm Gottlieb, of Adams township, who married Katherina Blumer, who died May 21, 1900, leaving two children, Robert William and Adam Ezra; Ezra, of Washington township, who married Emma Blumer, and has one child, Margaret; Edward, ex-county superintendent of schools of Green county, now a student in Rush Medical College, Chicago; Anna, who married Albert Zimmerman, of Washington township,

and has three children, Edna, Clara and Clarence; Fred, who married Sophia Zimmerman, and lives on his father's old homestead in Adams township; Henrietta, who married Thomas Hoesly, of York township, and has one child, Esther; Bertha, who married David Pfeiffer, of Monroe, and has one child, Elsie; Caroline, who makes her home with her brother Wilhelm Gottlieb, caring for his motherless little ones. Mrs. Henrietta Blumer, the mother of this family of children, passed away March 18, 1895, at the age of fifty-four years. She was a faithful member of the Swiss Reformed Church, of Washington township.

On July 16, 1897, Mr. Blumer was married a second time, Mrs. Magdalena Schmid, widow of Benjamin Schmid, and daughter of Christian Neuenschwander and Anna Street. Both Mr. Blumer and his wife are members of the German Evangelical Church, of Monroe. No children have been born of this second marriage, but Mrs. Blumer, by her former marriage, is the mother of eleven children, as follows: Gottfried, a soldier in the Spanish-American war, is now in the Philippines; Carl, of Dundee, Ill., married Rosa Christie, and has three children, Emma, Freddie and Warner; Ernest, of Elgin, Ill., married Rosa Kohner, and has three children, Ernst, Frieda and an infant; Adolph married Rosa Diescher, and lives in Monroe; Mary married Edward Guggisberg, of Monroe, and has two children, Lydia and Bertha; Anna married Andrew Signer, of Elgin, Ill., and has two children, Lydia and Carl; Rosa married Dietland Thom, of Monroe, and has three children, William, Clara and an infant; Lena married Adam Blumer, of Monroe, and has one son, Harold; Lizzie is at home; Bertha married Louis Young, of Elgin, Ill.; one died young.

JOHN BLUMER, brother of Esajas Blumer, was born in Schwanden, Canton Glarus, Switzerland, Dec. 24, 1840, and at the age of thirteen came to America, where he grew to manhood. He learned the necessary details of farm work on his father's farm in Washington township. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, 9th Wis. V. I., and served until January, 1866, having re-enlisted in January, 1864, when he was assigned to Company B, same regiment. He participated in the battles of Newtonia, Prairie Grove, Saline Bottom in Arkansas, and numerous skirmishes.

He enlisted as a private, and was discharged as a sergeant, and for a time has served as company clerk. After the war closed he worked one year for his father, then in company with his brother, purchased 212 acres in Adams township, later adding 160 acres, from which they sold twenty acres, making their farm consist of 348 acres, which they farmed together until 1886. John then sold his interest and removed to Monroe, where he has since made his home. For a time he engaged in the cheese business, but soon retired from that also. Mr. Blumer is a member of St. John's Evangelical Church. Socially he belongs to O. F. Pinney Post, G. A. R., of which he has been quartermaster, and is now junior vice-commander. He is one of the highly respected citizens of the town in which he takes an intelligent interest.

S. W. TRABER, justice of the peace and notary public of Platteville, Grant county, is a native of New York, born in Albany county Nov. 29, 1844, and is a son of Peter C. and Harriet (Jacobson) Traber. The father was born in the same county, in December, 1804, a son of Charles P. Traber, also a native of Albany county, of German descent; the latter's wife, whose maiden name was Hollenbeck, was likewise born in Albany county, of Dutch descent. Charles P. Traber, who was an inn-keeper on the old road leading from Albany to Schenectady, N. Y., died in 1858, at the age of ninety-two years.

In 1853 the father of our subject, Peter C. Traber, came to Platteville, Wis., where his death occurred in 1860. By occupation he was a laborer. His wife died in Milan, Mo., in 1868. To them were born eleven children, as follows: Nancy, Mrs. Smith, died in California in May, 1897; Evaline, Mrs. Becker, died in Milan, Mo., in 1895; Margaret, Mrs. Spann, died in Albany county, N. Y., in 1898; Charles P. died in Colorado in 1884; Henry J. lives in Saginaw, Mich.; Eliza, Mrs. Anthony, is a resident of New York; Maria is now Mrs. McDougall, of Helena, Ark.; Simon P. died in Cohoes, N. Y., at the age of ten years; S. W. is next in the order of birth; Jane, Mrs. McClanahan, is a resident of Fresno, Cal.; and John W. also lives in that city.

S. W. Traber was a lad of nine years when he came with his parents to Platteville, where

he was reared and educated. For a number of years after reaching manhood he engaged in farming, and also followed the painter's trade for some time. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted, in Grant county, Wis., in 1861, but was at first rejected. Later he enlisted for three years, in Company G, 1st Wis. V. I., but was afterward transferred to the 21st Regiment. While with the 1st Wis. V. I. he participated in the battles of Tunnel Hill, Rocky Face Ridge and Resaca, and also engaged in the battles around Atlanta, Ga. After being transferred to the 21st Wis. V. I. he was in Sherman's celebrated march to the sea; took part in the capture of Savannah; and was in the Carolina campaign, participating in the battles of Averysboro and Bentonville. He was also present at the capture of Raleigh, N. C. Though never wounded, he suffered from a partial sunstroke. The war having ended, he was mustered out of service from Company F, 3d Wis. V. I., July 18, 1865, and returned to his home in Platteville.

In Platteville Mr. Traber was married, in 1866, to Miss Maria A. Hoisington, who was born in Orleans county, N. Y., in 1844. Her parents, George W. and Louise (Buck) Hoisington, were natives of the same State, and of English ancestry. To Mr. and Mrs. Traber have been born five children, of whom two are now living, Roy E. and Ben C.

Mr. Traber takes an active interest in public affairs, and has been a member of the fire department of Platteville since May 4, 1874. In 1896 he was elected justice of the peace, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected in 1898, and again in 1900, being the present incumbent. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party. Mr. Traber belongs to and is A. P. G. of Lily of the Mound Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Platteville, and is also an honored member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., which has 142 members in good standing, and in which he is now holding the office of adjutant. Religiously he is an earnest and consistent member of the Congregational Church.

DANIEL W. PHILLIPS, one of the old and respected residents of Elk Grove township, Lafayette county, is one of the pioneer citizens of that locality.

Mr. Phillips was born in Grant county,

Wis., Sept. 9, 1848, a son of Thomas and Anna (Craddock) Phillips, both of whom were born in Cornwall, England, where they grew to maturity and wedded. Coming to America in 1835, they settled in the coal regions of Pennsylvania, where they remained a few years before coming West. Until 1850 Mr. Phillips followed mining, in both Grant and Lafayette counties, and then made the trip across the Plains to California. Being a thorough miner, and understanding the business, he was quite successful, and made a second trip. After his second return to Wisconsin he purchased a tract of land in Elk Grove township, consisting of 170 acres, and there made excellent improvements and erected comfortable buildings. His death occurred in 1865, his wife remaining on the home farm until her death, in 1887. Five children were born to the parents of our subject, of whom Elizabeth, born in England, married Samuel Brunskill, of LeMars, Iowa, and has one daughter, Priscilla, now the wife of George Hitchens. Ellen, born in Wisconsin, married James Thomas, resides at Elk Grove, and has five children. George, born in Elk Grove, married Belie Mase, and has three children; he conducts a hotel at LeMars, Iowa.

Our subject grew to manhood on the present farm, where he has always been occupied in agricultural pursuits. His education was received in the district school, which he attended during the winters, working through the summers. In February, 1869, he married Miss Isabel Rouse, who belonged to an old pioneer family of Jo Daviess county, Ill. Her father was born in Canada, her mother in Kentucky, and after marriage they settled in Jo Daviess county, Ill., where Mr. Rouse died in 1850; his widow came to Lafayette county in 1851. Mrs. Phillips was born in April, 1848, in Illinois, but since 1851 has resided in Lafayette county, Wisconsin.

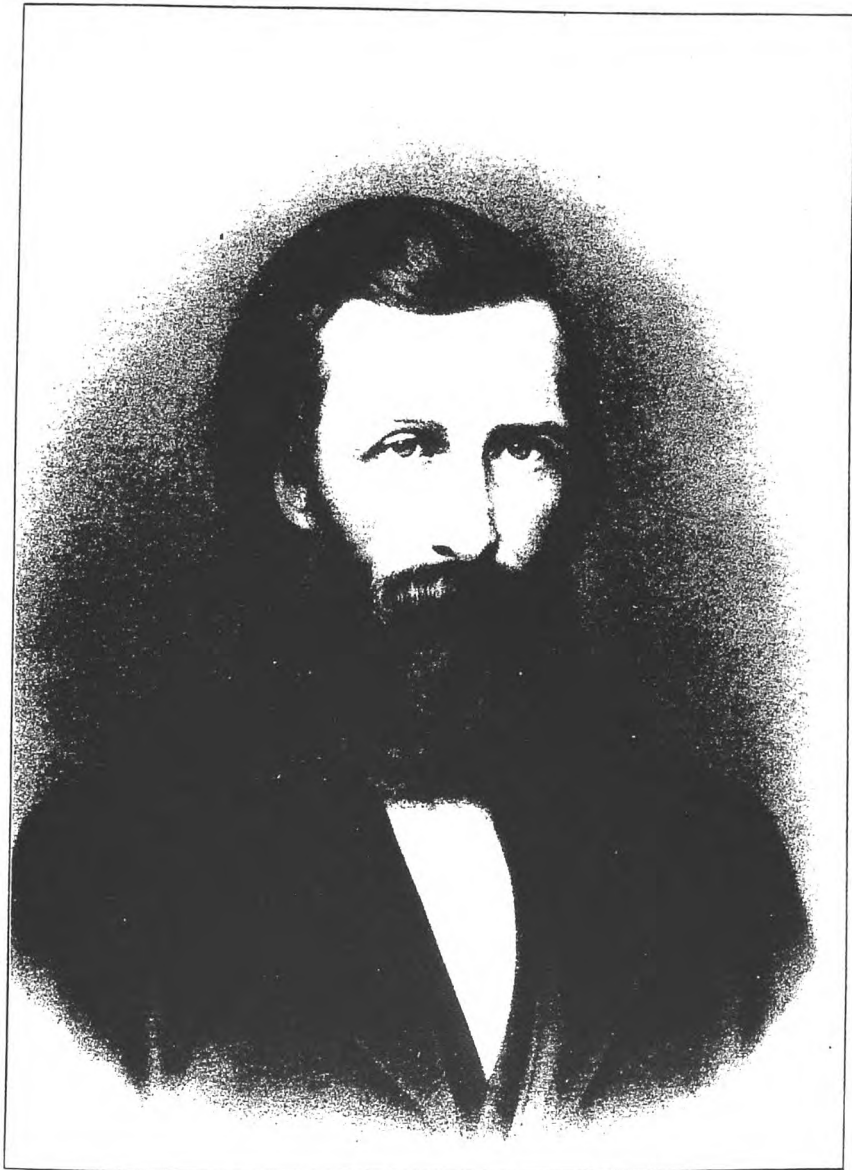
Our subject purchased his father's farm, which he has cultivated ever since, with most gratifying results, everything being in the most prosperous condition. Many buildings had to be erected or renewed, orchards to be planted, and fencing and drainage looked after, but all of these matters it has been the pleasure of Mr. Phillips to accomplish. Surrounded by a kind and esteemed family, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have every reason to feel gratified with the prosperity and comfort that

is theirs in their advancing years. Children as follows have been born to them: Elsie, born in 1870, married Lewis Weidege, of Lafayette county, and they have three children, Isabel, Percy, and Leroy; Frank, born in 1872, married Diana Coulthard, lives on a farm in Lafayette county, and has two daughters, Florence and Blanche; Mamie, born in 1876, was married March 20, 1901, to Lewis D. Seeley, of Elk Grove; Nellie, born in 1878, married Lewis Gillie, lives at Meekers' Grove, and has one son, Paul; the others are named Robert, Lester, George, Harry, and Clarence.

Politically Mr. Phillips has always been identified with the Republican party. Both he and his wife are valued members of the M. E. Church. The esteem in which the whole family is held in the community is genuine, and after a residence of so many years it is pleasant to meet only friendly faces among one's old neighbors. Mr. Phillips is one of the most substantial men of the locality, and is now, as he ever has been, ready to advance the interests of his section in every way that his judgment sanctions.

JOHN AUGUSTINE BINGHAM, born in Morristown, Vt., Feb. 27, 1819, was the son of John and Lydia (Thompson) Bingham, the former a native of Connecticut, the latter of New Hampshire. The parents, of old Puritan stock, were industrious, energetic, and sternly religious. Five of their eight children grew to maturity, four daughters and one son, all now deceased. The father, a man of much character and good standing, was a farmer, and was a man of unusual size and endurance. His father, Elias Bingham, was even a larger man, and not less noted for his virtues than for his size. He was a Revolutionary soldier in a Connecticut company. Lydia (Thompson) Bingham was a woman of fine character and of a remarkably hopeful disposition. Her father also bore arms in the cause of American independence.

John A. Bingham was reared on a farm in Vermont, and received a common school education, later attending the academy at Johnson and the academy at Montpelier. He studied law at Stowe, and was admitted to the Bar at Monroe, Green Co., Wis., in 1842, having come into this State the previous year. For some months he was engaged as teacher in Racine county, and in February, 1842, came



*John A. Brigham*





to Monroe, which was his home from that time until his death. Taking up the practice of law, he also did surveying, which was an important accomplishment in those days.

On Nov. 25, 1843, Judge Bingham was married to Miss Caroline Elizabeth Churchill, a daughter of William B. and Almira (Humes) Churchill, and to this union were born six children, Helen M., Horace, Alice M., Ada, Homer W. and J. Herbert. (1) Helen M. Bingham was born Oct. 10, 1845, was graduated from Lombard College, at Galesburg, Ill., in the class of 1867, and for a time was a member of the Faculty of that institution. She graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1881, and practiced for a number of years in Milwaukee, but is now retired from active professional work, and lives in Monroe. She is a charter member of the Denver Woman's Club. Dr. Bingham is a lady of much intellectual ability, and wrote an interesting history of Green county, which was published in 1877. For a time prior to her medical course she was a teacher in the Monroe high school, and has been an active worker all her life. (2) Horace Bingham, born Feb. 5, 1847, died in December, 1849. (3) Alice M. Bingham, born May 4, 1851, was married Sept. 7, 1872, to Herbert E. Copeland, who was born in Avon, Mich., and was a teacher of sciences in the high school in Indianapolis, Ind., where he died Dec. 12, 1876. To that union came two sons, Edwin Bingham and Herbert Bingham. Edwin B. was born Sept. 30, 1873, and married Miss Ethel Tilden Faulkner; their home is at Morgantown, W. Va., where he is professor of botany in the University of West Virginia. Herbert B., born July 24, 1875, lives in Denver, where he is in the employ of his uncle Homer, a lumber dealer of that city. Mrs. Copeland was a graduate of Lombard College, class of 1872, and has always taken a deep interest in educational matters. The first year (1887) that women were eligible for the school board in Wisconsin, she was elected a member of the school board in Monroe. For many years she has served the public in that capacity. (4) Ada Bingham, born Feb. 6, 1854, was graduated from Lombard College in 1873, and from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1879. She practiced her profession in Monroe until her health compelled her removal, in 1888, to Denver. Dr.

Bingham is a lady of many gifts and accomplishments, and is much interested in every forward movement of the times. She is a charter member of the Denver Woman's Club, and is an efficient worker along educational and philanthropic lines. (5) Homer W. Bingham, born Feb. 1, 1856, lives in Denver, where he is engaged in the lumber business. He received his college education at Cornell University, and graduated from the law school of the University of Wisconsin in 1877. He was married to Miss Addie Ludlow, Jan. 20, 1897, and has one daughter, Helen. (6) J. Herbert, the youngest, born Jan. 14, 1859, died Jan. 23, 1881.

Judge Bingham was not a member of any church, nor is his widow. Their sympathies were with the Unitarian faith. The Judge was a strong Abolitionist, and was one of the first members of the Republican organization in Wisconsin. He took a deep interest in promoting the Abolitionist movement into Kansas, and when war came only physical disability kept him from going to the front. He was a member of the National Convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President the second time. During the years 1846 and 1847 he served as district attorney, and afterward held for eight years the office of Probate Judge. For about twenty-five years he was on the board of education, and for months visited the schools daily, seeking to have the most improved methods of instruction employed. He was always interested in young people, and, having encountered difficulties in acquiring his own education, was eager to help ambitious young men to a chance to help themselves.

In 1854 he opened a broker's office, and later, in company with A. Ludlow and Asa Richardson, started the Bank of Monroe, which afterward became the First National Bank of Monroe. Of this institution he was president for a number of years. He also owned a large flouring mill, which he operated during the later years of his life in Monroe. Judge Bingham died July 24, 1865, in the forty-seventh year of his age, while on a visit to his native State in the hope of benefiting his health.

JOHN M. SIFFORD was one of the brave boys in blue who laid down his life on the altar of his country during the dark days

of the Civil war. This honored resident of Grant county enlisted in Wyalusing township Aug. 11, 1862, becoming a private in Company D, 33d Wis. V. I., but had been promoted to second sergeant before the death summons came. He died in Memphis, Tenn., April 17, 1863. Though his health was much broken early in the service, his death was quite sudden and unexpected.

Mr. Sifford was born in the State of Virginia in 1826, and came to Grant county, Wis., with a maternal uncle, Benjamin Burton, in whose family he grew to manhood, his parents having passed away when he was a child. A faithful soldier in his country's cause, and a respected citizen of his adopted county, his death was deeply lamented by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

On April 7, 1851, Mr. Sifford was married to Miss Sarah J. Fink, also a native of the Old Dominion, whose mother had died when she was but eleven years old. At the age of sixteen she accompanied her father on his removal to Grant county, Wis. When he entered the army Mr. Sifford left a wife and two children, aged respectively eleven and three years. Soon after the death of her husband Mrs. Sifford lost her younger child, John Franklin, and the only daughter, Mary Jane, died March 31, 1895, after a prolonged illness. During her long and severe sickness she was tenderly cared for by her mother, who is now left alone to mourn the departure of those near and dear to her. She is a most estimable woman, who makes many friends, and is held in high regard by all who know her on account of her many sterling qualities.

JOSEPH THOMPSON, justice of the peace at Brodhead, Green county, is regarded as one of the most upright and reliable citizens of the place.

Mr. Thompson was born at Port Hope, Canada, Dec. 9, 1833, and is a son of Henry and Sarah B. (Straw) Thompson, both natives of the United States, and the parents of five children; two of these are now living, Joseph and Alfred, the latter a ranchman at Salt Lake City. The father was a farmer, and died in Canada in 1845, at the age of fifty-six. His widow died at Mount Morris, Ill., some years later, at the age of seventy-six. She was a Universalist, and he was a Methodist. His father was Henry Thompson, of Con-

necticut, of Scotch lineage, who became a soldier of the American Revolution, and died in Canada at the age of eighty-six, the father of five children. Nathan Straw, the father of Sarah B., mentioned above, was a native of New Hampshire, and died in old age. He, too, was the father of five children.

Joseph Thompson spent the first seventeen years of his life on the paternal estate in Canada. He attended Oberlin College for a year and a half, and then followed railroading for three years. In 1853 he came to Rockford, Ill., and the next year was a clerk in a grocery, and then was a farmer until 1861.

Mr. Thompson was among the first to respond to the call for troops in 1861. He enlisted in Company M, 8th Ill. Vol. Cav., under the command of John F. Farnsworth; and with his regiment, participated in many of the more important battles of the war, including Yorktown, Williamsburg, Seven Days' fight in front of Richmond, the second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Gettysburg, and many skirmishes. At the battle of Chancellorsville he had a horse shot from under him, and was taken prisoner, but escaped after three days in the hands of the rebels, reaching the Union lines in safety. Soon after this, as a reward for his complete mastery of the cavalry drill and his high personal character, he was appointed to the command of the body-guard (a picked body of forty men) of General Stoneman. This service under General Stoneman continued for three months, and included the famous Stoneman raid around General Lee's army. Soon after this raid General Stoneman was transferred to the western army, and his body-guard returned to their respective regiments. At Gettysburg the 8th Illinois lost heavily in charging infantry behind a stone wall. The severity of the fire and the chances of war may be seen from the fact that there one horse had nine bullet wounds, and bore his rider out of the line of fire unharmed. The 8th Illinois Cavalry, in all, participated in forty-four engagements; and in spite of his active service in the front through all of these, our subject was fortunate enough to return home without a scar.

Returning from his long service in the army Mr. Thompson resumed the duties of civil life, and has served as justice of the peace for twenty-five years, during which time he has married over fifty couples. From the close of

the war in 1865, until 1867, he was a resident of Waterloo, Iowa, and then moved to Albany, Wis., where he worked in a grist mill. In 1876 he moved to his present home, Brodhead. For many years he carried on an insurance business, with his other official duties, but he gave it up in 1898, and is now concerned only in what comes to him as a justice of the peace.

On Oct. 9, 1861, Mr. Thompson married Miss Charlotte Marson, daughter of Samuel Marson. No children have been born to them. Mr. Thompson belongs to Bicknell Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M., and served as Master four years. He is a charter member of Wesley W. Patton Post, No. 90, G. A. R., and was its commander two years. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Thompson and his wife have a pleasant home on the corner of Dousman and Dixon streets. They have reared two adopted children, the orphans of her brother Thomas, Ida and Jessie. Ida married Herbert B. Oakes, and lives at Hartford, S. Dakota; they have eight children. Jessie married Alexander Walker, and lives at Sioux City, Iowa; they are the parents of three children.

**JOHN MEEHAN.** Few residents of Darlington, Lafayette county, have a greater number of friends than this courteous and popular landlord of one of the best appointed houses of entertainment in that city. Mr. Meehan's birth took place in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1843, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Meehan, were natives of Ireland. They passed their lives in Philadelphia, where Mr. Meehan was connected with a hotel, at their decease leaving our subject, then a small boy, and his sister Rose, who died in that city.

Our subject came to Lafayette county in 1852. For a time he engaged as cabin boy on a steamer that plied on the Mississippi river, but when the Civil war broke out he enlisted in Company K, 5th Ohio Cavalry, and served through that struggle, being mustered out in June, 1865. After the close of the war Mr. Meehan returned to Wisconsin, and in June, 1869, married Miss Mary Rockwell, who was born in 1849, and belonged to an old and prominent family of Lafayette county, being a daughter of Stephen Rockwell. For some time after his marriage Mr. Mee-

han followed painting, very successfully, in Darlington. He became a figure in local politics, his activity resulting in his appointment, in 1886, as postmaster of the city, which office was never more efficiently conducted than during his term of service.

In 1890, after an official life of three years, Mr. Meehan became the purchaser of the large "Stone Hotel," in Darlington, which he has continued until the present time, conducting and managing a well appointed, modern hostelry, which he has supplied with every comfort and convenience for the traveling public, and which is a credit to the city.

To Mr. Meehan and his wife have come children as follows: Hugh, born in 1870, is cashier of the Onwentsia Golf Club, of Chicago; Marie, born in Chicago, in 1873, was educated at the Sinsinawa Mound Sisters' School, and her musical education was received at the Chicago Conservatory of Music; Frank, born in 1878, graduated from the high school in his city, and was a student in the University at Madison; and Arthur, born in 1880, was educated in the Delavan School for the Deaf, from which he graduated with honor.

As a politician Mr. Meehan has long been identified with the Democratic party, for which he has done valuable work. His religious connection is with the Catholic Church, to which he has always given of his means generously. Although he was obliged, as a poor boy, to depend in early life upon his own efforts, he has ever had in him the elements of true manliness, as well as honesty and industry, and he occupies a position now which is well suited to him personally. Genial, accommodating, courteous, the guests of Mr. Meehan are made to forget that they are not under their own roofs when they enter his hospitable doors.

**GEORGE ARTHUR BLAKELEY.** M. D., the present postmaster at Albany, is one of the most popular and progressive young physicians of this part of Green county. He is courteous and affable in his general intercourse with the public, and sustains a good reputation, both as a man and as a member of the medical profession.

Dr. Blakeley was born near Lawrence, Kan., May 8, 1857, and is a son of Edwin and Frances (Smith) Blakeley, natives of New York and Michigan, respectively. They

were the parents of five sons and two daughters, and five of their children are now living: Frances A., the wife of H. A. Babcock, of Evansville, Wis.; Dr. George A.; Harrison A.; William E.; and Eugene. The father was a farmer, and removed into Ohio in the early days. About 1854 he came to Wisconsin, and located at Evansville, which was his home—with the exception of three years spent in Kansas—the rest of his life. He died in 1896, at the age of seventy, a consistent member of the Congregational Church, and his widow now lives in Evansville. He was a soldier in the Civil war, serving from April until September, 1865, and was a man of some prominence in local affairs, having held several offices in the town.

Edwin Blakeley was the eighth son of Asa Blakeley and his wife Esther Dibble. Asa Blakeley was born in Connecticut in 1784, whither his people had removed from Vermont. He was married to Esther Dibble April 3, 1810, and they became the parents of eight sons—Isaac, John, Henry, Ransom, Nathaniel, Asa, Evander and Edwin—and one daughter, the youngest in the family—Esther (Blakeley) Hathaway. He died in Evansville, Wis., where, in the early fifties, the last years of his life were spent. Frances (Smith) Blakeley was a daughter of Henry Smith, a native of Rutland, Vermont, born in 1802, and his wife Betsey Burnett, who died in Michigan. Henry Smith was a teacher by profession and after the death of his wife he moved from Michigan to Pennsylvania, where he passed the remainder of his life, being killed by the cars after he had reached the age of eighty years.

Dr. Blakeley was reared on the farm south of Evansville, where he attended the district school, and, when somewhat older, the high school at Evansville. Then he took up the study of medicine, and was graduated from Rush Medical School in 1885. He began the practice of his profession at Hampton, Neb., where he remained two years. From there the young Doctor went to North Loup, and in 1890 came to Albany, where he has since continued in his professional work.

Dr. Blakeley and Miss Jennie M. Barge-well, the daughter of Matthew and Miriam (Rogers) Barge-well, were married Feb. 27, 1880. They are the parents of six children. Hattie A., Fred L., Glenn A., William, Edwin and Miriam. The Doctor is a member

of Anchor Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of North Loup, Neb., being very popular in his Masonic affiliations; and of Garrison ———, Knights of the Globe. He is a member of the Central Wisconsin Medical Society. In politics he is a Republican; he was appointed postmaster at Albany Dec. 15, 1898, and entered upon the duties of his position the last day of that month. He was reappointed January 15, 1899. The office was then rated as fourth-class, but it is now a third-class office. Dr. Blakeley was a member of the village board in 1892.

There is good Revolutionary blood in the family. Two brothers of our subject's paternal great-grandfather were killed in that struggle. His wife's father came from England, where he was born, and located in Michigan. He came to Evansville when somewhat advanced in years, and was a shoemaker in that city. He was master of Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., for twenty years, and was known far and wide as one of the most loyal Masons in Wisconsin. He had two children: Jennie M., Mrs. Blakeley; and Myrta, a teacher in the public schools of Minneapolis.

GEORGE A. PROCTOR is a successful and much respected farmer and stockman of La Prairie township, Rock county, occupying a very fertile and highly-cultivated farm, which is described as the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 4, of that township. Here he has lived for many years, and is known as an honest and reliable farmer and a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Proctor was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., Dec. 14, 1846, a son of Eli and Mary (Woodward) Proctor, both natives of that State. They had a family of three sons and one daughter: Mary Allen, wife of James U. Gould, of Delavan, Wis.; George A.; and Joel and Hiram C., both of La Prairie township. Eli Proctor, who was a farmer, came to Wisconsin in 1854, and bought a quarter of Section 3, La Prairie township, to the cultivation of which he devoted his life. There he lived and reared his family, and there his wife died July 7, 1889, at the age of sixty-three. She was a Methodist, but he is a Universalist. Many years ago he was supervisor for two terms. Jonas Proctor, father of Eli, was a Vermont farmer, and was of English and

Scottish descent. He lived to reach the age of seventy, and died from the effects of injuries received when a wagon ran over him. He had a numerous family, three daughters and seven sons. The family stock of the Proctor family has superb vitality. Eli Proctor is now eighty-five years old, and is still hale and hearty. Two of his brothers died recently, one aged eighty-four and the other ninety-six. Jonas Woodward, the maternal grandfather of George A. Proctor, was also a resident of Vermont, and a farmer. He was of Irish and Scottish descent, and lived to pass eighty years. He was the father of three sons and three daughters.

George A. Proctor was only seven years of age when he first came to Rock county. He attended the district school, and remained on his father's farm until he had grown to maturity. He began life for himself by engaging as a farm hand by the month, and soon felt able to rent a farm, which he cultivated for two years. Then he began buying horses, and selling them either in the West or in Chicago, as the times might determine.

On Feb. 22, 1876, Mr. Proctor married Miss Emma L. Hurd, daughter of Silas and Cynthia (Cowan) Hurd, both natives of the State of New York, who were among the very earliest settlers of Rock county. Coming to Wisconsin in 1838, they made their home in Fulton township, Rock county, where they always lived on the farm on which they first settled in Indian Ford (a village). Two sons and six daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Proctor: Luie A., Mildred C. and Myrtle E. (twins), Edna E., Leo M., Dean Q., Isabel M. and Mabel. Luie A. married Hattie Rooney, and is now living in Beloit; they have two children, Florence E. and Don L. Mildred C. is teaching. The other children are all at home.

Politically our subject is a Democrat. From 1876 to 1888 he lived in the town of Fulton, and was chairman of the town board in 1888. He was also elected assessor of that township, and filled the office nine years in succession. It is a strong Republican town, and his repeated re-elections were a tribute to his personal worth and character, his majority running each year from forty to fifty votes. He was twice nominated for register of deeds, but he could not overcome the strong Republican majority in the county, though on each

occasion he made a gallant struggle. Mr. Proctor joined the Masonic fraternity when twenty-four years old.

When the family moved into La Prairie township in 1888 Mrs. Proctor bought the present farm, of 240 acres, known as the "Ravine Hill Stock Farm," and our subject has given his attention very largely to the raising of a fine grade of horses. Since 1892 the land has been rented, and Mr. Proctor is now disposed to take life somewhat more easily. He has always taken a leading part in every movement to help the agricultural interests of Rock county forward, and has been a director in the Rock County Agricultural Society. From 1892 to 1898 he was in the leaf tobacco business in Janesville. He is much interested, as might be expected, in blooded stock, and having the personal acquaintance of the drivers in the grand trotting circuit, goes the round of the circuit every year, commencing at Detroit, going through all the New England States, and as far South as Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky.

JOSEPH H. LINCOLN. The arrival of Mr. Lincoln in Wisconsin antedates the admission of the State into the Union, he having first taken up his residence in Grant county in April, 1844. His birthplace was Chester county, Penn., and the date of his birth was Feb. 10, 1827.

The Lincoln family is of English origin, although both our subject's grandfather, Thomas, and father, Azariah, were natives of the Keystone State. In Pennsylvania Azariah Lincoln married Mary Miles, and they removed thence to Wayne county, Ohio, later (about 1840) settling in Illinois. It was in 1844 that Azariah Lincoln resolved to seek a home in what was then regarded as the far Northwest, a virtually trackless territory. At that time he and his wife had a family of seven children, four of whom were boys. Their first home in Wisconsin was at Livingston, but later a change of domicile to Montfort was made, both Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln dying in that town, he on Oct. 9, 1862, in his seventieth year, and she on Nov. 30, 1877, after attaining the ripe old age of fourscore and two. The dates of their respective births were Sept. 26, 1793, and March 10, 1795. Azariah Lincoln was a man of great muscular strength and fine physical develop-

ment, and was by trade a blacksmith. He was a man of resolute will and inflexible moral conviction. Both he and his wife were ardent Methodists, and it was at their home that the itinerant preachers of that denomination in those early days found entertainment and encouragement in their self-sacrificing efforts to propagate Christian faith and disseminate Gospel truth among the early denizens of a new country, where grit ranked above goodness, and brawn was the badge of untitled royalty.

The children of Azariah and Mary Lincoln were: Thomas, who died June 15, 1890, the father of a family; Dickinson, now a resident of Cottage Grove, Oregon; Joseph H.; Samuel, who died in 1894; Elizabeth; Margaret; and Sarah.

Joseph H. Lincoln was a lad of seventeen when he accompanied his parents to their new home in Wisconsin, and there will never fade from his mind his first sight of what is now Grant county, with its prosperous villages and well cultivated farms, its heaven-pointing church spires, and its well conducted schools. Since those days he has seen Wisconsin grow to Statehood, its forests cleared, its soil reclaimed, its mineral wealth explored, its harbors improved, its bosom dotted with cities and towns of constantly growing wealth and prosperity, and its people become among the most enlightened and God-fearing in an entire continent. He was married, on Dec. 15, 1861, to Miss Margaret Laird, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Twining) Laird. She was born Dec. 4, 1841, and died May 16, 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln had a family of two daughters and two sons: The eldest, John, died at the age of four years. The eldest daughter, Mary, is the wife of S. H. Taylor, one of the leaders of the Grant County Bar. Eva, the youngest daughter, lives at home with her father. Azariah, the only surviving son, who is named in honor of his paternal grandfather, was born June 25, 1868. He early developed an inborn fondness for scientific study, and his father has afforded him admirable advantages. After graduating from the academic department of the Wisconsin State University he studied for and received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, having prepared a most excellent thesis on the "Electrical Conductivity of Non-Aqueous Solutions." So emphatic was his success in this

field of scientific investigation, he was offered an assistant professorship in Natural Science at Cornell University, a chair which he yet fills, bringing to the discharge of his duties ardent enthusiasm, ripe scholarship, and an illimitable thirst and capacity for painstaking investigation.

Mr. Lincoln has passed life's seventy-fourth milestone, with undimmed intellect and an unshaken religious faith. He and his daughter are among Montfort's most esteemed residents. His life has been an open book, and on its pages there is no stain.

**KNUD B. DUXSTAD.** Coming with his parents to Rock county in 1844, when a young man of nineteen, the subject of this sketch has devoted to the development of Wisconsin the strength of more than half a century, and has long been ranked as one of the foremost citizens of Clinton. As owner of valuable business property in the city of Chicago, Ill., as director and vice-president of the Citizens Bank, of Clinton, as proprietor of the well-improved Duxstad homestead of 205 acres in Section 32, Clinton township, he has attained a prominent position in the material affairs of Rock county, and is no less influential in religious, social, educational and political circles.

Brynild Knudson, his father, was born in Norway Jan. 8, 1794, the eldest of the five children of Knud Erickson and Brita (Knudson) Duxstad, the other children being Martha, Eric, Carrie and Anguna. Brynild took up the life of a farmer. On June 10, 1824, he married Elie Knudson Seime, daughter of Knud Seime, also a Norwegian farmer, and by this marriage had seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others were Knud, Iver, Brita, Knud B. and Carrie. With his wife and children Brynild Knudson in 1844 emigrated to America, and settled in Rock county, Wis., where he acquired property, and lived an industrious and prosperous life until death called him, Aug. 7, 1857. He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, and a good, substantial citizen in the pioneer country.

Knud B. Duxstad, our subject, was born in Norway Feb. 2, 1825, and came with his parents to America in 1844, arriving at Clinton Aug. 17 of that year. The cultivation of the soil became his life work, but his foresight

and business judgment gave him prominence among his fellow men, and he soon became recognized as a citizen of sterling and commanding principles. He owns 260 acres of land in Section 33, Clinton township, 200 acres in Boone county, Ill., and the building at Nos. 59-61 East Kinzie street, Chicago. He is director of the T. G. Mandt Vehicle Co., Stoughton, Wis. Mr. Duxstad married Nov. 24, 1863, Miss Ingeborg Sjursdatter Qvarme, born in Norway Aug. 30, 1838, daughter of Seaver and Carrie K. (Duxstad) Knudson, the former a Norwegian farmer who in 1844 emigrated with his family to America, coming in the same ship which brought over the Duxstads. Seaver Knudson settled in Boone county, Ill., where he died in 1882, aged eighty-two years; his wife survived him seven years. To our subject and wife have been born seven children, Oscar B., Elias S., Carrie A., Annie C., Mattie B., Emma J. and Ida L. Mattie is deceased. Elias married Nov. 26, 1898, Miss Minnie Fessenden, and they have one son, Earl Maynard, born May 27, 1900.

Mr. Duxstad is a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, and has been organist in the church for many years. In politics he is a Republican. For sixteen years he has been on the board of supervisors, of which he was chairman (two years), also served as town assessor three years, and two years officiated as justice of the peace. He is one of the hardy pioneers of Wisconsin, a typical specimen of the courageous and thrifty race that settled its distant shores, and gave to the State a high grade of citizenship. He has by his systematic course of righteous and industrious living won the highest respect of the people of Rock county, and ranks as one of its prominent and influential business men.

**LAUREN L. THURBER**, the genial, well-known agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, at Muscoda, Grant county, and one of the old soldiers of that place, is a native of Door, La Porte Co., Ind., born Jan. 17, 1843.

Mr. Thurber is the son of Nathaniel and Sarah A. (Leland) Thurber, who were born in Vermont and New York State, respectively, and were old settlers of La Porte county, Ind. As the country surrounding their home became settled, the same spirit which prompted

their removal to Indiana urged them further westward, and in 1857 they located at Pulaski, Iowa Co., Wis., where two years later they were joined by their son, Lauren L. Thurber. Mrs. Thurber died at Muscoda, while her son, the subject of this sketch, was absent fighting for the honor of his country; Mr. Thurber survived her until 1867. These worthy people had four children: Lauren L., the only son; Mrs. Laretta L. Mack, who died at South Bend, Ind., in March, 1900; Mrs. Sarah Augusta Walbridge, now many years deceased; and Mrs. A. E. McCallister, whose death occurred at her home in Madison, S. Dak., several years ago.

Lauren L. Thurber is a mason, having learned the trade in his native State, but of late years has had no occasion to work at that calling. Although he had not attained years of manhood when his country had need of him he was found willing and anxious to risk his life in defense of its honor, and enlisted Aug. 18, 1862, in Company C, 20th Wis. V. I., taking part in all of the engagements in which his regiment participated until it was honorably mustered out, in August, 1865. While never wounded in the service, the hardships affected Mr. Thurber so that he has never since been in robust health, and has been obliged to guard against complications resulting from the forced marches, the exposure, and the thousand and one trials endured by our brave soldiers during that never-to-be-forgotten struggle.

On May 4, 1867, Mr. Thurber was married to Mariana H. Soper, daughter of Platt Soper, and four sons have been born to this union: Ralph L., Nathaniel P., Philip S. and William M.

Mr. Thurber has occupied his present position for thirty-two years, and cannot be spoken of too highly as a man of sterling integrity, unflinching honesty, and faithful adherence to duty. In every walk of life he has proven himself to be the kind of a man that is the best representative of American independence, and one which should be held up as a model for the coming generation.

**JOSEPH KEEN**, a retired farmer now living in Monroe, Green county, enjoys the results of well-spent years, both in the accumulation of an ample competence and in the acquisition of the respect and confidence of all



who know him. Mr. Keen has all his life been an industrious and hard-working man. He has studied his calling, and brought to the tillage of the soil both brains and character.

Joseph Keen was born in Buckinghamshire, England, Oct. 25, 1831, and is a son of John and Mary (Luck) Keen, both natives of that country. They were the parents of seven sons and two daughters, and seven of their children are now living: Joseph; Elizabeth, the wife of a Mr. Stephens, of London, England; John C., of Beresford, S. Dak.; Thomas, of England; James, of South Dakota; Mary, who married James Dickens, and is now dead; Robert, of England; Thomas, deceased; and Fred, of New Zealand. The father is still living in Buckinghamshire, and is over ninety years of age; his wife died in 1890, when over eighty years of age. James Keen, grandfather of our subject, was a native of England, where he followed the trade of shoemaker, and lived to be ninety years old; he was twice married, and had six or seven children. Daniel Luck, the father of Mrs. Mary Luck Keen, was born in England, where he lived and died; he was a farmer, and reared a large family.

Joseph Keen was reared in England, and in 1857 emigrated to the United States. He located in Adams township, Green county, and engaged in farming eighty acres rented by him on his arrival in the county. From time to time Mr. Keen bought land, until he had title deeds to two hundred twenty acres of as choice land as the sun shines upon in southern Wisconsin. He remained on the farm for twenty-six years. In 1890 Mr. Keen bought a comfortable home in Monroe, and leaving the farm, went to try the comforts of life in the town. He did not have liberal school privileges in old England, getting his education mostly from night schools, which he could attend after the day's work was finished. He is a close reader on public topics, and a thoughtful student of present world tendencies.

Mr. Keen and Miss Rebecca Eley, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Bennett) Eley, were married Dec. 2, 1858. This union has been blessed by the birth of eight children: Emily, Mary, Avis, Alvin J., Flora May, Cora, Eunice, and Alma. Emily married Thomas Lean and lives in Ireton, Iowa; they have four children, Elvin, Belle, William and

Lola. Mary is the wife of Oren Post, and lives in Pasadena, Cal.; she is the mother of one child, Grace. Avis is Mrs. John Chenhall, of Betdison, Mo.; they have three children, Edith, Alta and Raymond. Alvin J. married Laura Clemmer, and lives in Monroe township; they have two children, Roy and Lois. Flora May died a child of two years. Cora is single, and lives at Pasadena, Cal. Eunice is a nurse in Garfield Park Sanitarium, Chicago, and was formerly a kindergarten teacher. Alma lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Keen belong to the Methodist Church. He was a class-leader for many years, and is now assistant class-leader. Mr. Keen has long been a Republican, and has filled various town offices. He was treasurer of the school district for twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eley, the parents of Mrs. Keen, were natives of Pennsylvania. He was a brickmaker in early life, and later became a farmer. They came West in the early days, and located on government land near Monroe. He left the farm a number of years before his death, and lived in Monroe, where he died in 1880, at the age of sixty-five. His widow is still living, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas, in the town of Monroe, and is now past eighty-four. She was the mother of four sons and six daughters, and eight of her children are still living: Rebecca, the wife of J. Keen; Catherine, widow of William Edwards, of Spooner, Wis.; Daniel, of Sutton, Neb.; John, deceased; Mary Ann, wife of Nelson Rolland, of Sutton, Neb.; David, of Nebraska; Lucinda, the wife of Frank George, of Wyoming; Louisa, wife of David Starr, of Nebraska; Henrietta, the wife of John Thomas, of Monroe township, Green county; and Henry Lincoln, deceased. Mrs. Keen's paternal grandfather, John Eley, was a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent, and lived to be over seventy. Mrs. Keen's maternal grandfather was Joseph Bennett. He was of mingled Scottish and Dutch ancestry, and died well advanced in years.

CAPT. P. H. CONLEY, a distinguished member of the Bar of Wisconsin, located at Darlington, Lafayette county, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, Jan. 28, 1852. His father's family emigrated to America in 1855, and settled in Lafayette county, Wis.,



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where our subject was reared upon a farm. At the age of seventeen he entered the Darlington high school, where, besides a course of study in the English branches, he also took up a course in Latin, two years later entering the professional ranks as a teacher. In the fall of 1873 he became a student again, entering the Freshman class of the State University. In June, 1876, when in his Senior year, he was offered the flattering position of principal of the Newell (Iowa) graded schools, six months later resigning this to accept the principalship of the Storm Lake high school, in the same State. In this position he remained nearly three years, resigning in June, 1879, and during this period was made president of the County Teachers' Association, and conductor of the County Normal Institutes.

Returning to Darlington, Mr. Conley entered upon the study of law, toward which he had a natural inclination, entering the office of Magoon & O'Keefe, and was admitted to the Bar by Judge M. M. Cothren, June 22, 1880. In order to better prepare himself for the legal profession he soon afterward entered the law department of the State University, graduating in 1881, and immediately after began the practice of law in Darlington, succeeding beyond expectation. Mr. Conley's career has been a successful and brilliant one, and he is one of the citizens of whom Darlington may feel proud, and one who may be heard from in the future, both in a legal and in a literary way. He has shown good judgment in the handling of estates and in financial matters, and his promptness and care have won him a clientage that love and respect him. His ability was first publicly recognized in 1888, when he was elected district attorney for Lafayette county; he was re-nominated, by acclamation, in 1892; twice has the honorable office of mayor of the city been his; he was made captain of Companies K and D, 1st Regiment, Wis. N. G., and senior captain of his regiment, resigning after six years' service.

Mr. Conley has been a delegate to the League of Republican Clubs; was secretary of the local Garfield and Arthur Club in 1880; was president of the Blaine and Logan Club of 1884; and has done considerable stump speaking, being an excellent and vigorous speaker. In his literary course at the Univer-

sity Mr. Conley was a member of the Hesperia and Linonia Societies, and represented the former in the first joint debate with Calliopea, also representing the Linonia in another joint debate; he was made vice-president of the Oratorical Association. Mr. Conley is fond of literature, and is a writer of ability, having written numbers of articles for the *University Press*, for the Darlington papers, for the *Storm Lake Pilot*, and for various other papers. Mr. Conley has also written a number of very meritorious poems: On "College Days," read before the Hesperia Society in 1876; "Home Coming;" "Remembrance;" "The Vision;" "Education," etc. The law library of our subject is a comprehensive one, and he also owns a great number of volumes on science, biography, history and literature; his collection of volumes relating to the history of Wisconsin is an exhaustive one. In 1900 Mr. Conley crossed the Atlantic and visited the Paris Exposition, visiting also his old family home in Ireland, and viewing many of the beautiful and historical places of that country and England.

The marriage of Mr. Conley to Miss Eva M. Foster, of Monroe, Wis., was celebrated May 20, 1889.

LEONARD RAISBECK, a retired farmer of the town of Benton, Lafayette county, was born in Yorkshire, England, in February, 1842, and is a son of John and Jane (Bainbridge) Raisbeck. The father was born in the Isle of Man in 1803, and the mother was born the same year. They came to America in a sailing-vessel in 1850, bringing with them a family of nine children, and settled in the town of Benton, where John Raisbeck engaged in mining for a time, afterwards purchasing a farm two miles north of the village, to the cultivation of which he devoted the rest of his life. It is regarded as one of the finest farms in the county. John Raisbeck died in 1873, and his widow five years later. Both were members of the Primitive Methodist Church, and he was active in the building of the brick church now standing in Benton. After his arrival in this country he became interested in the Republican party. His family consisted of children as follows: (1) Robert, born in England in April, 1824, was married there in 1848 to Ruth Addison, and located in New Diggings, Wis., in 1849. He

was an active farmer until 1885, in which year he moved to Platteville, where he died in 1886. The following year his widow also passed away, leaving four children—Elizabeth, wife of Hugh Cliff, of Bloomington, Wis.; Margaret, wife of James Nicholas, of Platteville; Carrie, wife of William Trenary, of Platteville; and William, a resident of Dubuque, Iowa, who is the owner of the Raisbeck Mines in Lafayette county, the output of which has made him very wealthy. (2) Francis died in England when a young child. (3) Jane, born in England in May, 1827, is now the widow of David Atkinson, and has her home in Scales Mound. She has raised a family of six children, Reuben, William, John, Joseph, Nettie (wife of Samuel Ottie), and Libbie (wife of John Adams). (4) Francis, born in England in March, 1829, was married to Nannie Addison, and for a time was a farmer in the town of Benton, moving thence to Lancaster, and from there to Beetown, Grant county, where he still resides. Their children are John, Clarence, Jane and Frank. (5) Catherine, born in England in May, 1831, married James Barringham at Council Hill, Jo Daviess Co., Ill., where they both died, he in 1882, and she in 1896. Their children were May, Sarah, Margaret, Elizabeth, Hannah and Mary, all of whom are living in Illinois. (6) Elizabeth was born in May, 1833, in England, where she died in June, 1849. (7) John, born in 1835, died in 1849. (8) Ann, born in September, 1837, married William Gates, of Benton, a native of England, and is living with her husband on a farm in Beetown, Grant county. They have ten children. (9) Jonathan, born in February, 1840, was married in Wisconsin to Miss Minnie Miller, and located on a farm in Benton, where his wife died, leaving him four children. Joseph, Mary J., Annie and Nannie. Mr. Raisbeck married for his second wife Miss Mary A. Cherry. They are living on a farm in Shullsburg, and have a family of eight children. (10) Leonard is our subject. (11) William, born Aug. 19, 1844, was married to Miss Lizzie Row, of New Diggings. (12) Joseph, born in December, 1846, died in 1863.

Leonard Raisbeck was educated in the Benton public schools, and was reared on the home farm, taking the active management of the place for his father when he grew up. In March, 1879, he was married to Miss Mary

A. Bird, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Johnson) Bird, old and prominent pioneer settlers of Lafayette county. Joseph Bird was born in England in 1828, and his wife was born in Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Penn., in May, 1836, daughter of John and Ann Johnson, both born in England, and settlers in Pennsylvania in 1832. In 1848 they moved West, and they died in Warren, Ill., leaving four children: James Johnson, of Chicago; Anna; Margaret, now the widow of Joseph Edwards, living in San Diego, Cal.; and Sarah, wife of Mr. Bird, of Benton. They have one son, Isaac, of Aurora, Missouri.

After his marriage Leonard Raisbeck settled on the old homestead, where he lived until after the death of his wife, in April, 1883. She was a Christian woman, and her life was spent in doing good. Precious memories of her survive. She was the mother of two sons: John Emmet, born in 1881; and Leonard, Jr., born in 1883, who died the same year. John Emmet received a good public-school education, and was a student in the Bailey Commercial College, at Dubuque. He is now a member of the firm of Raisbeck & Temple, general merchants at Benton, a new business enterprise, organized in January, 1901.

Mr. Raisbeck is a staunch Republican, and in religion is a member of the P. M. Church, to which he is much devoted. By his upright life and kindly spirit he has won a high standing in his community. He is gentlemanly and courteous, considerate of the feelings and sensibilities of those with whom he comes in contact, and enjoys the esteem of a host of friends.

JOHN FOLEY is the well known editor and proprietor of the *Cassville Index*, which paper was established in Cassville, Grant county, March 8, 1888, by Charles De Witt, who conducted it for a few months, and then sold out to Mr. Foley. The latter has since engaged in its publication, and has made it one of the leading newspapers of his section of the State. The office is well equipped with both hand and roller presses, and, in fact, everything needed in a first-class establishment of the kind.

A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Foley was born in Mineral Point in 1853, a son of James and Ann (Creavy) Foley, who were born in Ireland, and located in Mineral Point at a very

early day in the development of this State. The father, who followed farming and also engaged in mining, died at Dubuque, Iowa, Oct. 27, 1895, and the mother is still a resident of that city. In their family were the following children: John; James, a hotel man of East Dubuque; Ellen, a resident of Dubuque; Annie; Margaret; Elizabeth; and Maria.

John Foley was reared at his birthplace, whence he removed to Bellevue, Iowa, and there operated a flouring-mill for about eight years. He then became interested in theatricals, and was for several years a member of a dramatic stock company, of which he was manager and stage director. That this was his natural element is evidenced by reference to printed matter now on file. He was, however, dissuaded from his purpose by friends old in years, if not in experience; friends who, in their anxiety for his welfare, thought he was fast going to ruin by the stage route; and he therefore gave up his job. As a matter of course the play came to an end, and Mr. Foley, to use his own words, "went back to real, rural life again," and purchased a flouring-mill in Patch Grove, Grant Co., Wis., conducting it until his removal to Cassville, in 1885. Moving the machinery to this place, he erected a new building—a mill which he fitted and operated until he took charge of the Cassville *Index*. He still owns the mill at that place, but at the present time it is not running. In his journalistic work Mr. Foley has met with good success, being a fluent writer and a man of good business and executive ability. The paper is independent in politics.

On May 25, 1881, Mr. Foley was married, in Patch Grove, to Miss Millie Lewis.

JOSEPH MORRISON (deceased), a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, was born in the town of Brockville, Province of Ontario, Canada, July 28, 1833, and passed from life at his home in Fennimore, Grant county, March 7, 1896. His residence in Grant county dated from September, 1858, when he located here, a young man.

When the Civil war broke out, one of the first regiments of infantry furnished by Wisconsin was the gallant 25th, and it was in Company C of this regiment that Joseph Morrison enrolled his name, Aug. 12, 1862. Records of the war show that the regiment par-

ticipated in most of the history-making events of the next few years, and hence Mr. Morrison was at Vicksburg with Gen. Grant; in the Atlanta campaign under Gen. Sherman; took part in that memorable march to the sea; finally enjoyed the great review at Washington, at the close of the war.

Mr. Morrison was married, Dec. 25, 1866, to Miss Catherine E. Smith, who was born in Hebron, Ind., in 1847. She survives Mr. Morrison, and the family are among the most esteemed residents of the neighborhood. The eldest daughter is the wife of Daniel Seeley, and is the mother of two sons, Roy and Frank; Margaret, wife of Fred Richmond, has one son, Fred William; and Ethel, the youngest of the family, resides with her mother in Fennimore. The sons are Joseph L., who served in Company C, 4th Wisconsin Regiment, in the war with Spain; George W., and Frank E.

The memory of the good husband and father is kept green, and he will long be remembered as a representative man of the community in which he lived, as well as a loyal soldier and faithful friend.

FRANK W. ABELL. The subject of this sketch is one of the well-known and popular farmers of Clinton, Rock county. His residence here of more than a quarter of a century was preceded by a residence of almost equal length, in Walworth county, Wis., which was named in honor of George Walworth, his maternal grandfather.

Our subject was born Aug. 22, 1849, in Spring Prairie, Walworth county, son of Benjamin and Maria (Walworth) Abell, natives of New York State. The paternal grandparents lived and died at Perry, N. Y., where they were engaged in farming. Their family consisted of nine children. Benjamin Abell, the father of Frank W., was a school teacher and farmer. He came West in 1843, and for a year lived in Lake county, Ill. In 1844 he removed to Spring Prairie, Walworth county, where he engaged in farming continuously until 1874, carrying the United States mail during twelve years of this period. In March, 1874, he moved to Clinton township, Rock county, where he died at the age of eighty-two years, his faithful wife surviving only three days, and passing away at the age of seventy-nine. Both were devout members of

the M. E. Church. To Benjamin and Maria Abell were born five children, all of whom are living: Abbie, of Clinton; Frank W., our subject; Henry H.; George B., of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Jesse B.

George Walworth, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was one of the earliest and most prominent pioneers of Walworth county, and was a member of the Wisconsin Legislature in 1848. He had served in the war of 1812, and for some time prior to his migration to Walworth county had farmed in New York State. He married a Miss Kezia Perry, a relative of Commodore Perry, hero of the battle of Lake Erie. He died at the age of seventy years. His family consisted of two children, both daughters: Maria, Mrs. Abell; and Mrs. A. A. Jones.

Frank W. Abell, our subject, was reared on the farm in Spring Prairie, Walworth county, attending the district schools. In his early manhood he lived for years in Chicago, and was also engaged in butchering at East Troy for two years. In 1874 he came with his parents to Clinton, and continued to live with them on the farm until their deaths. Since then he has managed the property, and is recognized as one of the progressive and successful agriculturists of the county. Politically Mr. Abell is a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 135, F. & A. M. Mr. Abell owns about seventy-five acres of land in the vicinity of Clinton, and also has some Western property. His Clinton home is admirably located on the hill, commanding a full view of the Main street of Clinton. He is an industrious and enterprising citizen, one whose early life was closely identified with the privations and toils of the primitive settlements, and whose ancestors endured the full measure of the arduous labor essential in developing a new country and converting the desolate wilderness into peaceful and happy homes.

MARTIN E. COLTMAN, the successful drug merchant, and owner of the Coltman Mine in Benton, Lafayette county, is one of the progressive business men and substantial citizens of that county. He was born in the town of Benton June 24, 1855, son of John and Jane (Brown) Coltman.

John Coltman was born in the County of Durham, England, in 1815, and his wife, Jane

Brown, also a native of that county, was born in 1820. They were married before crossing the Atlantic, which they did in 1850, in a sailing-vessel. On landing in New York they came directly West, and settled in New Diggings township, Lafayette Co., Wis., where Mr. Coltman engaged in mining for a couple of years. He then located on a farm in Benton township near where the Cottingham Mill now stands, and passed the remainder of his life in that location, making many improvements on his place. His death occurred in 1889. His wife had preceded him to the better land in 1877. They were both good Christian people, though not members of any church. Politically he was always identified with the Republican party, and held a number of local offices, giving the greatest of satisfaction by his able manner of discharging the duties appertaining to the same. Mr. and Mrs. Coltman were the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters: (1) John H., born in 1853, was educated in the home schools and in the Platteville Normal. He married Hulda Lindsey, daughter of Andrew Lindsey, of New Diggings, and settled in the town of Benton; in 1896 he moved to Stockton, Cal., and engaged in mining. He has two children—Willard B., a reporter for the *Manchester News*, of Iowa; and Lemoin, at his home in California. (2) Martin E. is second in the order of birth. (3) Hannah J., born in 1857, married Joseph Coulthard, of Lead Mine, Lafayette county, and has five children—Eva, wife of Joseph Thompson, of White Oak Springs, Lafayette county; and Alvin, Leroy, John E. and Joyce, at home. (4) Lillie D., born in 1859, married Joseph H. Allen, of Manchester, Iowa; she has no family.

Martin E. Coltman received his education in the schools of Benton, and passed his life in the manner common to a farmer's son until he had reached man's estate—his summers devoted to farm work, and his winters to mining, for which latter vocation he soon acquired remarkable talent. In his mining operations he has been very successful, and is now the owner of the Coltman Mine, one of the largest producers of mineral wealth in the county, located in Section 10. This was discovered by Mr. Coltman in 1879, and has produced \$181,000 worth of Dry Bone, Black Jack and Lead ore. Until 1896 Mr. Coltman had associated with him Thomas H. Ewing, but since

that time has operated the mine alone. In 1892 he purchased the E. Miller drug store, in Benton, and in this line has been equally successful.

In 1890 Mr. Coltman was united in marriage with Miss Hattie D. Whiting, who was born in New York in 1870, daughter of Rev. D. J. Whiting. The latter was born in Spring Water, N. Y., came West, and was pastor of the Methodist Church at the time of his death, in March, 1900. Mrs. Coltman received her early education in the New York schools, and later attended Ripon (Wis.) Seminary. She is a highly cultured and refined woman, and presides with grace and dignity over the beautiful home erected by her husband in 1890. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Coltman, as follows: Lillian S., in 1891; Wanita G., in 1893; Evangeline F., in 1895; and Holmes C., in 1898. As a stanch Republican Mr. Coltman has taken a prominent part in the affairs of his town, serving as chairman of the board for five years, and as president of the village board for three years. Whatever tends toward the upbuilding and practical development of the town and its resources finds in this worthy citizen an ardent champion, and the unfortunate find in him a warm friend. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Benton Lodge, No. 268; is also identified with the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 21, of Benton, and with the Knights of the Globe. Mrs. Coltman is not a member of any church, and is liberal in her religious views.

**HENRY HUDSON.** The subject of these lines, a well-known citizen of Beetown township, Grant county, is a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. Hudson is a native of Grant county, where he was born in 1843, a son of Hiram and Dorcas Hudson. The family migrated from Pennsylvania to Grant county in 1837, being among the earliest pioneers of Beetown. The father of our subject died April 23, 1870, the mother in June, 1894.

The war record of Mr. Hudson is a very entertaining one. He enlisted in August, 1861, in Company H, 7th Wis. V. I., which regiment, it will be remembered, was a part of the famous "Iron Brigade," a brigade which, for the number of battles in which it was engaged and the efficiency of its service, stands in the front rank of the many gallant organi-

zations of which the Union army had reason to feel proud. After his full term of three years' service had expired our subject was honorably discharged, on Sept. 2, 1864. The "Iron Brigade" was the one to first cross the river and attack the enemy in the gallant but unsuccessful effort of the army of Gen. Burnside to dislodge the enemy at Fredericksburg. In the battle which followed our subject was wounded in the right temple, which confined him to the hospital for some five months, but as soon as able he rejoined his comrades in the field, and continued with them until his discharge. Charles Hudson, a brother of our subject, was a member of Company D, 33d Wisconsin Regiment. After the close of the war our subject returned to his peaceful home, taking up again the occupations of other days among his old neighbors and friends.

The first marriage of Mr. Hudson was to Miss Alice Taylor, who died April 21, 1867. His second marriage was to Miss Sarah Fox, a native of Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and he is the father of six daughters, one by the first marriage, five by the last.

**WILLIAM HENRY GRAY** might well be selected as a typical farmer of southern Wisconsin. He is pushing and earnest, but broad-minded and generous in his spirit, has helped the world roll onward, and now finds a satisfaction in contemplating the vastness of the revolution it has accomplished in his lifetime. He has a comfortable and commodious home in Section 11, Harmony township, Rock county, and has at his command everything that makes life in the country to-day the most independent and inspiring of all possible phases of existence.

Mr. Gray was born in Walworth county, Wis., in the town of Linn, near Lake Geneva, Jan. 4, 1845, and enjoys the distinction of being one of the early sons of the State. The names of those native to the soil of Wisconsin who were born before him would not make a very long list. He is a son of Nathaniel and Alvira (Kent) Gray, natives of Oneida county, N. Y., who were the parents of four sons and five daughters, and five of their children are now living: William H.; Caroline, a teacher of Beloit; Lucy, wife of E. J. Norcross, of Castana, Iowa; Dexter, of Johnstown township; and Elizabeth, who lives with her mother in Milton, Wis. Nathaniel Gray,



a farmer, came West early in the forties, and settled for a short time near Kenosha, Wis. He moved after some years into Walworth county, where he bought a hundred-acre farm near Lake Geneva. This he sold in 1857, and moved into Rock county, buying a quarter section in Johnstown township, and from time to time added to it subsequent purchases of land until, when he died, he owned 329 acres. His demise occurred in 1895, when he was seventy-three years old. His wife still survives, and now lives at Milton. He was not identified with any church; she is a Free-Will Baptist. Joseph Gray, the grandfather of William Henry, was a native of New York, and of Scottish descent. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, lived to be old, and reared a large family. Nathaniel Kent, the father of Mrs. Alvira (Kent) Gray, was a native of New York, where he lived and died a farmer. He reached a good old age, and reared a large family of children.

William H. Gray was twelve years old when he came to Rock county with his parents, and he has made his home here ever since. He lived in Johnstown township until 1883, and has always followed the life of a farmer. He received a good common-school education in the district schools, and attended Milton College when somewhat older, and is a gentleman of sound and matured views of life. He lived at home until he reached manhood, and began his own independent career by renting a farm in Johnstown township. In 1869 he purchased a tract of land, consisting of 115 acres, in Johnstown township, and there he made his home until 1883, when he sold it, and bought a farm of 199 acres in Section 11, Harmony township, where he has lived to the present time. It is a finely improved farm, and attests the agricultural skill of its owner, who has spared no pains to bring it up to the standard of any farm in the country.

Mr. Gray and Miss Harriet Osborne, a daughter of Chauncey and Polly (Skinner) Osborne, were married Nov. 24, 1867. Three children were born to that union, Ethel, Ina, and one who died an infant. Ethel died in April, 1900, at the age of nineteen, and is remembered as a sweet and beautiful girl. Ina married Walter S. Holmes. Mrs. Harriet Gray died Nov. 13, 1898. She was a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church, as is also Mr. Gray. On April 3, 1901, our subject

married Sarah Edith Dickinson, a daughter of Reuben and Maria H. Dickinson. He is a member of Du Lac Lodge, No. 322, I. O. O. F., Milton, and is a faithful adherent of that order. He is a Republican, and has been chairman of the town board seven years; was school director for a number of terms; and was district clerk five or six years.

Mr. Gray is a stock raiser, and is increasing his business in that line every year; at the present time his principal strain is Holstein. By careful attention to his business he has become prosperous and well-to-do, and takes a leading position in every enumeration of the better class of citizens of Rock county, from whatever standpoint made.

JACOB HAFFELE, who resides on Section 28, township of Monticello, Lafayette county, can look back over nearly sixty years of almost continuous residence in that town. He first located there in 1842, when he came practically penniless in search of work, and found employment as a farm hand. Years of industry and economy have given him a substantial share of this world's goods, and to the original eighty acres he entered in the early 'forties other tracts have been added until he can now look over a thousand or more broad acres of well tilled fields, carefully improved, that he has redeemed from the desolation of half a century ago.

Mr. Haffele was born in the town of Afalbrach, Weinsberg, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, Dec. 25, 1818, son of Jacob and Magadelena (Daferle) Haffele, who passed their entire lives in the Fatherland. Jacob Haffele was the father of a numerous family. The first to come to America was Christopher, who crossed the sea in 1832, and settled in Pennsylvania, where the remainder of his life was spent. Jacob followed, having had the means for his transportation furnished by his brother Christopher in 1841. Gottfried came in 1851, and settled in Monticello township, Lafayette Co., Wis., where his death occurred some years ago.

Jacob Haffele landed on American soil Oct. 8, 1841, at the port of Baltimore, and went directly to his brother in Pennsylvania. There he found several families who had sold out and were preparing to locate in Wisconsin, and he determined to accompany them. He started on foot, walking all the way to Pitts-

burg, where he boarded a steamer, and by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers reached Savanna, Ill., thence making his way on foot to Freeport. They had no special destination in view, and Mr. Haffele determined to try at once to find work. He was unsuccessful in Freeport, and so continued on foot to Galena, Ill., where he also failed to find anything to do. Being somewhat at a loss, and knowing Freeport to be a good town for the time, he began a return trip on foot, but stopped at the tavern of Francis Clyma, on Section 28, Monticello township. Mr. Clyma was a well-known pioneer, his tavern being on the old stock route, and one of the landmarks of that early day. He met Mr. Haffele and gave him work as a farm hand on the very section that has ever since been his home, except for a period of twenty-two months which he spent in the gold fields in California, and the time occupied in making the journey there and back. For two years he worked for Mr. Clyma, and then, having saved sufficient money to enter government land, he secured eighty acres of his present farm, and at once began to improve it, adding more as he was able. In the spring of 1850 he started overland for the Golden Gate, being one of quite a number to go from this vicinity, including his former employer, Mr. Clyma. At Council Bluffs a company of one hundred men, with twenty-eight ox teams, started across the Plains on April 2, 1850. Mr. Haffele was appointed one of four men to drive one of the teams, each taking his turn. After a journey of five months and seven days this little company arrived at their destination, a trip that now requires about three days, but was then long and tedious. Although half a century has passed since then, every incident is clearly marked in Mr. Haffele's mind, and his simple story of his actual experiences seems to-day to the listener as thrilling as any story of adventure that ever delighted his boyish soul. The trip to California was fairly successful in a financial way. Coming back, he made the journey by way of the Pacific ocean, the Isthmus, and the Atlantic. Immediately on his return he resumed work on his farm, and has continued at that occupation ever since. He began life as a poor boy, but has long been known as one of the most successful farmers and stockmen in southwestern Wisconsin. In his political affiliations he has always been a Democrat, casting his first Presidential vote

for James K. Polk, in 1844. He was reared in accordance with the tenets of the Lutheran faith, and has not departed from the faith of his fathers. As a business man he bears an untarnished reputation for fair dealing, and as a friend is loyal and true.

On March 6, 1853, Mr. Haffele was united in marriage with Miss Mary Barbara Henger, who was born in New York State, and came with her parents to Wisconsin in 1852. Four children have blessed this union, namely: Clara, George, Oscar and Ida, and all hold high places in the social life of the community where they have always had their home.

ASAPH J. ALLEN, an energetic and enterprising gentleman, whose manly and industrious habits have won him many friends, has engaged not only in farming but in wagon making, blacksmithing and general repair work at his home on Section 24, in the town of Brooklyn, Green county. He was born in Aurora, N. Y., May 18, 1831, a son of Henry R. and Electa L. (Carpenter) Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Allen had four children, three of whom are now living: Asaph J.; Justin W., of Oberlin, Kans.; and Elnora, wife of Gilbert Patterson, of Utica, Neb. The father was a wagon maker, and came to Wisconsin in 1855, locating in the town of Exeter, Green county. For a few years he worked at his trade, and then located on a forty-acre farm in the town of Union, where he died in 1881, at the age of seventy-one years. His widow lived to be eighty-six years old, and died in 1897 at the home of her daughter in Nebraska. She was a woman of remarkable vitality, and remained active in spite of her advanced years, not being confined to her bed until the day she died. Both were Baptists in religious belief. He was prominent in local affairs, and was a supervisor for several terms in the towns of Exeter and Brooklyn.

Asaph Allen, the paternal grandfather of Asaph J., was a native of New Hampshire, and followed farming as a life work. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died at Sackett's Harbor, while he was yet in middle life. He was the father of eight children. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Allen, Sylvanus J. Carpenter, was born in one of the New England States, where he followed farming and lived to be an old man, dying at the age of eighty, after having reared a large family.

Asaph J. Allen was reared in New York, and learned the blacksmith trade under his father's instruction, beginning when he was thirteen years old. In 1855 he came West and located on a farm of forty acres in the town of Exeter, Green county. There he and his father together ran a blacksmith and wagon shop for a few years. After that he moved over into the town of Brooklyn, and bought a farm of ninety acres, setting up a wagon shop and blacksmith stand, which he has carried on to the present time. He now owns a farm of 130 acres, which his son is cultivating.

On Sept. 24, 1853, Mr. Allen was married to Miss Amanda M., a daughter of Moses E. and Lucretia (Baldwin) Powell. To this union were born three children: (1) Ethan, who married Miss Alice Lay, and is living with two sons on the home farm in the town of Brooklyn; their sons are Earl and Loy. (2) Lucretia, who married George Cramer, of Juda, Wis., and has one daughter, Nydia. (3) Rose, who married Edward Lamb, of Brooklyn, Wis., and is the mother of one daughter, Clara. Mr. Allen has been a Greenbacker of late years in his political views, and has voted with those who advocated similar principles.

ERASTUS JUNIOR BUCK, M. D., of Platteville, Grant county, Wis., was born Sept. 5, 1828, at Heath, Mass., son of Erastus and Roxana (Baldwin) Buck, and grandson of William Buck. He is a lineal descendant of Sergt. William Buck, of Heath, Mass., a patriot of the Revolution, and also of Elbridge Gerry, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He received a common-school and academic education, commenced the study of medicine in 1849, at Nunda, N. Y., under Drs. John Turner and Eben Warner, and attended medical lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1854; in 1889 he attended a post-graduate course at the New York Polyclinic.

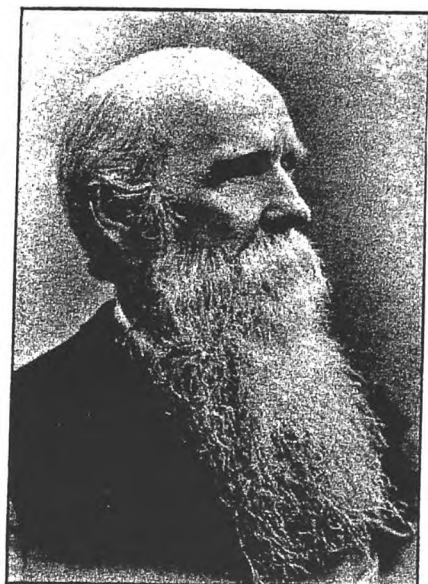
In April, 1861, Dr. Buck enlisted, as a private in a company of Union soldiers which he had been instrumental in raising. In May following was commissioned lieutenant of the same company, and in November of the same year was commissioned first assistant surgeon of the 18th Wisconsin Volunteers; in September, 1862, he was commissioned surgeon, with the rank of major, of this regiment, and

held the position until the close of the war, July, 1865. He was in active service from and including the battle of Shiloh to the surrender of Vicksburg, and during that time was appointed brigade surgeon, surgeon-in-chief of hospitals, and was one of the board of operators. A record of some of his surgical operations will be found in the "Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion," while in civil practice he has done considerable general surgery, gynecological work, etc. He entered the private practice of medicine in 1855, at Towlesville, N. Y., where he remained two years; was then at Westfield, Wis., six years; served in the army four years; and has practiced at Platteville, Wis., since 1868. Dr. Buck is a member of the Wisconsin State Medical Society; American Medical Association; American Public Health Association; National Association of Railway Surgeons; Platteville Literary Club; member of the executive committee of the Platteville Lecture Association; and member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He served in the Wisconsin Legislature (Assembly) in 1860 and 1861, and was a member of the standing committee on Medical Societies and Medical Colleges. He served as health officer of the city of Platteville from 1887 to 1894, was pension examiner for many years; and is at present medical examiner for several of the leading life insurance companies. He is a Republican in politics.

In 1866 Dr. Buck married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Trask, of Beaver Dam, Wis., a descendant in the eighth generation of Capt. William Trask, who settled in Salem, Mass., in 1720. They have seven children: Gertrude Amelia, Clara Louise, Guerdon Condie, Winifred Kendrick, Florence Terry, Ethelwyn Berenice, and Lenys Mary.

JOHN DRAGGS, of Fennimore, Grant county, a veteran soldier of the war of the Rebellion, and an early settler of that town, was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., April 10, 1841, a son of James and Elizabeth Draggs, both of whom died when their child, the subject of this sketch, was a small boy.

About 1856 John Draggs came to Grant county with the family of Clinger, with whom he had lived after the death of his parents, and continued with them for two years, when he entered the employ of a Mr. Walker. When



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he was about eighteen John Draggs entered the family of the well-known pioneer, Abner Dyer, and lived with them until he started out in life for himself. Much of his success in life Mr. Draggs attributes to the sage advice and kindly friendship of this good man, who practiced what he preached, and set an example of sterling honesty and uprightness.

While our subject was yet a boy the war cloud burst, and he felt stirring within his breast the voice of duty, bidding him to offer himself to his country. Accordingly, in August, 1861, he enrolled in Company H, 7th Wis. V. L., which became a part of the famous Iron Brigade, whose record for gallantry and effective service is unexcelled. Mr. Draggs remained with his regiment from the time of organization until June, 1862, when he was taken sick and sent to Washington. When he had sufficiently recovered he was given charge of a ward in the hospital as nurse. The hospitals at that time were overflowing, and good nurses difficult to obtain, and, although Mr. Draggs desired to return to the front, his efficiency as a nurse kept him in the hospital in that capacity until the fall of 1863. At this time he again joined his comrades, and continued with the regiment, sharing in all its battles and marches, until the engagement of Haymarket, Va., Oct. 19, 1863, when he and many others were captured, and for the remainder of the war languished in Southern prisons. For a few months Mr. Draggs was confined at Belle Isle, Va., and was then transferred to the notorious stockade at Andersonville, Ga., where he remained until the close of the struggle threw open the doors of the prison. John Draggs was among the first squad of prisoners sent from Belle Isle to Andersonville, and there, during the weary days of the spring and summer of 1864, and the winter of 1864-65, he, with thousands of others, suffered from heat, thirst, starvation, and the cruel treatment of those in charge. When the squad to which he belonged arrived at the prison it was not yet completed, but all were carefully guarded, and their sufferings never lessened. It is not surprising that men died by the thousands, like cattle, in this infamous place; the wonder is that any possessed endurance to bear them through such a terrible trial. The courage and loyalty that could survive such treatment is of a loftier order than that demanded in action, although both are of a value beyond price.

Still, those who did survive to march forth, conquerors of their captors, have borne with them ever since traces of those days of horror that no care or nursing will ever remove, and which are as honorable as bullet hole or sabre scar.

Amid rejoicing and thanksgiving these heroic and almost helpless prisoners were transferred to Vicksburg, Miss., but scarcely had they reached a haven of safety when the sad news of the death of the beloved President came to them. As soon as they were able to bear the journey the prisoners were transferred to Benton Barracks, at St. Louis, Mo., and there John Draggs drew one hundred and thirty-six dollars from the government, and invested fifty dollars of it in a suit of ready-made clothes. Arrayed in them, on the 10th of May, 1865, he reached the home of his former employer and kind friend, Abner Dyer, with whom he continued to reside until his marriage, in 1868.

Soon after his return from the army John Draggs purchased 160 acres of land, eighty acres of which were in Section 1, in the town of Little Grant, and eighty in Lancaster. Later he bought 120 acres more, in the town of Little Grant, and he also owned forty acres in Section 6. After purchasing the land Mr. Draggs entered at once upon its improvement, and eventually became one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers in the northern part of Grant county. In 1884 he sold the old homestead, and bought eighty acres near the village of Fennimore. This he improved until 1895, when he practically retired from active business, and his son now owns the farm.

In 1868 John Draggs married Miss Elizabeth Beetham, daughter of John Beetham, and six children blessed their union: Anna is the wife of Henry Rothe, of the town of Fennimore; Harry lives on the farm; Bert is a farmer of the town of Mount Ida; Edith and Amy are at home. The eldest, Cora, who died in 1888, at the age of nineteen, was a graduate of the high school at Fennimore, a successful teacher, and a most estimable young lady; she was sincerely mourned by all who knew her. On Sept. 12, 1893, Mrs. Draggs died, leaving a blank which can never be filled. To her encouraging advice, economical efforts, and wise management Mr. Draggs feels that he owes much of his success.

John Draggs enjoys the esteem of his fel-

low townsmen, and has been honored by them in various ways, being chosen chairman of his town for three years in succession; also a member of the county board for several years; and school treasurer of the village of Fennimore the first year of his residence there, which office he has since held. In politics Mr. Draggs is a staunch Republican, and takes an active interest in the workings of his party. Although a member of no religious body, he takes a lively interest in all matters pertaining to church work, and gives liberally to various organizations. He is an honored member of Sam Monteith Post, No. 173, G. A. R., and was commander of same for three years. In recognition of his services as a soldier Mr. Draggs was appointed, Sept. 17, 1897, aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. Palmer when the latter became governor of Illinois.

Beginning life a poor, orphan boy, without a dollar, Mr. Draggs has worked his way upward on the ladder of fortune, and often states that the highest remuneration he ever received for his services was thirteen dollars a month. Still, by careful investment, and the strictest economy, he managed to acquire a sufficiency for himself and his children after him. Mr. Draggs and his two youngest daughters reside at their pleasant home in Fennimore, where they dispense hospitality to their friends, and enjoy the confidence and respect of the entire community.

JEFFERSON B. SIMPSON, a prominent attorney and counselor at law, of Shullsburg, Lafayette county, is the only child of Philemon Baldwin and Mary A. (Beard) Simpson.

Sylvanus Simpson, father of Philemon B. Simpson, and grandfather of Jefferson B., removed from his New England home to the State of New York, and thence to Ohio, where he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and fought under Commodore Perry in his famous battle on Lake Erie. His father, and also his father-in-law, had served in the Revolutionary war. Sylvanus Simpson was the father of the following children: Philemon B., mentioned below; Sylvanus, Jr., of Hamilton, Ill.; Volney, a resident of Ventura, Cal., where he is a prominent banker; Elmore, of Applegate, Cal.; Mrs. Mary L. Gray, of San Francisco, Cal.; and Mrs. Arminda Bertram, who died at the age of sixty-two.

Philemon B. Simpson, eldest son of Sylvanus, and so long well known as a citizen and as a prominent member of the Lafayette county Bar, was born in Sandusky, Ohio, in 1819, but grew to manhood near Watertown, N. Y., and received a good education in the schools of that city. He then entered the office of Lawyer Beach, at Sandusky, Ohio, where for two years he read law. He completed his legal education in the Cincinnati Law School, whence he was graduated in the spring of 1843. The following September he was married to Miss Mary A. Beard, who was born in Easton, Penn., in 1822, daughter of John and Hannah (Doan) Beard, the former of Scottish parentage, and the latter of English descent. After his marriage Mr. Simpson removed from Ohio to Rochester, Ind., where for three years he was engaged in the practice of his profession. On July 4, 1847, he moved to Gratiot's Grove, Lafayette Co., Wis., and as soon as a residence could be erected at Shullsburg moved to that place. He was one of the earliest lawyers in the region, was actively engaged in practice for many years, and became one of the representative men of the county. He was an upright and public-spirited citizen, with an untarnished reputation for honesty and integrity. He served in both branches of the Wisconsin Legislature, and was recognized as a wise and able statesman; for four years he was chairman of the Judiciary committee. In politics he affiliated with the Democratic party, and as long as he lived was actively interested in its welfare. His death occurred at Mobile, Ala. (where he and his wife were staying temporarily). April 28, 1895.

Jefferson B. Simpson was born in Shullsburg, Wis., received his education in the schools of his native State, and was graduated from the Wisconsin State University, at Madison. He gained his legal lore under the careful tuition of his father, with whom he later engaged in practice, and to-day is recognized as one of the leading lawyers in the county. Like his father before him, he is identified with the Democratic party, and has faithfully served his fellow citizens in a number of official positions, among which may be mentioned that of district attorney of the county. As a citizen he belongs to that higher type that places above personal ambition and political factions the welfare of his town and community, and he is a

firm believer in the rigid enforcement of every law.

Mr. Simpson was united in marriage with Miss Mary Luella Allan, who was born at Scales Mound, Ill., in 1860, daughter of George and Emma (Proctor) Allan, the former a native of Scotland, who came to Canada in early life, and in 1853 located in Scales Mound, Ill., where he superintended the construction of the Great Cut at that place, in the interests of the Illinois Central Railroad. Mr. Allan became a prominent merchant at that place; he died in 1864, at Portland, Maine. Mrs. Emma (Proctor) Allan was born at Scales Mound in 1834, and came of a representative family of southwestern Wisconsin, Abel Proctor, her father, having come to the lead mines from Proctorsville, Vt., in 1827. Mrs. Allan died at Shullsburg May 10, 1900. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have come three children, Allan, Olive and Alexander.

John Beard, father of Mrs. Philemon B. Simpson, and grandfather of Jefferson B. Simpson, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and also participated in the great Perry victory on Lake Erie—a singular coincidence, inasmuch as it connects Jefferson B. Simpson with that victory by both his paternal and maternal grandfathers. In 1824 Mr. Beard removed to Tiffin, Seneca Co., Ohio, and there he and his wife passed the rest of their lives. They were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom there are three surviving members: Mrs. Phebe Lambertson, of Montpelier, Ohio; Mrs. Philemon B. Simpson, of Shullsburg, Wis.; and J. L. Beard, a resident of Montpelier, Ohio. The three deceased are Joseph, Lowry and Doan.

**LUAllen A. TYLER**, a prominent farmer of Millville township, Grant county, and one of the honored veterans of the war for the Union, is a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, where he was born Aug. 14, 1846, and is a son of Lewis and Rhoda (Griffis) Tyler, natives of Connecticut, who in early life moved to the Buckeye State, where their marriage was celebrated. In 1854 they migrated to Grant county, Wis., first locating in Mt. Hope township, but later changed their residence, and the father died in the village of Mt. Ida a number of years ago. The mother, who was born in 1810, is still living at this writing

(1901), quite hale and hearty, being still able to walk to church.

Luallen A. Tyler is one of a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters. He had two brothers who were in the Union army: John, who was a member of the 20th Wis. V. I., and died in the service, at Rolla, Mo.; and Abel, who was in the 3d Wisconsin Cavalry, and also died in the service, at Fort Scott, Kans. The other brother, Miner Tyler, is a resident of Millville township, Grant county. Two sisters are living, Elizabeth C. and Mary A., while the other, Sylvia A., died at the age of eleven years.

Mr. Tyler, whose name introduces this review, remained at home with his parents until he entered the service of his country, enlisting April 8, 1865, in the 50th Wis. V. I. He was with a part of his regiment on detached duty during the whole time he was in the army—a period of nine months. After receiving an honorable discharge from the service Mr. Tyler returned to Grant county, and has since been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was united in marriage with Miss Cornelia C. Merritt, a native of Grant county, and a daughter of William H. and Elizabeth Merritt, and to this union have been born seven children, four sons and three daughters, namely: Horace L., born in Howard county, Iowa, where the parents resided for a time; Mattie E. and Clay, born in Mt. Hope township; and Guy, Gilson J., Carrie J., and Almina, all born in Millville township.

Mr. Tyler, who is one of the most successful agriculturists of Millville township, purchased his present farm in 1874, at which time there were but eight acres broken on the place, but he now has 100 acres under cultivation, and everything about the farm indicates the good taste and excellent management of the owner. The buildings, both the residence and outbuildings, are comparatively new, and modern in their improvements.

Mr. Tyler's health was much impaired by his army service, and he has never recovered from the effects of the same. He did his duty as a soldier, was honorably discharged, and is now a worthy member of G. A. R. Post No. 134, at Bloomington, Wisconsin.

**J. L. CAVANAUGH**, stock and grain dealer of Shullsburg, is one of the representative citizens of Lafayette county, where he



has made his home for over half a century. He was born in Waterford, Ireland, in 1844, son of Peter and Joanna (Carey) Cavanaugh.

Peter Cavanaugh, the father, was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, March 20, 1818, and learned the trade of shoemaking, which he followed in his native land with more or less success. He married Joanna Carey, who now resides in White Oak Springs, at an advanced age. In 1846 Mr. Cavanaugh brought his wife and family to America, and found work at his trade in Franklin county, N. Y. In 1852 they came still farther West, and located at Shullsburg, later removing to White Oak Springs, where the father passed away in 1889. He was an industrious and highly-respected citizen. Eight children were born to them, three in Ireland and five in America, of whom five are yet living: J. L., our subject; Michael, of Montana; Emma, wife of Benjamin Lathlane, of Montana; Kate; and Josephine, at home.

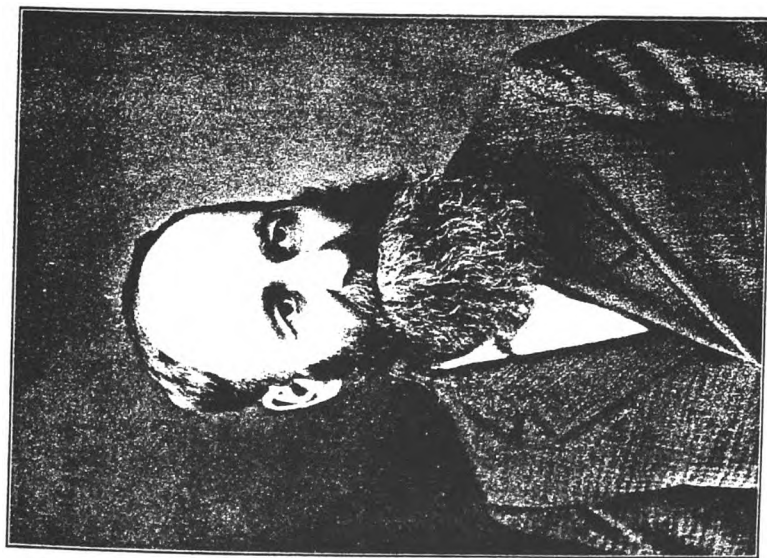
J. L. Cavanaugh was but two years of age when brought to this country, and but eight years of age when he came to Lafayette county, which has ever since been his home. He passed the years of 1862 and 1863 in Colorado. His general occupation has always been farming and stock raising, and he is the owner of a fine farm near the city, on which he has resided since 1883. Since 1884 he has been the chief stock and grain merchant of Shullsburg, and is an enterprising and progressive citizen. His own efforts have won him a substantial standing in the financial world, and he was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Shullsburg, of which he is still a large stockholder, and the present vice-president.

Mr. Cavanaugh wedded Miss Mary Jane O'Brien, who was born at White Oak Springs, Lafayette county, in 1846, daughter of John and Jane (Terrell) O'Brien. John O'Brien was a native of Ireland, and came to America in early manhood, while the Terrell family have for several generations resided in New Hampshire. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh has been brightened by seven daughters and one son: John, the only son, born in 1870, who died in 1890; Mary Agnes, a successful teacher; Laura, a Sister of Charity at Evanston, Ill.; Josephine; Abigail E., a student at the State University, Madison, class of 1901; Jennie, a graduate of the Shullsburg

high school; Nellie; and Clara. The family are highly respected socially, and their home is one of the most popular in the community. In religious faith they are all communicants of the Roman Catholic Church, and faithful in its work. In his political affiliations Mr. Cavanaugh is a stanch Democrat, and has served efficiently as chairman of the Democratic County Committee, and as chairman of the town board.

**FRANCIS ATKINSON.** In almost every progressive town will be found residents who have lived active, busy lives on neighboring farms until advancing years, and a sufficient accumulation of wealth, plead for the comforts and associations which may be found within town or city limits. Among these valued citizens of Albany, Green county, is Francis Atkinson, who was born in Yorkshire, England, May 28, 1837.

Both maternal and paternal grandfathers of our subject were natives of England, and both of them were engaged in agricultural pursuits in that land, where they died, leaving few descendants. Our subject was a son of Richard and Mary (Nelson) Atkinson, natives of England, who had a family of eight children, six of whom are living: Ellen, widow of Andrew Smith, of Green county; William, who resides near Gothenburg, Neb.; John, who lives in Pawnee City, Neb.; Ann, who married Joshua Peckham, and lives in Nebraska; Francis, our subject; and Edwin, a resident of Delhi, Minn. Richard Atkinson, the father, was a stonemason by trade, but after coming to America engaged in farming, near Springfield, Ohio, where he located in May, 1843. In 1847 Mr. Atkinson decided to buy land in the great State of Wisconsin, and finally found a farm in Green county which pleased him, in that year purchasing 120 acres in Albany township, to which he added forty acres, and another forty acres adjoining, making a fine estate, upon which he passed his life. He died at the age of eighty-three years, in 1887. The mother of our subject, a good and worthy woman, known far and wide for her charities and kind neighborliness, died a short time before her husband, having made the world better for eighty-three years. Mr. Atkinson was a consistent Baptist in religious belief, while his wife was connected with the Methodist Church.



Francis Atkinson



Maggie Atkinson



Our subject, Francis Atkinson, was but six years old when brought to America by his parents, and was reared to manhood in Albany township, growing up on his father's farm, and receiving the educational advantages of the district schools. After finishing his school course he successfully engaged in farming, and also taught school five winter terms. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits until he retired to his pleasant home in Albany.

For one year Mr. Atkinson rented a farm, which he then bought, consisting of 112 acres, located in Decatur township, where he spent twenty busy years, during which time he kept on accumulating land, his additions comprising, respectively, forty acres, 105 acres, 128½ and another forty, and he finally bought the old homestead where his boyhood had been passed. Mr. Atkinson has advantageously sold all of the old homestead land except eighty acres.

The marriage of our subject took place on March 17, 1860, to Miss Sarah Jones, a daughter of John and Mary (Wilding) Jones, and twelve children were born of this union: Mary E. died at the age of six years; Frances A. at the age of three; and Finley at the age of twenty-four; two died in infancy; Owen O., who married Minnie Evans, lives in Albany township, with one son, Dale; Russell B., who married Myrtle Edwards, lives in Albany township, and has one daughter, Frances; Alta M., who married George Larmar, lives in Albany township, and has one daughter, Maud; Annie M., who married David Conway, lives in Sylvester township, with two children, Harland and Stewart; Lillian M., who married Lee Gillett, lives in Albany township, with one daughter, Doris; Nellie W. and Etta M. are at home.

The first wife of Mr. Atkinson died June 25, 1888, aged fifty years. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. On Aug. 29, 1891, our subject married Miss Margaret Bell, a daughter of Peter and Huldah (Miller) Bell, and one son, Francis L., has been born of this union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson are valued members of the Methodist Church, in which he takes an active interest and is class-leader. In politics our subject is a Prohibitionist, deeming the solution of the drink question can be solved only by the ballot. For many years, while residing in the country, he was called upon to serve as

clerk of the school district, and has been interested in advancing educational matters. Since 1894 his residence has been in Albany, where he purchased a comfortable home after renting his farm, and is respected in the community, well representing the leisurely class of substantial, retired farmers.

CHARLES S. GRAY, now retired from the operations of active farming, is passing the last years of a busy life in a well-earned freedom from toil in Brooklyn, Green Co., Wis. He was born in the town of Warsaw, Genesee Co., N. Y., Jan. 25, 1828, son of Sylvester and Louisa B. (Judd) Gray, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Vermont. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are living: Charles S., and Demetrius A., of Belleville, Wisconsin.

Sylvester Gray was a cooper in the East, and in September, 1845, he bought a farm in the town of Brooklyn. After a time he sold this farm and bought a home in Brooklyn, where he lived until he entered into rest in 1874, at the age of seventy-two years. His widow survived his departure many years, and died in 1898, at the age of ninety-one years. Mr. Gray was school director for several years, and was also town supervisor. In early life he was a Whig, and in his later years a Republican. Asahel Gray, father of Sylvester Gray, was a native of England, and in his mature years was engaged in the salt business at Syracuse, N. Y., where he died at an advanced age. He was the father of a small family. The maternal grandfather of Charles S. Gray was a native of Vermont, where he was father to a large family, and died in middle life.

Charles S. Gray was three years old when his parents moved to Pennsylvania from New York. Four years later they moved to Lake county, Ohio. There our subject went to school and helped his father in the cooper shop. He was eighteen years old when his parents left Ohio, and he accompanied them on their removal to Wisconsin, where he bought a farm of eighty acres, to which he afterward added eighty acres. He has sold and bought at different times, until his last farm property, which he sold in September, 1900, consisted of 200 acres. This he rented in 1877 and moved into town to take the position of manager for the Evansville Mercantile Association, which position he held for eleven years. In 1894 Mr.

Gray and his son Oscar C. started a general store, which they conducted two years, and for the following two years Mr. Gray was not in business. For a time he was again in the store, and is now retired, as noted above. After leaving his father's store, Oscar C. Gray purchased P. A. Haynes' grocery, but at the end of a year sold out the entire stock, and on April 1, 1900, bought a livery business in Oregon, Wis., which he successfully conducted until his health failed.

Mr. Charles S. Gray was married Oct. 6, 1850, to Emarilla Smith, the daughter of Stephen and Philura (Love) Smith, becoming by this union the father of four children: Oscar C., Emory Herbert, Isadora Eudelle, and Luta. Oscar C. married Jennie Patterson, now deceased, and had one child, who is also deceased; for his second wife he married Ellen Zook, and they have one child, DeVer Dwight. Emory Herbert is married to Nettie Doolittle, and lives in Des Moines, Iowa, where he is a member of the City Fire Department; they have one daughter, Myrle. Isadora Eudelle died at the age of four years. Luta married the late Wayland Axtell, and lives at Rochester, Wis., where he had established the local Academy; he died in Denver, Colo., and she returned to Rochester, with her three children, Wayne, Clarice and Caryl. Mr. Gray is a Republican, and for three terms was supervisor, town treasurer for a number of terms, and school clerk for many years.

Mrs. Gray's father was a native of Massachusetts, and her mother of New York. They were early settlers in Ohio, his people going there in 1811, and her people about the same time, settling in the town of Dover, about nine miles west of Cleveland. Her people came to Wisconsin in 1843, and located in Hudson, which is known to-day as Springfield, where they were engaged in farming for four years, after which they moved to Brooklyn. Here they died, he in 1856, at the age of fifty-eight, and she in 1877, at the age of seventy-three. In early life they were Congregationalists, but later united with the Spiritualists. They had nine children, and four of them are now living: Jonathan, Emory, Euphrasia, and Emarilla. Mrs. Gray's paternal grandfather was Jonathan Smith, of Massachusetts, and a veteran of the entire Revolutionary war, never, however, receiving a pension for his services, as his property exceeded the limits. He fought

on a war vessel and was in many battles. He was owner of a large tract of land, and he died at an advanced age, the father of a numerous family. Her maternal grandfather was a Mr. Love, a native of New York, who was drowned. He was the father of one child, a daughter.

On Oct. 6, 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Gray celebrated their Golden Wedding, there being a company of forty-eight outside friends.

ISAAC N. CLIFTON, a well-known retired farmer of Platteville, is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of Grant county. He was born in Platteville Jan. 24, 1844, a son of William and Frances (Basye) Clifton, both natives of Missouri.

Prior to his marriage the father of our subject came to Grant county with his parents, Bascom and Sarah Clifton, both now deceased, and located in what is now Clifton township, which was named in honor of the family. By occupation William Clifton was a miner and farmer, and in Lima and Clifton townships he improved a farm of 222 acres. For a time he lived in Dakota, and on his return to Grant county took up his residence in Arthur, Lima township. He died in 1891 and his wife made her home in Lancaster until her death, in February, 1900. They were married in Platteville, and became the parents of the following children: Dewitt C. enlisted with his brother Isaac N., in August, 1862, in the three-years service, and died at Rome, Ga., in 1864; E. W. is a farmer of Lancaster township, Grant county; Isaac N. is mentioned below; James T. is a Congregational minister, now serving as secretary of the Congregational Educational Society, located at Chicago; J. J. is a Baptist minister in Nebraska; Sarah Caroline, Mrs. Arnett, is a resident of Fairfield, Iowa; and Anna Bell married Albert Hoppin, and died in La Crosse, Wis., in 1879.

In the county of his nativity Isaac N. Clifton was reared and educated, in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, and after starting out in life for himself engaged in farming and carpentering for some years. He opened up and improved a good farm of eighty acres in Lima township, which he still owns, and successfully engaged in its operation until his removal to Platteville, in November, 1899, since which time he has lived retired, enjoying a well-earned rest.

On Aug. 9, 1862, at Platteville, Mr. Clif-

ton enrolled his name among the defenders of the Union, enlisting for three years or during the war in Company E, 25th Wis. V. I., which became a part of the 17th Army Corps. He participated in the battle of Resaca, the siege of Atlanta, and the engagement at Decatur, Ga., where he was shot in the leg. For some time he was confined in the field hospital, and then returned home, but was able to rejoin his regiment in time to go with Sherman on the march from Atlanta to the sea, and to take part in the Carolina campaign. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and in that city was honorably discharged June 7, 1865, being mustered out at Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Clifton was first married, in 1867, to Miss Nancy Sinnett, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Harris) Sinnett, who died in Madisonville, Ill. Mrs. Clifton died in 1874, leaving four children, namely: Marvin L., who is married and engaged in farming in Lima township, Grant county; James W., who died in Lima, Jan. 1, 1895; Floyd G., a farmer of the same township; and Nona Bell.

At Platteville, in 1893, Mr. Clifton was united in marriage with Mrs. Martha J. (Callaway) Rickard, a native of Platteville township, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Butson) Callaway, who were born, reared and married in Cornwall, England, and on their emigration to the New World, in 1840, came at once to Grant county, Wis., locating in Platteville township, where Mr. Callaway improved a fine farm. There he died in June, 1878, and his wife, who survived him a few years, passed away in Platteville township in 1885. Their children were Joseph, who met with an accident in California, and died there in 1872; Elizabeth, Mrs. Woodruff, of Bloomington, Grant county; Thomas, a farmer of Jewell county, Kans.; John, a farmer of Lima township, Grant county; Martha J., now Mrs. Clifton; William H., who died at the age of eighteen years; Samson H., who lives on the old homestead in Grant county; George A., a farmer of Harrison township; and Jessie, who died of paralysis May 28, 1893. Mrs. Clifton was first married, in Platteville, to Daniel Rickard, a native of England, and the son of John and Jane Rickard, who came from Cornwall to this country, and were among the early settlers of Platteville, where both died. John Rickard was a foundryman and black-

smith, and his son Daniel also followed the blacksmith's trade. The death of the latter occurred in Platteville. By her first union Mrs. Clifton had two children: Libbie E., now Mrs. Eustice, of Belmont, Wis.; and Wesley H., who is married and lives on the home farm.

In 1882 Mr. Clifton moved to Hutchinson county, S. Dak., where he was engaged in farming for eight years, and he still holds membership in a Grand Army post in that State. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and takes an active interest in politics. He is widely and favorably known throughout Grant county, where almost his entire life has been passed, and has the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact, in either business or social life.

JOSEPH BARTLETT, the well-known miller at Attica, Green county, was born in Wiltshire, England, Aug. 1, 1825, and in the course of his long and honorable career has demonstrated the possession of manly and commendable qualities far beyond the general run of the world. He has passed the years of his life engaged in a time-honored occupation, and has made many friends by his upright and genial character.

Thomas and Sarah (Cool) Bartlett, parents of the Attica miller, were both natives of England, and reared a family of five sons and five daughters, six of whom are now living: (1) Joseph, whose name begins this article, and who is the eldest; (2) Thomas; (3) John; (4) Mary, the widow of Fred Cool; (5) Emma, the wife of John Richards; (6) Sarah. The father was a farmer, and died in England in 1875, at the age of seventy-three years. His widow died in 1878, at the age of seventy-six. They were both members of the Episcopal Church. Joseph Bartlett, the paternal grandfather, was a farmer in England, reared a large family, and died in his native country when he had reached the age of seventy-five. The maternal grandfather of Joseph Bartlett was a dealer in meats, and lived to advanced years.

Joseph Bartlett grew to manhood in his native community, where he received his education, finishing in a college. When a small boy he began his life-work of milling, which has always been his occupation. In 1849 he came

to America, locating in Oswego, N. Y., where he remained but a short time, when he went to Canada. After a brief stay in that country, he returned to Oswego and came to Janesville, Wis., there working in the mill of Mr. Jackman for a year. Mr. Bartlett then engaged in milling at Albany, Wis., where he remained about two years, and in 1853 came to Attica, where two years later he built a watermill having a capacity of forty barrels daily; this he owns. It is both a roller and a stone mill.

On Nov. 26, 1853, Mr. Bartlett married Miss Eliza Price, who was born Sept. 18, 1835, a daughter of Thomas Price. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are the parents of the following children: Emert, who married John Davis, is living in Albany, and is rearing a family of five children; Elizabeth married William Qualley, of Exeter township, and has five children; Chauncey, who follows carpentering in Attica, married a Miss Maynard, and is the father of five children; Charlotte married John Nye, of Plover, Iowa, and is the mother of two children; Sarah married Norman Jipson, of Everly, Iowa, and has a family of children; Joseph died May 30, 1868; Lillie married John Lawhead, of Plover, Iowa, and has one child; Myrta is the wife of Ralph Swan, of Attica, and the mother of two children; and Gertrude is living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are members of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Republican, and was roadmaster a number of years. For over fifty years he has been a resident of this neighborhood.

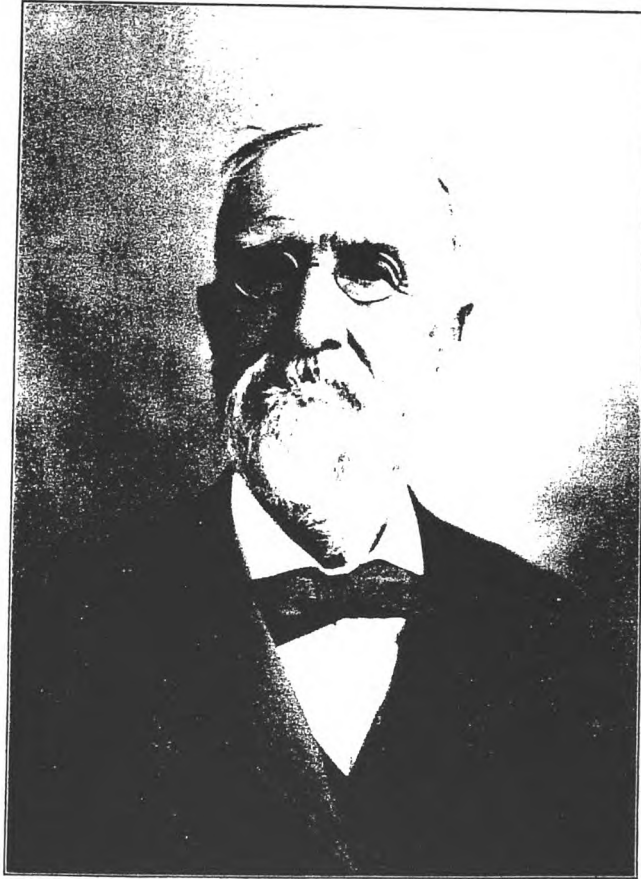
**EBEN WHITNEY SYLVESTER**, one of the most esteemed of the surviving pioneers of Iowa county, is a native of the Pine Tree State, born in the town of Phillips, Franklin county, Aug. 25, 1820.

Caleb and Joanna (Whitney) Sylvester, his parents, were also natives of Maine, and sprang of families conspicuous in the early annals of New England. The former was a descendant of Richard Sylvester, who came to this country in 1630, in the colony headed by Sir John Wentworth. He settled at Scituate, Mass., where he reared a large family, and died in 1663. The family crest and coat of arms, which he brought from England, was preserved until a few years ago, when it was accidentally destroyed. The descendants of

Richard Sylvester in direct line to our subject are as follows: Capt. Joseph Sylvester, who lost his life in 1690 while participating in Sir William Phipps' expedition to Canada; Amos Sylvester; William Sylvester; William Sylvester (2), who died in 1780, of disabilities contracted at the battle of Monmouth; Charles Sylvester, the father of Caleb, and grandfather of our subject, for many years was a ship blacksmith at Bath, Maine, and died at Mt. Vernon, in the same State, March 20, 1847, aged seventy-nine years; and Caleb Sylvester, mentioned below. Lucy Barker, wife of Charles Sylvester, was a sister of Capt. John Barker, of Dresden, Maine, a seafaring man, who was captured by a British press gang, and, refusing to enter the royal navy, was sent to prison in London. Upon his return to the United States, during the war of 1812, he received a commission from the government, took command of a privateer, and captured seven British vessels before the close of hostilities. He was often heard to remark that he had "paid off old scores with interest."

Caleb Sylvester was born Aug. 9, 1793, at Bath, Maine, but removed in early life to the town of Phillips, where he followed the business of surveyor and filled numerous official positions, including that of member of the Legislature. In 1844 he came to Wisconsin, and, two years later, settled in the town of Mifflin, Iowa county, where he reached the age of nearly seventy-five years. He was the father of twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity. His wife, Joanna (Whitney), who was distinguished for her industrious and frugal habits, passed away at the age of sixty-three years. She was born at Otisfield, Maine, a daughter of Michael Whitney, who spent seven years in the Continental army. Two of his sons took part in the battle of Lake Champlain during the war of 1812; another son, Joel, became a leading citizen of the town of Phillips, where he operated a store and mill, and he served in the Legislature. Ancestors of this family came to Massachusetts in the seventeenth century, and many of its members were prominent in the civil and military affairs of the colony.

Eben W. Sylvester, whose name heads this notice, enjoyed the advantages of a high school education in his native place, where he taught school for a time. While a student at the Phillips high school, though the youngest



*E. W. Sylvester*





member of his class, he was distinguished for proficiency in mathematics, and still excels many modern students in that science. In 1843 he came to Wisconsin, and spent the next year or two teaching near Platteville. He then "entered" 160 acres of government land in Mifflin township, which he cultivated and improved for about thirty years, meantime adding to his land until he had acquired 520 acres in all, which he still owns. Since 1878 he has resided in Mineral Point, where he has also made some investments in real estate. He still retains his interest in the cause of education, and served for some years as superintendent of the city schools. In political principle he has always been a Democrat, but has supported the candidacy and administration of William McKinley from the start. He has witnessed the development of the nation for more than fourscore years, and has always been ready to assist in the march of progress. When he first came West there was no railroad in operation west of Albany. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and has filled the principal offices in the local chapter and commandery.

On April 23, 1856, Mr. Sylvester was married to Miss Nancy Howard, who was born at Bruceville, near Vincennes, Ind., a daughter of William and Nancy (Young) Howard, of Highland, Wis. This family came to Wisconsin from Indiana in 1851. William Howard was born in Hardin county, Ky., about the beginning of the nineteenth century, and died at Highland, Wis., in January, 1856. His wife died Dec. 25, 1879, aged seventy-eight years. Her grandfather, Richard Young, came from England to New Jersey, and later settled in South Carolina, where her father, also named Richard, entered the Continental army at the age of nineteen years. After the war he went to Kentucky, and about 1815 removed to Indiana, liberating his slaves, of which he had a considerable number. Three sons of William and Nancy Howard served in the Union cause during the Civil war; Weston went all through the conflict in the 51st Ind. V. I.; John served in a regiment of Kansas cavalry, and was killed at Coffeyville, Miss.; and William enlisted at Kerbyville, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester are the parents of two children, one son and one daughter, both of whom have been carefully educated, and reflect credit upon

the home training: Homer, a graduate of both the Wisconsin and Pennsylvania Universities, is a practicing physician in Milwaukee; Nettie, wife of Colin W. Wright, an attorney of Monroe, Wis., is an artist of noteworthy talent, and prominent in the Order of The Eastern Star.

JUDSON LE GRAND ROBINSON, one of the prosperous and representative farmers of Rock county, owns a well-cultivated farm in Section 10, Janesville township, which he has acquired as the fruit of his arduous labors.

Judson Le Grand Robinson was born in Pike, Wyoming Co., N. Y., May 17, 1844, a son of Hubbard and Betsy Ann (Daine) Robinson, natives of New York State. The father of Hubbard Robinson, Aaron Robinson, was a native of Massachusetts, of English descent, was a shoemaker, farmer and tanner, and in time amassed a large fortune. Nine children were born to him and his good wife, and he was over seventy at the time of his death. During his lifetime Aaron Robinson was in the State militia, and in every way proved himself a worthy man and good citizen. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Daniel Daine, a native of New York State, of English descent, followed the occupation of farming. He had a family of nine children, and was about seventy-five years old when he passed away. The maternal grandmother, whose maiden name was Hammer, lived to be 108 years old, and was a very worthy and highly esteemed lady.

Hubbard Robinson, the father of our subject, was a shoemaker by trade, at which he worked until a few years prior to his death. While in New York State he was a member of the school board in the village where he lived, and also served in the State militia. In 1852 Hubbard Robinson came West, locating in Rock county, Wis., in 1856, and buying a home of eleven acres in Janesville, on the west side of Rock river, in Section 10, where he resided until his death, in 1889, at the age of seventy-one. Mrs. Robinson still survives, a very estimable old lady, and a consistent member of the M. E. Church. Three sons were born to this good couple, two of whom are now living: Judson L.; and Cornelius Wayne, of Janesville township.

Judson Le Grand Robinson lived in New York State until twelve years old, when he came to Rock county with his parents, and has

since resided in this locality. Until the Civil war broke out Mr. Robinson followed farming and shoemaking, attending the district schools when opportunity offered; but as soon as old enough he enlisted, in 1864, in Company A, 43d Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war, participating in the battle of Johnsonville and a number of skirmishes. After the close of the war Mr. Robinson followed his trade about two years, then engaged in farming, and now owns the fine farm of 190 acres where he resides.

On April 21, 1880, Judson Le Grand Robinson married Miss Hattie Knoff, daughter of William and Catherine M. Knoff, and nine children have been born to them, four sons and five daughters: Roy Le Grand, Arthur Wayne, Benjamin Harrison, Judson, Eva Dett, Maude, June, Flora and Luella.

Politically Mr. Robinson is a Republican in sentiment, and he has been called upon to serve his fellow citizens in several offices, having acted as justice of the peace one term, and constable several times. Socially Mr. Robinson is an honored member of W. H. Sargent Post, G. A. R. Both he and his wife are good representatives of the agricultural population of Rock county.

W. P. HARTFORD, M. D. For almost a quarter of a century this gentleman has enjoyed a successful and lucrative practice in Grant county, and, as the result of his untiring labors, ambition, energy and well-directed efforts, he is to-day the possessor of a handsome competence and a beautiful home in Cassville, where he spends his leisure hours, enjoying the society of his family and friends in the midst of all the comforts that go to make life worth the living.

Dr. Hartford was born in Kentucky in 1853, a son of John and Sarah (Malin) Hartford, also natives of that State, who in April, 1854, came to Grant county, Wis. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, took up a tract of government land in Wyalusing township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for eleven years. He then moved to the village of Wyalusing, but he and his wife now make their home in Cassville. Their children are W. P.; Jennie (Mrs. Loud) and Taylor, both residents of Wyalusing; Clara, now matron in the reform school at Milwaukee; John, a resident of Great

Falls, Mont.; and Mary, Mrs. Twining, Gay's Mills, Wisconsin.

Coming to Grant county with his parents during infancy, Dr. Hartford was reared here, and educated in the public schools and academy of Patch Grove. He then entered medical college at Louisville, Ky., where he was graduated in 1876, and after practicing for a short time in that State returned to Grant county, opening an office in Wyalusing, where he remained eighteen months. He was then in active practice at Beetown for thirteen years, and in June, 1891, came to Cassville, and purchased the business of Dr. Cronin. In the practice of his profession at that place he has been eminently successful, and has acquired some valuable property in Cassville, including three good residences. He also owns the half block on which his own home stands.

In Milwaukee Dr. Hartford was united in marriage with Miss Ella Kerr, who was born in Grant county, her parents, Edward and Jane (O'Neill) Kerr, being early settlers of Patch Grove. Her father died there in 1896, but her mother is still living. The Doctor and his wife have one child, Neil Alexander.

Soon after locating at Cassville Dr. Hartford was appointed surgeon for the Chicago, Burlington & Northern railroad, and still holds that position. He is prominent in professional circles, and is an honored member of the State Medical Society, the Tri-State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He also holds membership in Cassville Lodge, No. 235, F. & A. M., of which he was worthy master several years; is a member of the Chapter, R. A. M., at Lancaster; the Order of the Eastern Star; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Royal Neighbors; and was one of the organizers of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Cassville. In his political views the Doctor is a Republican.

EZRA H. STUART has been engaged for a number of years in the ice business in Brodhead, Green county, and has recently taken up the coal trade. He has had a varied and eventful history, and throughout his life has played the part of an honest and industrious man.

Mr. Stuart was born in Wayne county, Ohio, Nov. 15, 1844, a son of Ezra and Caroline (Lassell) Stuart, natives of Vermont, who moved into New York, and then into Wayne

county, Ohio. They had four children, but only two grew to maturity. Mary is the wife of Abner Mitchell, of Rock county, Wis., and Ezra H. is our subject. The father died in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1845, and the mother in 1849, both being about thirty years old at the time of their demise. They were Universalists in religious faith, and lived up to their best ideals. Sylvester Stuart, his father, was a native of New York, of Scotch-Irish descent, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He reared a large family. The founder of the family came to New Hampshire in 1640. Bingham Lassell, the father of Caroline, mentioned above, was a native of northern Vermont, a farmer by occupation, and was over eighty years of age at his death. He had a large family.

Ezra H. Stuart was six years old when his grandfather Lassell brought him to Janesville. He was reared by his uncle and aunt, J. W. and L. R. Stuart, in the town of Decatur, Green county, and attended the district school. Mr. Stuart enlisted, Oct. 27, 1861, in Company B, 18th Wis. V. I., and after serving a little over a year in that regiment was discharged for disability. He came home, and in August, 1863, re-enlisted, in Company B, 1st Wis. Vol. Cav., serving until July 19, 1865. He was mustered out at Edgefield, Tenn. He was a corporal, and was with Col. Harndon's squad when he captured Jefferson Davis, receiving as his share of the \$100,000 reward \$329. He was in the battle of Shiloh, the relief of Knoxville, the East Tennessee campaign, all through the Atlanta campaign, during the siege of Nashville, on the pursuit of Lyon, and also on the Gen. Wilson raid through Georgia and Alabama.

When the war was over Mr. Stuart came to Brodhead and engaged in farming for a few years. He was four years at Kirksville, Mo., then moved into Illinois, and lived near Hamilton twenty-two years, engaged in farming and fruit raising. In 1894 he returned to Brodhead, and engaged in the ice business. In 1898 he took on the coal trade, and has a fine patronage all the year around.

Mr. Stuart and Miss Lacey A. Northcraft were united in marriage Nov. 29, 1866. She is the daughter of Samuel and Elmira (Dawson) Northcraft, and became the mother of two children, Francis and Mary, both of whom died when small. Mr. Stuart belongs to Bicknell Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M., and, with his

wife, to the Order of the Eastern Star. He was master of the lodge at Hamilton, Ill., five years in succession. He is a member of Wesley W. Patton Post, No. 90, G. A. R., at Brodhead, and was commander of the post one term. He was formerly a Republican, but for a number of years has been a Populist. He is supervisor of the First ward in Brodhead. He lives at No. 127 North Thomas street, where he bought and has remodeled a very attractive and elegant home.

**WILLIAM FINLEY GIBSON.** Among the old residents of Belmont township, Lafayette county, who have won the esteem of a wide circle of friends, and whose worth is acknowledged by the community in which they have so long had a home, are William Finley Gibson and his estimable wife, the former of whom is the subject of this biography.

The birth of our subject took place in County Wicklow, Ireland, near the city of Dublin, May 28, 1826. He is a son of George and Jane (Boyce) Gibson, the former of whom was for many years a revenue officer under the British government, and both parents lived and died in their own land, leaving five children. Our subject is the only one of these who ever came to America. In his own country Mr. Gibson received a liberal education. Having decided to try his fortunes in this land, he reached Chicago sometime in 1848, engaging there at his trade of carpenter for some five years. In 1850 he married Miss Margaret Keegan, daughter of Francis H. and Margaret Keegan, who were born in Ireland, but came of English parentage. Francis H. Keegan came to the city of Chicago in 1848 with his family of ten children, and after a residence of five years there removed to a farm at Mineral Point, Wis., where he passed the remainder of his life. Three of the children still survive: Frank, who resides in Chicago; John, in Mineral Point; and Mrs. Gibson.

Some five years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gibson decided to leave the city and become farmers, and with this end in view migrated to Mineral Point, Wis., where they lived on a farm which Mr. Gibson purchased for some eighteen years. In 1879 an opportunity offered for the sale of that place and the purchase of the present home farm, and the family moved to Belmont township, where Mr. Gibson has improved the property very much by

the erection of commodious buildings and a comfortable home. For a number of years he continued to cultivate his new farm, causing it to become one of the most attractive in the neighborhood, but his son William for some time has had complete charge of affairs, and has successfully managed both farm and stock.

The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Gibson consisted of eight children: (1) George, born in Chicago in 1851, married Amelia Delong, of Lafayette county, and they reside in Montfort, where he is an extensive buyer of stock; their six children are May, Willie, Holland, Laura, Archie and Edna. (2) Margaret J., born in Chicago, in 1853, married John Fitzsimmons, a merchant of St. Paul, Minn.; the children of this union are Thomas, Charles, Zelba, Willie and Lillie. (3) William F., born at Mineral Point, Wis., in 1855, received his early education at Mineral Point, later spending two years at the Platteville Normal School. In 1882 he married Mary Jones, and they resided at Cobb, Wis., for some years, then removing to his father's farm, Mr. Gibson purchasing the old homestead in March, 1900. His wife died in December, 1899, leaving him with nine children (who reside with him and his parents at the old home). Ethel, William Roy, Samuel, Ella, May, George, Anna, Burt Clair and Guy J. (4) Mary E., born at Mineral Point in 1859, married Rev. Henry Stewart, of Cadott, Wis., and has two children, Ira and Blanche. (5) Albert, born in Iowa county in 1861, was educated at the State Normal School. He married Libbie Laughlan, of Benton, where they reside, Mr. Gibson being in business in that city. Their children are Joseph, Charles and Russel. (6) Joseph, born in Iowa county in 1863, graduated from the State Normal School, and then became principal of the Bloomer (Wis.) high school. He was taken sick at that place and died in 1895, the county losing one of its finest young men. (7) Dr. O. E., born at Mineral Point in 1865, attended the Platteville Normal School, later graduated with honor from the Chicago Dental College, and is now the leading member of his profession in Platteville. He married Alice Gray, of that city, and their two children are Irvin G. and Helen M. (8) Henry I., born at Mineral Point in 1867, attended the Platteville Normal School, graduated from the Chicago Dental College, and then entered Rush Medical College, one year after graduation lo-

cating at Menomonie, Wis., in the practice of his profession. He married Katie Doughty, a daughter of Rev. William Edward Doughty, and their children are Obe E., Henry Irwin, and Dwight.

Politically our subject has always been identified with the Republican party, and he has faithfully served as a justice of the peace for a number of years, both at Mineral Point and in Belmont, his son William having also held that office. For many years both Mr. and Mrs. Gibson were members of the Episcopal Church, but upon locating in Belmont they found difficulty in reaching a church of their preference, and connected themselves with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which they are consistent members, the Christianity of such people not being regulated by the doctrinal name. Throughout the county our subject and family are respected and have a name for generous hospitality which has brought them many friends. None in Belmont township deserve the esteem of the citizens in a higher degree than do William Finley Gibson and his wife.

MRS. MARY HANEY is a retired business woman of the town of Ellenboro, Grant county, who since the death of her husband, Phillip Haney, has cared for her estate with much executive skill, and is now living in peace and quiet.

Mrs. Haney was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1842, daughter of David and Harriet (McKee) Phillips, who came West to Ohio from Connecticut, and made their home in Trumbull county some few years, then moving to Ellenboro, Grant Co., Wis., being among the very early settlers of that town. Mr. Phillips owned a large amount of land, and was one of the wealthy and influential men of Grant county. The latter part of his life was spent at Rockville, Wis., where he and his wife died at a very advanced age. As a prominent business man he had a fine reputation, and left ample estate to his family of six children: (1) George, the eldest son, died in the village of Arthur. (2) Lorinda is the deceased wife of Samuel Poland. (3) Dorus is a resident of Nevada, where he owns a large silver mine. (4) Mary is the subject proper of this article. (5) Harriet married a Mr. Tighe. (6) David is mentioned below.

Mary Phillips married William Duncan for

her first husband, and they settled on a farm in Ellenboro, where he died leaving his wife with two daughters, Harriet M. and Eva. Harriet married John Myers, of California, and is the mother of four children, Joseph, Arthur, Millie and George. Eva married Philo Curley, of Kansas. Mrs. Duncan later married Phillip Haney, of Grant county, and settled in the town of Harrison, where they were living at the time of his death, in 1886. Mrs. Haney still retains this home. To this union there was born one son, David Haney, a prosperous ranchman of Lanagan, Mo. Mrs. Haney is a lady of much culture and kindness, showing many traits of character well developed in her distinguished ancestors.

Dorus Phillips, David Phillips, and Mrs. Haney are all who are left of this old and prominent family. David Phillips, one of California's old-time gold miners, now a resident of Potosi, Wis., married Miss Mahalla Travis, of the town of Harrison, whose father fought in the Black Hawk war. They have one daughter, Maggie, who is the wife of John Craiger, of Chicago.

FREDERICK GERBER, a prominent and successful dealer in furniture and undertaking at Monticello, Green county, was born near Booneville, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1858, a son of Nicholas and Katherine (Galli) Gerber, natives of Canton Berne, Switzerland. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters: Frederick, whose name appears above; Nicholas, a resident of Ohio; John, a resident of Rockwell, Iowa; Charles, who lives in Minnesota; Lena, who is the wife of Edward Leibly, of Monroe, Wis.; Sophie, the wife of Fred Alder, of Brodhead. Nicholas Gerber is now in the cheese business in Esther, Iowa. In 1858 he came to America, and settled near Booneville, N. Y. From there he moved to Wheeling, Ill., and in 1868 came to Green county, where he established the two first cheese factories there, one of which was located in the town of New Glarus, and the other in the town of Washington, and was proprietor and manager of both for a number of years. In 1894 he moved to Esther, Iowa, where he still resides. The first Mrs. Gerber, the mother of Frederick, died in 1868, at the age of thirty-six years. She was a member of the Swiss Reformed Church. After her death Mr. Gerber married Miss Katherine Pound, who be-

came the mother of six children: Louisa, wife of Isaac Harrison, of Luverne, Iowa; Edward, of Omaha; Henry, of Cobb, Wis.; Annie, of Esther, Iowa; William and Robert, at home. Mr. Gerber is a Republican.

The paternal grandfather of Frederick Gerber, of Monticello, died in Switzerland, well advanced in years. He was a farmer and the father of five children. The maternal grandfather was John Galli, who came to New York city, where he died when about eighty years old. He, too, was a farmer, and had five children.

Frederick Gerber was six years old when he came to Illinois, and spent some eight years at Wheeling, in that State. Then his parents removed to Green county, Wis., and here he completed his education by attending the district school. He was reared to the business of cheese making, and was an inmate of his father's home until he reached adult age. For a number of years he followed cheese making, but abandoned the business in 1885, when he came to Monticello and opened up in his present line. His furniture stock is very complete and thoroughly modern and up-to-date, and as an undertaker he has a reputation second to none in this part of the State.

Mr. Gerber was married Nov. 6, 1879, to Fannie Marty, who was born January 27, 1861, a daughter of Henry and Fannie (Durst) Marty, of New Glarus. Mr. and Mrs. Gerber are the parents of two children, Fannie, who was born in New Glarus, Wis., Feb. 28, 1881; and Nicholas, who was born in Monticello, Wis., June 19, 1884. The father and mother belong to the Swiss Reformed Church, and he is a member of Monticello Lodge, No. 153, F. & A. M., Lodge 83, I. O. O. F., and the M. W. of A. Mr. Gerber is a Republican and has been trustee of the village for the past three years. In the village he owns a good home which he has thoroughly remodelled since his purchase.

JOHN J. BRIDGMAN, the oldest citizen of the town of Lamont, Lafayette county, was born in the town of Lyme (near Dartmouth College), N. H., Nov. 5, 1815. His parents, Gideon and Elizabeth S. (Barker) Bridgman, were natives of Haverhill, N. H. Gideon Bridgman, the grandfather of John J., was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and fought under Montgomery in his ill-starred expedition to Quebec.

John J. Bridgman was the third in a family of seven children, and was reared in the State of Ohio, whither his parents had removed in 1818, settling in the town of Williamsfield, in Ashtabula county. There the children grew to adult years, and though the locality was on the frontier line of civilization much attention was devoted to their instruction, both in information of the world and in the elements of character. Mr. Bridgman was married in Ohio March 11, 1838, to Miss Rhoda Cone, and eleven years later they came to Wisconsin from Cherry Valley, Ohio, settling in the town of Fayette, Lafayette county, where they lived four years. In 1853 they moved to their present home, and here he has remained to the present time, a period of over forty-seven years. When they settled here the country was new, and neighbors were few and far between. Mr. Bridgman has improved a fine farm with the assistance of his sons, beginning with a tract of 120 acres, which he gradually increased to 220 acres. As his sons grew up and married they acquired farms of their own. All are now well situated, and have become honorable and worthy members of society.

The greatest loss that Mr. Bridgman has ever sustained was the death of his estimable wife, which occurred March 11, 1899, on the sixty-first anniversary of their marriage. She was born June 16, 1815. Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman became the parents of eight children, of whom three sons and three daughters are now living: Charles R., of Darlington; Hiram M., who served in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, being a member of the 31st Wis. V. I., as was also his brother, Charles R.; Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, of Clarksville, Iowa; Mrs. Julia Ann McConnell, of Spencer, Iowa; James, living at the family homestead, who is the present treasurer of the town of Lamont; and Mrs. Hannah R. McCarty, living in the town of Lamont. Henry died when nine years old, and William died in Charles City, Iowa, Nov. 22, 1900, at the age of fifty-one years.

The parents of Mr. Bridgman came to Lafayette county in 1863, and were drowned in Otter creek, Feb. 13, 1867, while attempting to ford that stream. The father was born April 8, 1787, and the mother June 23, of the same year.

John J. Bridgman is one of the well known citizens of his town. He has been very suc-

cessful in his farming operations. Arriving in the county with fifty dollars in his pocket, and a horse and wagon, worth not more than sixty-five dollars, he has become one of the wealthier men of the community, and has ample resources for every possible call that may be made on him. In religion Mr. Bridgman has long been associated with the Freewill Baptist Church, and was for forty years one of its active deacons. He is now the only survivor of the original organizers of his church.

OBED K. JONES, a retired farmer of Harrison township, Grant county, is on the "shady" side of sixty, but his step is not feeble nor his arm weak. He has retired from the hard and strenuous labor of active farming, but industry and prudence in his earlier years have brought him an ample competence to make his remaining days comfortable and independent.

Mr. Jones was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in January, 1833, a son of Chauncey and Elizabeth (Brown) Jones, both natives of that county, the former born Dec. 19, 1807, and the latter March 1, 1807. They were reared and educated in Trumbull county, and were there married. They followed farming in Ohio until 1840, when they came to Grant county, Wis., and made a home where their son Obed K. now resides, Mr. Jones purchasing nearly three hundred acres from the government, and putting up a log house near where his parents, Chauncey and Ursula (Crosby) Jones, had established themselves in 1839. They were born in Connecticut, and moved West at an early day. These are heroic names in American history. The Browns, Crosbys and Joneses were all Plymouth Rock stock, and bore a hand stoutly in the American Revolution. Chauncey Jones, Sr., and his wife remained on their Grant county farm as long as they lived, he dying in 1863, and she in 1876. They had a family of four children, of whom (1) Chauncey, the father of our subject, was the eldest. (2) Obed, the second child, was born in Ohio, came with his parents to Wisconsin, and settled on part of his father's original purchase, thence moving into Plattville township, where he died in 1889, leaving a wife and several surviving children of their family of six—Mary, now Mrs. Whittenheim, of Lima, Grant county; Albert, now of Sac county, Iowa; Julius, who died in the Civil war; Pluma,

now Mrs. Robert Duncan, of Prairie du Chien; Celia, married and living in Missouri; and Julia, Mrs. Burney, who lives in Nebraska. (3) Clarissa married Jesse Waldorf, and settled on a farm in Lima township, Grant county, where both died. Their only surviving child is Mrs. A. V. Knapp, who lives on the old Waldorf homestead. (4) Harvey came with his parents into Wisconsin, here married Miss Eliza Hull, and shortly removed to Oregon, settling on a farm near Puget Sound. They were killed by Indians. Two of their children, Harvey and Eliza, escaped and were brought back to Wisconsin by their grandfather; they died while they were still in their childhood.

Chauncey Jones, the father of Obed K., lived in the log house some years, and when circumstances permitted erected a handsome frame dwelling. This gave way later to a more pretentious structure, which is now the home of the gentleman whose name introduces this article. Chauncey Jones died in 1856, his estimable wife, who had shared with him all the hardships of frontier life, surviving until 1885. He was an old-time Whig, and an active Republican, served as justice of the peace, and was a member of the school board for a number of years. Both he and his wife were always consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, opening their house for public worship before the town had either school houses or church buildings. They reared a family of three sons and one daughter: Orlando S.; Obed K.; Orpha, who died when ten years old; and James H. The last named enlisted when only fifteen years old in the 7th Wis. V. I., and served throughout the war as a member of the celebrated "Iron Brigade." He was taken prisoner and confined at Libby prison and on Belle Isle. While home on a furlough he married Miss Ortha McFall, who died in December, 1899, in Fayette county, Iowa, where she and her husband had resided for some years on a farm. Four of their children are now living, Archie, Dr. Louie (physician for the Northwestern road at Wall Lake, Iowa), Hermie, and George.

Obed K. Jones was brought to Wisconsin by his parents when a boy, and here he grew up on the farm and received a district-school education. He married Miss Harriet Gurnsey, a daughter of Joseph and Charlotte Gurnsey, of Blue River, Grant county, and old and

honored residents of the State of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Jones lived with his mother after his father's death. She died in 1861, leaving him one son and one daughter: (1) DeForest, a farmer in Sac county, Iowa, graduated from the Platteville Normal School. He married Miss Clara Hurlburt, and they have five children, Harry, Olive, Hattie, Burt, and Gordon. (2) Harriet, the daughter, who was educated at the Platteville Normal, married David Murray, of Grant county, and they are now living on a farm in Iowa. They have a family of five children, Bessie Olive, Frank, Nellie, Genevieve and Ernest.

Mr. Jones enlisted in Company E. 33d Wis. V. I., in the spring of 1862, and served throughout the war. He was in the Western Army under Gen. Sherman, and was in many fiercely-fought battles and long marches, but survived all the perils of that great struggle, and came home in 1865. Two years later he married Miss Susan Janney, a daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Grimes) Janney, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. She was born in Wisconsin in 1836, and her parents were among the earliest settlers to take farm property near Platteville. Mrs. Jones was educated in the old academy at Platteville, and was among the successful teachers of Platteville and Galena for over fifteen years; she is a lady of culture and education, and has many warm friends. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jones moved to the old Jones homestead farm, where they have resided up to the present time. In 1892 Mr. Jones gave up active farm work, and turned the management of the farm business over to his son Frank. One son and one daughter were born to the second marriage. The daughter, Nellie, was born in 1868, and educated at the Platteville Normal. In 1889 she married Philip Winterheiller, of Grant county, and now resides in Pocahontas county, Iowa, where her husband is engaged in the real-estate business and farming. They have two children, Clyde and Clara. Frank C., the youngest son of our subject, was born in 1870, was educated in the Platteville Normal, and was a teacher for a short time. He married Miss Maude Johnston, daughter of Warren and Phoebe Johnston, one of Grant county's old and prominent pioneer families, and is now the manager of his father's interests on the home farm. They have three children, Frank, Ruth, and Helen.



Mr. Jones has been a Republican all his life. He and his wife and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, his wife being very prominent in the work of same. Fraternally he is a Mason, and he belongs to Sherman Post, G. A. R.

**WARREN ELISHA GARDNER**, of Brodhead, is one of the early settlers of Green county, and his life is a part of its history for more than half a century. Here he spent his boyhood and youth, and here he has lived and labored through all the intervening years. He is a man of character and standing, and may be justly pronounced one of the leading citizens of this part of the county.

Mr. Gardner was born in Bennington, Vt., Feb. 1, 1839, and is a son of Dewey and Samantha W. (Wadsworth) Gardner, both natives of Vermont. They had a family of three children, of whom Warren Elisha is now the only one living. The father was a farmer, and came to Wisconsin in 1845, locating in Waukesha for a year. After that he came to Green county, and secured a tract of two hundred forty acres from the Government. From time to time he added to this, until he had a magnificent rural estate of five hundred twelve acres. He lived in the town of Decatur until his death in 1873, at the age of sixty-six. His widow survived until 1898, when she died at the age of ninety-one years. They were Universalists in their religious convictions, and lived after the best ideals of their faith. He was a man of local standing and was called to fill various town offices from time to time. His father, Sylvester Gardner, was a native of Vermont, of German lineage, and he was born and bred a farmer, following that calling all his life. He reared a large family, and died in the East. The maternal grandfather of Warren Elisha Gardner was Samuel Wadsworth. He was a native of Vermont, of English descent, and a farmer all his life. He lived to be seventy-five years old, and reared a large family. He had a brother, Joseph, who served in the Revolutionary war.

Warren E. Gardner was only six years old when he came with his parents to Wisconsin, and he has lived in Green county since he was seven years old, so that he can say that practically his entire life has been passed in this State. He was reared on the farm, and attended the district school,

finishing his schooling at the seminary at Evansville. When he became a man he taught school, and made a very creditable record as a teacher. But he was needed at home and he came back to the farm, where he remained assisting his father in its cultivation as long as he lived. When the father died, the farm was divided between the two brothers, Gurdon and Warren E. Warren E. continued on the old homestead until 1886, and it still remains in his possession. He has added to his inheritance until he now owns five hundred eighty-eight acres of as choice land as may be found in the southern part of the State, which is as much as to say anywhere in the United States, for Green county is a garden and a delight to the eye. In 1886 Mr. Gardner came to Brodhead with his mother to occupy a good home which he had just completed, and here his mother lived until her death.

Mr. Gardner is a staunch Republican. He was chairman of the town board several terms before moving to the city, and here he has served two terms as a member of the board of trustees of the corporation. For fourteen years he has been a resident of Brodhead, and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the place.

**JACOB KARLEN**. This gentleman has been a resident of Monroe, Green county, Wis., for the last twenty years, and in that time has made a large success of the cheese business, both as a producer and a wholesale dealer. He came to it somewhat late in life, but he was familiar with the cheese methods of his native land. Industrious and not afraid of hard work, he put character into every cheese he offered for sale. He is but a little past sixty years of age, yet he has achieved a very decided success, both in the accumulation of a fair fortune and the building up of a wide and prosperous trade. He was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 18, 1840, and is a son of Christ and Maria (Pfund) Karlen, both children of the mountain republic.

Christ Karlen was a stone mason by trade, and his death occurred in his native land in 1852, at the early age of forty-five years, the result of an accident while he was engaged in blasting. He left a widow and five sons, four of whom are now living: Christ, of Vilas, S. Dak.; Jacob; David, of Booneville, N. Y.;



*Mr. E. Gardner*



and Gottfried, of Beemer, Neb. The mother came to this country in 1875, and made her home with her children, dying in Monroe in 1898, when over eighty-three years of age. Both she and her husband were members of the Lutheran Church.

The father of Christ Karlen bore the name of Jacob Karlen, and he, too, was a stone mason by trade, and was a very hard working man. He died in his native land at the age of eighty-three. In 1798 he was drafted by Napoleon when the latter invaded Switzerland, and made a call for 1,800 men, but Mr. Karlen would not serve, and deserted the French army. In his family were eight sons and three daughters, several of whom are represented in this country. Joseph Pfund, the father of Maria (Pfund) Karlen, was a soldier in the Swiss army, and lived to be over seventy years of age.

Jacob Karlen, who is widely known as the Monroe cheese maker and dealer, was reared to manhood in his native community. He attended the Swiss schools, and had an education as good as the circumstances of his family could command. In November, 1862, Mr. Karlen and Miss Maryanna Zwahlen, the daughter of Christ and Anna (Beetschen) Zwahlen, were united in marriage, and to this union were born eleven children: Mary Ann, Magdalena, Jacob, Jr., Rosina, David, Anna, Gottlieb, Louisa, Samuel, Fritz, and Louis. The first five of these were born in Switzerland, and the others in this country. Mary Ann married John Becker, and lives in the town of Jefferson; they have five children, Mary, John, Jacob, Emma and Herman. Magdalena married John Werren, and lives in South Wayne, Wis.; they have one child, Edna. Jacob, Jr., married Kathrina Heftv, and has three children, Lillian Kathrina, Herman Jacob and Florence; Jacob, Jr., is in partnership with his father. Rosina is Mrs. Fred Schumacher, and lives near Browntown, Wis.; they have three children, Louisa, Lena and Fritz. David married Miss Malie Hoesli, and is the father of three children, Sylvia, Myrtle and Arthur. Anna is the deceased wife of John Karlen, of Buffalo, N. Y., and was the mother of three children, David, Huldah and Lilly. Gottlieb married Miss Kathrina Becker, and is a grocer in Monroe; they have one child, Marie. Louise and Samuel died about the same time, children of seven

and five years, from diphtheria. Fritz, in business with his father, married Sophia Hoehn. Louis died when twenty-one years old.

In 1869 Mr. Karlen, his wife and five children, came to this country and located at Booneville, Oneida Co., N. Y., where they spent about a year, and then came on West to Wisconsin. They stopped for some months at Hanover, and presently arranged to have their permanent home in Green county, and for the last twenty years or more Mr. Karlen and his interesting family have been residents of the city of Monroe. He was reared a mason, but when he came to this county he saw an opening in the cheese business and was quick to take advantage of it, with marked success. His business extends to all parts of the United States, and with every passing year it is increasing. Mr. Karlen is an independent in politics. His home is on Farmer street, in Monroe.

**BENJAMIN G. JONES.** Among the well-known citizens of Grant county is Benjamin G. Jones, of Millville, proprietor of a flouring-mill at that place, and a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, having fought for the Union in the famous Iron Brigade. He enlisted in January, 1864, in Company C, 6th Wis. V. I., and joined the regiment at Culpeper, Va., participating in the terrible battles, marches and sieges which fell to the lot of the Army of the Potomac during the last desperate struggles of the war. All know the record of the Iron Brigade in the awful campaign of the Wilderness, in the siege of Petersburg, and the desperate battles attending that siege. Then, when Lee was compelled to leave his stronghold and flee before the terrible onslaughts of Grant's army, the Iron Brigade was foremost among the troops who pursued the Confederate army, and was present at the surrender at Appomattox. Mr. Jones participated in many severe battles in which the brigade was engaged, and had many narrow escapes, but was never severely injured. At the battle of Hatchie's Run a ball passed through his hat, and the force was sufficient to knock him down. He is in a fair condition of health, considering the severity of his army life, and yet he has suffered much from causes resulting therefrom, chief among which was a varicose limb, which compelled him to go on

crutches for some time; he has never fully recovered in this respect.

A native of England, Mr. Jones was born in Northamptonshire Dec. 5, 1846, a son of John and Christina (Gamage) Jones. When he was a mere lad the family, comprising parents and four children, emigrated to America. Another child was born after coming to this country. Benjamin G. was the eldest son. The father passed away in 1887 at Bridgeport, Wis., where the aged mother still lives. On coming from England the family first located in Grant county, whence they removed to Crawford county.

Mr. Jones was reared to the occupation of farming, but also learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a number of years. In the fall of 1878 he went to Nebraska, where he had come into possession of a milling interest, but after operating the mill for a period of twenty-one years he returned to Wisconsin, since which time he has owned and operated the mill at Millville.

Mr. Jones married Miss Rhoda O. Polley, and to them were born seven children, but the eldest child and only son is now deceased. They have an adopted son, however, David L. Jones. The daughters are all living. Externally Mr. Jones is a worthy member of W. H. Irwin Post, No. 70, G. A. R., of Nebraska. He takes an active interest in whatever tends to promote the prosperity of the community in which he lives, and is an extensive reader, keeping well informed on the political and general issues of the day. As a gallant soldier in the war for the Union, and one of the highly respected citizens of Millville, he is well deserving of honorable mention in the history of his adopted county.

THOMAS BRACKEN, of the town of Willow Springs, Lafayette county, is a son of Gen. Charles Bracken, who was one of the more prominent pioneers of Southwestern Wisconsin.

Charles Bracken was born April 6, 1797, in Pittsburg, Penn., and belonged to a family long established in that State, its first American representative having come to America about the time that William Penn established his colony. He was a youth at the time the second war with England broke out, and took an important part in that struggle for one so young. Some time after the close of that war

Mr. Bracken went to Cynthiana, Ky., where he was married May 30, 1820, to Sarah Jones, who was born in Baltimore March 1, 1799. The year 1828 found him at Galena, Ill., which had already become important as the chief point in the lead regions. From that time until his death, in 1861, he was intimately identified with the growth and development of Southwestern Wisconsin. Soon after Mr. Bracken located at Galena he was joined by his family, but on the breaking out of the Black Hawk war he sent them back to Kentucky, where they remained until the close of Indian hostilities. Mr. Bracken himself took an active part in that short but sharp struggle with the followers of Black Hawk. He assisted in building Fort Defiance, where he was made a lieutenant, and took part in a number of severe engagements with the Indians.

Mr. Bracken was one of the earliest to engage in the smelting business in Lafayette county, and carried on that business quite extensively for a number of years. He established a blast furnace smelter in Section 35, Town 4, Range 3, East, now the township of Willow Springs, where he smelted both copper and lead ore. He had previously built several ash furnaces at different points. Mr. Bracken had entered from the government a large tract of land, and in 1833 settled with his family where his son now lives, and where he lived until his death, which occurred in April, 1861, when he was aged sixty-four years. His wife had passed away in 1849. Gen. Bracken, as he was commonly called, was a man of much more than the average ability. Possessing great energy and perseverance, he contributed as much as any other one man to the development of Lafayette county, and in its early annals deserves a place with such men as Judge Dunn, Col. Parkinson, Elias Pilling, Moses Meeker, Dennis Murphy, Major Sheldon, and other representative pioneers whose names might be mentioned. In his political affiliations he was a Whig of the Old School, and he was active and influential in the councils of his party, serving as a member of the General Assembly in 1858.

Gen. Bracken and his wife became the parents of nine children, of whom seven lived to mature years, but only three are living at the time of this writing (1901). The oldest of these, Charles James Bracken, is a resident of Hot Springs, S. Dak.; Mrs. Jane Simpson, the

only surviving daughter, lives at Mineral Point; Thomas Bracken is the subject proper of this article.

Thomas Bracken was born Nov. 4, 1838, on the family homestead, the establishment of which, in 1833, is noted above. He obtained his education in the common schools, and in what was then Platteville Academy, in 1860. His father was a competent surveyor, and the son prepared for that profession, and in the spring of 1862 went to the Northwest Territories for the purpose of engaging in government work. Congress had made no appropriations for that work, and the young man was disappointed, but remained some nine years in the Far West.

Mrs. Thomas Bracken was formerly Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Benson, who brought his family from England to the United States in 1849, and lived for a time in Willow Springs, where friends of the family had long been established. The father died when sixty-two years of age, the mother living to be eighty-two. Their children are all living, and include Daniel, who is a resident of Willow Springs; Joseph, who lives in Iowa; Mrs. Bracken; and John, of Plainfield, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bracken have one son, William, who is still at home. Thomas Bracken is living where the greater part of his life has been passed. He is one of the most reliable and universally respected members of the farming community in this part of the State. He has a pleasant farm home, and his broad and well-tilled acres show everywhere the work of a man to whom agriculture is not only work but a pleasure. Generally affiliating with the Democratic party, he has come to take strong ground on the liquor question, and of late he has felt that is the main problem now before the American people. Hence his sympathies go out very largely to the Prohibition party. With his family he holds membership in the Primitive Methodist Church.

E. M. CURKEET, one of the substantial and prominent agriculturists of Elk Grove township, Lafayette county, is known among his neighbors as a successful and prosperous farmer and stock raiser, and is most highly regarded as a representative man, both in public and in private, in his town.

The birth of our subject took place on his present homestead, March 1, 1854. He is a

son of John and Jane (Martin) Curkeet, the former born at St. Martins, England, in September, 1810, his wife in Melore, England, in 1812. Both grew to maturity in their native country, where they married, coming to America in 1843. Their first location was at Galena, Ill., where Mr. Curkeet engaged some years in mining, and they then moved to Wisconsin, where he purchased a farm near Elk Grove. In 1868 he purchased a farm near Darlington, and moved on it. In 1874 he purchased a home in Hardin county, Iowa, where he died in 1887, our subject's mother surviving until 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Curkeet were good and pious people, Mr. Curkeet being a local preacher in the M. E. Church for a number of years, and one of the founders and supporters of the first M. E. Church in Elk Grove. In his good work he was ably assisted by his worthy wife, neither ever tiring in their mission of good. In politics Mr. Curkeet supported the Republican party. The children born to these worthy people were: Elizabeth A., born in 1838, married Frank McNett, of Lafayette county; later they moved to Georgetown, and still later to Elk Grove, where she died; their children were John, Henry, Elizabeth, and Frank. Robert, born in 1841, married Mary Deselhorst, of Lafayette county, became a large stock raiser in Grundy county, Iowa, where he bred blooded stock, and later moved to Hardin county, where he lived until his death, in 1894. Jennie, born in 1844, lives in Hardin county, Iowa. William J., born in 1846, married Adela Woods, of Darlington, and died in Fonda, Iowa, leaving a daughter, Rena. James, born in 1848, married Emily Julian, of Mineral Point, and lives in Platteville, having one son. Justice, born in 1851, married Lizzie A. Thomas, followed farming for some years, and then engaged in merchandising at Elk Grove, later moving to Darlington; he died in 1892, leaving a wife and two sons, now living in Denver, Colo. E. M. is our subject.

Our subject received his early education in the district schools of Elk Grove, and later entered the high school of Darlington. He engaged in farming until his marriage, in 1878, to Miss Hattie A. Jones, the daughter of J. W. and Catherine Jones, one of the most prominent of the old pioneer families. Mrs. Curkeet was born May 6, 1855, and as she grew up was educated in the best schools of the county, also receiving a superior musical

education. After marriage our subject purchased the old homestead, and continued to occupy the frame house erected by his father until 1889, when the present elegant, modern home was built. Since that time many improvements have been made in the way of commodious barns and outbuildings of a substantial character. Our subject and wife own 267½ acres of fine, well cultivated land at their location, and their place is one of the most attractive in the township, all the surroundings telling of the culture and refinement of the inmates.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Curkeet: Lillian, born in Elk Grove Aug. 14, 1879, was educated in the Platteville Normal and at St. Clair Academy, of Wisconsin, and is a young lady of superior attainments and attractions; John E., born in 1881, is one of the advanced students in the Normal school; Orvil was born in 1891. Politically our subject is a Republican, is now a justice of the peace, and has been roadmaster and a member of the school board. For thirty-eight years Mrs. Curkeet has been a necessary adjunct to the choir in the M. E. Church, her duties as organist beginning when she was but nine years old. Her musical accomplishments assist in making pleasant the beautiful and hospitable home of our subject, and the whole family is one which the residents of Elk Grove delight to esteem.

EDWIN JOHNSON (deceased) was numbered among the prosperous retired farmer citizens of Platteville, Grant county, where he enjoyed the comforts of life removed from active business, though he took a deep interest in the welfare of the community.

Mr. Johnson was born in Avoca, County Wicklow, Ireland, Nov. 2, 1817, a son of Richard and Mary Johnson, who were born and spent their lives in the Emerald Isle. Of the ten children born to them, our subject is the only one who crossed the ocean, and was the last to pass away. Receiving an excellent education in his native land, Mr. Johnson followed a sea-faring life for a number of years, sailing between Liverpool, New York and New Orleans, after which he located in Baltimore. After a few years, at the time of the Black Hawk troubles, he migrated West, locating at Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wis., and engaged in mining lead and other ores. Later

Mr. Johnson settled at Belmont, having purchased a large tract of prairie and timber land, which he greatly improved, acquiring over 1,000 acres in and around Belmont, of which he was the founder. In 1887 Mr. Johnson purchased a pleasant home in Platteville, near the State College, where he resided until his death, Nov. 19, 1900.

In 1839 Mr. Johnson married Miss Elizabeth Johnson, of Ireland, and she bore him ten children, four now living: Elizabeth, the eldest living, now Mrs. Samuel Fitzsimmons, of Mineral Point, Wis.; Mary, wife of William Marsh, of Mineral Point; Abigail, wife of Dr. Cronin, of Lancaster, Wis.; and Sarah, Mrs. Samuel O'Neill, of Chicago; the remaining children died in childhood. In 1865 Mr. Johnson lost his wife, and in 1866 he married Emily Stephens, daughter of Michael Stephens, one of the old pioneers of Platteville. To the second marriage three children were born: Edwin A. is mentioned below; Eva, born in Grant county, was well educated in the public schools and the Normal at Platteville, and is now at home; Annie died at the age of seven. In September, 1896, Mr. Johnson was again bereaved, his wife passing away at their home in Platteville.

Politically Mr. Johnson was a member of the Democratic party, and while residing in Belmont held a number of State and town offices, becoming well known for his upright principles and faithful discharge of his duties. In religious matters he was a consistent member of the Catholic Church. He was instrumental in forwarding the commercial importance of Platteville, at one time dealing quite extensively in real estate, improving property, and enhancing its value. All of his children who attained maturity are a credit to him and the city from which they hail, and our subject was justly regarded as a man of sterling worth, upright integrity, and pleasing personality. He numbered his friends by legions.

EDWIN A. JOHNSON was born May 14, 1870, was educated in the public schools and at the Chicago Veterinary College, receiving the degree of M. D. C. in 1896. He is now engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery. In April, 1898, he married Miss Grace Johnson, of Montfort, daughter of John Johnson, one of the pioneers of southern Wisconsin, and they have one daughter, Emily, born Dec. 9, 1900.



*Edwin Johnson*





JAMES ROBISON, a worthy representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of Grant county, was too young to enter the service at the inauguration of the Civil war, but in January, 1864, he enlisted, at Platteville, in Company E, 25th Wis. V. I., for a period of three years or during the war, being mustered into the United States service at Madison. He entered the army just in time to take part with his regiment in Gen. Sherman's Atlanta campaign, participating in its famous battles, beginning with the engagement at Resaca. He was in the celebrated march to the sea, and took part in the Carolina campaign and the grand review at Washington, D. C., at the close of the war. He continued in the army for some time after hostilities ceased, being mustered out at Louisville, Ky., July 16, 1865.

A native of Grant county, Mr. Robison was born in Platteville township in 1848, a son of William R. and Ann (Gregor) Robison. The father was born in Pennsylvania, and when a young man came to Grant county, Wis., where his marriage was celebrated. For many years he followed farming in Platteville township, where his death occurred in 1886. His widow now makes her home in Dubuque, Iowa. In their family were seven children, namely: Mary Jane, now Mrs. Heinney, of Harrison township, Grant county; James, who is next in the order of birth; Oliver Henry, a resident of Iowa; Agnes A., wife of Augustus Cooper, of Dubuque; Elizabeth, Mrs. Nye, a resident of Madison, Wis.; and Rhoda May, Mrs. Kane, and William R., both of Dubuque, Iowa.

James Robison grew to manhood in Harrison township, Grant county, and for a number of years was engaged in mining, spending part of this time in the mining districts of the far West. Returning to his native county, he located in Cassville township in 1892, and has since successfully engaged in farming. In the township of Hazel Green, Grant county, he was united in marriage with Miss Oaklief, daughter of Jacob and Rose Ann (Roselief) Oaklief. The father was a native of Germany, removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and later came to Grant county, Wis., being at present a resident of Waterloo township. Mr. and Mrs. Robison have the following children: Charles Henry, Carrie, Lottie May, Laura, Oscar J., Arthur and Ethel

D. Mr. Robison uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and gives his influence to all enterprises which he believes calculated to advance the interests of his town and county along any line.

MICHAEL McKENNA, deceased. The founder of one of the most respected families of Platteville, Grant county, was Francis McKenna, a native of Ireland, born in County Tyrone. He married Sarah O'Neil, and after some years came with his little family to America, in the hope of providing better for his children.

Remaining in Pittsburg, Penn., for a short time, Mr. McKenna followed the influx of settlers then drifting toward Wisconsin, and settled at Mineral Point, on a farm, some time later securing what became the old homestead near Moscow, Iowa Co., Wis., owning at one time 1,300 acres of land. Francis McKenna was an educated man, and became one of the leading citizens of Moscow, where he and his wife died, leaving a family of four children: Anna, born in Ireland, married a Mr. Cox, who resided at Moscow, but is now deceased; her daughter Ellen is the wife of a Mr. Matson, of Iona, Minn. Teresa, born in Ireland, married Samuel McWilliams, of Iowa county, and had nine children, Hugh (a well-known lawyer in the State of Oregon), Frank (of Ashland, Oregon), Mary (Mrs. Phelan, of Iowa), James, John (of Colorado), Sarah (of Colorado), Terissa, Michael and Jennie (all of Iowa). Eliza is deceased. Michael was the next in the family. John, born in Ireland, who resides with his family in Madison, Wis., is the only survivor of the family.

Michael McKenna was a boy of eight years when he accompanied his parents to America. Attending the district school, he received a fair education, and remained with his parents on the farm until his marriage, Jan. 1, 1872, to Miss Mary L. Eddy, daughter of William W. and Eliza (Morgan) Eddy, old and prominent pioneers of Lafayette county. William W. Eddy was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, married Miss Eliza Morgan, a native of Vermont, and after their marriage, which took place at Manchester, Ill., where they became acquainted, they settled first at Apple River, Ill., where they lived several years. Leaving there, they made a permanent home in Yellow

Stone, Lafayette Co., Wis., where they both died, the father in 1872, the mother in 1868. Six children were born to them, of whom Mrs. McKenna and her brother Horace, of Kenosha, are the only survivors; the latter has a family of six children. Mrs. McKenna was born in September, 1852, and was well educated, first in the district schools, later in the Sisters' Catholic School, at Mineral Point, and became one of the successful teachers in that town for a number of terms.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. McKenna settled down to agricultural life at the old homestead in Iowa county, known as "Riverside stock farm," which she and her family still own, remaining there until the death of Mr. McKenna, Sept. 9, 1892. In 1896 the remaining members at home moved into Platteville, where they have a pleasant home. The father showed his devotion to his children by his care in advancing their educational opportunities, and the home is one of intelligence and refinement. The following children were born to our subject and wife: Frank J., born in December, 1873, was educated at Sacred Heart College, Watertown, Wis., later taking a course at the State University, Madison, and is now the competent manager of the Conrad Houser ranch, in Dodge county, Wis.; the old homestead will soon be his permanent home. Hugh C., born in 1875, graduated in the class of 1898 at the Platteville Normal School, and then entered the Medical Department of the State University, at Madison, where he was graduated in June, 1900; he is at present a Sophomore in Rush Medical College, Chicago. Charles M., born in 1877, graduated from the Platteville State Normal School in the class of 1900, and is the principal of the eighth grade in the high school of Darlington. Mamie, born in 1879, graduated at the Platteville Normal School in June, 1900, is a teacher at Red Wood Falls, Minn. Alice, born in 1882, graduated from the Platteville Normal School in June, 1900. John F., born in 1884, is a student of the Normal School. Alberta was born in 1887, and Joseph M. in 1891.

Politically Mr. McKenna was a lifelong Democrat, and an active and influential politician, was a delegate to the State conventions, and held all of the minor local offices in the gift of the party. Mr. McKenna reared his family in the Roman Catholic faith, as he had been reared, and through life was a devout ad-

herent of same, giving liberally of his means to its support, and as nearly as possible following its teachings. His family grew up to do him credit, and in all the locality surrounding the old home where he was known so well none speak of him except in terms of the highest praise. Mrs. McKenna is still spared to her family, and takes pride in the education and advancement of her children, and in the honorable positions which they occupy in the community.

JOSEPH L. BEAR has devoted the better part of his life to the cultivation of the soil, and may be fairly selected as a representative member of the farming community of Rock county. At the present time he is a resident of the city of Janesville, and takes pride in the fact that he belongs to the State of Wisconsin, both by birth and choice. He has filled various public positions of trust and honor, and in them he has displayed integrity and public spirit.

Mr. Bear was born in Rock county, Wis., March 20, 1847, and is a son of James and Sarah (Lawrence) Bear, both born and reared in Pennsylvania, who were the parents of four sons and three daughters. Four of their children are now living: Hanna is the wife of James Slawson, of Rock Creek, Iowa; Louise is the wife of E. R. Jones, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Joseph L. and Sarah J., the wife of B. L. Gage, live in Janesville. James Bear, who was a farmer, came to Wisconsin in 1845, locating on a farm of seventy-five acres in Janesville township, near the city. To this he afterward added fifty acres, and there he lived and reared his family. His wife died in 1891, at the age of sixty-eight, and with her husband belonged to the United Brethren. He was born in 1817, and died Feb. 1, 1900, of heart failure, at the age of eighty-two years, two months and seven days. Mr. Bear was supervisor of the township several times, and was also treasurer of the school board. He was a Republican, and a man of strong convictions. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent, and died in that State in middle life, leaving a large family. Joseph Lawrence, the father of Sarah Lawrence, was born in Pennsylvania, and came of English stock. He was a farmer, and came into Wisconsin in 1846, locating in Janesville township, not far from the city, and died in 1881,

when eighty-one years old. He had three children.

Joseph L. Bear was reared on his father's farm in the township of Janesville, attended the district school, and began a course of study at Milton Academy, where he was doing very well. But he could not continue in school with the whole country aflame, and he went to the war when only fourteen years old. This was in 1862, and notwithstanding his extreme youth he completed a three years' term of service; he did not return home until the last ember of the Rebellion was extinguished. He entered the service a private, and was a corporal at the time of his discharge, Sept. 4, 1865. He was a member of Company G, 8th Wis. V. I., and took part in the battles of Iuka, Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg, Banks' expedition up the Red river, Nashville, Mobile, and many skirmishes, and throughout sustained himself with the spirit of a veteran. In May, 1866, our subject enlisted in the regular army, was attached to Company A, 3d United States Infantry, and completed a second term of three years. In the regular service he was quartermaster-sergeant, and had he elected to continue had prospects of a flattering nature before him.

Mr. Bear left the army when his second term of enlistment was completed, and coming back to the homestead farm entered upon its cultivation and management. He remained upon the place until 1892, when he bought it, and it is still in his possession. That year he was elected sheriff of Rock county, in which incumbency he served two years with credit. He moved to the city, made his home at No. 204 South Main street, and there he has since remained. He has had faith in the future of Janesville, and has made liberal investments in residence property in various parts of the city, most of which he still holds. Mr. Bear and Miss Mary E. Taylor, a daughter of Robert T. and Priscilla M. (Nelson) Taylor, were married Nov. 11, 1873, and they have had three children, Robert J., Maud P., and John. Robert J. is clerk in a grocery store. Maud P. married Herbert A. Griffy. John was seventeen years of age when he died. Mr. Bear is a member of W. H. Sargent Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and also holds membership in the Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican; was supervisor of Janesville township for seven years; was also school director

and township constable; was treasurer of the township of Janesville four years; for the last three years he has been supervisor of the Third ward in Janesville; and is at present (1901) serving as chairman of the county board of supervisors.

JOHN BUXTON, one of the prosperous merchants of Lead Mine, New Diggings township, Lafayette county, was born in Yorkshire, England, April 15, 1849.

Joseph Buxton, his father, was born in Yorkshire in January, 1822, and his wife, Elizabeth Harker, in May, 1824. They were married in England, and in 1862 came to America, settling in Wisconsin. Joseph Buxton engaged in farming and mining in New Diggings township, devoting himself almost exclusively to the former occupation during the latter years of his life. He and his wife were earnest followers of John Wesley, and liberal supporters of the Methodist Church in their new home. In politics Mr. Buxton was a Republican, continuing firm in the principles of that party until his death, in 1888. His wife passed away in 1866. In their family were nine children: (1) John is the eldest. (2) Elizabeth, born in 1851, married Albert Merritt, and now lives in Globe, Ariz. They have two children, Robert and Lucy. (3) William, born in England in 1853, engaged in mercantile business with his brother John until his death, in 1884. He was postmaster of the village for a number of years. (4) Thomas, born in 1855, is now a farmer in Lead Mine. He married Mary Alderson, of New Diggings, and has five children, Annie, Luella, Nellie, Ollie, and Edward E. (5) Joseph, born in 1857, moved from Wisconsin to Silver Plume, Colo., where he is engaged in gold mining. He married Vinnie Vivian, and his children are named William Marcus, Delores Vivian, James Morton, Etienne Vance, Viola May, Fennimore Wendell, Vesta Mary and Joseph Menton. (6) James, born in 1860, is engaged in mercantile business in Hazel Green, Wis. He married Hattie Hunt, of Dubuque, Iowa, and has two children, Clifford and Vanese. (7) George, born in 1861, is a city drayman in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He married Adaline Buxton, of Lafayette county, and has ten children, Orville Ray, Walter Lewis, John Lester, Lorena Essie, Pearl Odessa, Myrtle Ana, Forrest Herrald, Hazel Almeda, Lilah May, and George Otis. (8)

Mark E., born in New Diggings in 1863, married Rachel Pedelty, who has borne him three children, and they make their home on the old Pedelty homestead. (9) Matthew M., born in New Diggings in 1865, is a railroad employe, residing at Leadville, Colo., where he married.

John Buxton received a fair education in the schools of England, and after the removal of the family to Wisconsin studied for one or two winters in the Lead Mine schools. When he started out in life for himself he first engaged in mining, continuing in same until the spring of 1880. That year, in connection with his brother William, he purchased Mr. Harker's general store in Lead Mine, and has met with great success in his mercantile venture. He has held the office of assistant postmaster for many years. He has become quite well-to-do, and now has one of the largest stores in his section of the State, his honorable dealings and pleasant manners having won new customers, and kept the old ones.

In 1884 Mr. Buxton was married, to Miss Hannah Pedelty, daughter of James and Sarah Pedelty, of Grant county. She died at her home in Lead Mine in 1885. In 1888 Mr. Buxton wedded Miss Lizzie Ingram, who was born in Lafayette county, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Ingram. Mr. and Mrs. Buxton are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he has given most liberally. In his political faith he is inclined toward the principles of the Republican party.

**HON. REUBEN B. SHOWALTER**, president of the Meyer Showalter State Banking Institution, an ex-Union soldier, and one of the most substantial and influential residents of Lancaster, Grant county, was born in Pennsylvania June 3, 1842, and represents a prominent family that has been identified with the history of Grant county for half a century.

Reuben K. Showalter, father of Reuben B., was also a native of the Keystone State, where he passed all his life, dying when his son Reuben B. was a child. Mrs. Rachel Showalter, the mother of Reuben B., came with her six children—four sons and two daughters—from Pennsylvania to Grant county, Wis., and located in Lancaster township. She passed away at Beetown June 28, 1868. The sons for several years were employed in mining.

Of these, Robert died prior to the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion; the other three all served in the Union army, and John, who was lieutenant of Company C, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry, contracted disease while in the service, from the effects of which he died in 1865, soon after the war had closed. The elder of the two sisters, Sarah, was married to Charles Brownfield, and died many years ago. The younger sister, who was the youngest but one of the family, became the wife of James Hughes, of Glen Haven, Grant county.

Reuben B. Showalter grew to manhood in the mining districts of Grant county, and was educated in the common schools. At the outbreak of the Civil war, in 1861, he was desirous of becoming a soldier at once, and enlisted in the fall of that year. But owing to unpropitious conditions outside of his control he did not enter the service until 1864, when he became a member of Company C, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry, and with his regiment took an active and gallant part in many important raids and expeditions in the Southwest, including Grierson's raid, the operations in Mississippi in the neighborhood of Vicksburg, including the second battle of Champion's Hill, and several other sanguinary engagements.

After the Rebellion had been stamped out Mr. Showalter returned to his home, and for several years was again employed in mining. In politics a Republican, he was elected superintendent of the Poor Farm and Insane Asylum, and officiated in that capacity fifteen years. He later represented his district in the State Legislature, serving in the sessions of 1886-87-88-89; was elected chairman of the board of supervisors of Grant county in 1891-92-93-94-95-96-97-98; and has served the city as alderman and mayor. In 1888 he became connected with the banking interests of Lancaster, and has been president of the Meyer Showalter Banking Institution, ever since it was incorporated as a State bank, July 1, 1892.

Mr. Showalter married Miss Martha J. Arthur, a prominent Relief Corps woman, she having held department offices for a number of years. Mrs. Showalter was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, daughter of the Rev. Evan Arthur, a sketch of whose life may be found elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Showalter have had three children, the first of whom died in infancy; Virgil L. is employed in the bank with his father; Estelle is the wife of William B. Carter, of



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Seattle, Wash., who is engaged in the Puget Sound National Bank.

Mr. Showalter is a Blue Lodge and Chapter Mason, and was master of his lodge seven years; is also prominent in Grand Army circles, a past commander of his post, and at present Department Inspector of G. A. R. posts of the Department of Wisconsin. Socially he and family stand at the front, and their prominence in this respect, and their individual traits of character, which are of an exalted standard, naturally command general esteem.

THOMAS COOMBE, a thoroughly honorable and upright man, who is a stock and grain farmer of the town of Hazel Green, Grant county, was born in Lafayette county, Wis., July 30, 1844.

William and Elizabeth (Rodda) Coombe, his parents, were natives of Cornwall, England, the father born in 1803, and the mother in 1813. Mr. and Mrs. Coombe were married in England, and became the parents of three children before they came to this country, in 1841. The voyage across the ocean was made in a sailing-vessel; from New York to Pittsburg the greater part of the journey was made in a canal-boat; from Pittsburg they floated down the Ohio; came up the Mississippi to Galena, Ill.; and from there to Lafayette county, Wis., where he was to have work in the lead mines. In 1851 Mr. Coombe purchased eighty acres of land in the town of Hazel Green, two miles west of the village, where he made a home for his family in the wilderness. In those days the Indians were still numerous in the Western States, and gave the adventurous pioneer settlers no little trouble, and danger as well. In 1851 Mr. Coombe went to the gold fields of California, by the Isthmus route, and remained in the land of gold for three years or more. Returning to Wisconsin in 1854, he took up the work of a farmer, and followed it until his death in 1863, leaving a wife and eight children. Two of his sons were in California at that time. Mr. Coombe was an active worker in the Methodist Church, and in politics he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. Mrs. Coombe lived on the family home until her death, in 1896.

(1) William, the eldest son, was born in England, and educated in Wisconsin. When a young man he went to California, and was killed in the gold mines. A widow and two

children, who still live in California, survive him. (2) John, born in England, went to California when a young man, and worked some time in the mines. Turning to the work of a surveyor, he found a calling badly needed at that time, and, qualifying himself, was elected surveyor of the county in which he lived, and became very prominent. He married a Miss Waters, and spent the rest of his life in California, dying in 1892; he left a widow, but no children. (3) Elizabeth, born in England, is now the widow of John S. Williams, of Hazel Green. (4) Blanche, born in Lafayette county in 1842, married William Redd, and lives in Dubuque, Iowa. To their union were born eight children, Mamie, Emma, Charles, Allie, Bertha, John, Stella, and Lucile. (5) Thomas is our subject. (6) Emma, born in Lafayette county in 1849, is the wife of Thomas Pierce, of Georgetown, Grant county. (7) Jane, born in 1851, always remained with her parents until they passed away, and has since lived with her brother Thomas.

Thomas Coombe obtained his early education in the district schools of Lafayette and Grant counties, and grew up on the farm, which came under his management when he was only nineteen years of age, his father dying at that time. He has always remained at the old home, and has had charge of its cultivation to the present time. In 1869 he bought sixty acres of land adjoining, which he has added to the old homestead, making it one of the choice farms in the region.

Mr. Coombe has always been a Republican, and in religion he supports the Methodist Church. The Coombe family is one of the oldest and most highly respected pioneer families in this part of the State. All its members are known for their kindly disposition, and their Christian acts toward their fellow men.

JOHN EPLETT, a retired official now living in Platteville, Grant county, has had a varied and eventful history. He has passed through many interesting and suggestive experiences, and has kept his hands clean, and his character unstained.

Mr. Eplett was born June 1, 1825, in London, England, son of John and Sarah (Mance) Eplett, who were born and married in England. In 1851 they emigrated to this country, and settled at Mineral Point, Wis., living in that town until 1854, Mr. Eplett following his trade



of millwright. In the year mentioned the family moved to Jo Daviess county, Ill., and spent the next two years on a farm, which he then sold, moving to Smelser, near Cuba, Wis., where he spent some time. Reports of the opportunities of getting on in the world that were to be had in southwestern Wisconsin reached the ears of the elder Eplett, and he moved his family to Georgetown, Grant county, where he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, he dying Aug. 16, 1871, and his wife in 1890. They had a family of six children: Mary A., born in England in 1820, grew to womanhood in that country, and married William Jennings, and has two children; they still reside in her native land. Elizabeth, born in England in 1822, married John Burnette, and is now deceased; they had one son, John, now living in Iowa. John is our subject. Sarah, born in 1828, married Henry Craze, who died in California, leaving one son, Charles, who died a few years later; the widow afterward married Herman De Graff, of New York, and they are now living in Illinois; they have two children, Ella and Lawrence, the former the wife of John W. Oliver, of Apple River. Jane, born in 1831, grew up in England, came with her parents to Wisconsin, and married James Minor, of Cornwall, England, who settled near Galena and remained in Illinois for some years, thence moving to Colorado, where he held the position of foreman in the mines of one of the large silver companies of that State; they have five children, Annie, John, Sarah, Thomas and Herman. Catherine, born in England, married Edwin W. Crockett in 1851; they were in California for a time after their marriage, and then made their home at Alden, Iowa, where they both died, leaving five children—Edwin, deceased; Emily, wife of a Mr. Poppy; John, county clerk at Eldora, Iowa; Annie, wife of Joseph Byers, of Alden; and Frank, of Eldora.

John Eplett was educated substantially in the schools of his native country. When a young man he learned the trade of millwright under the instruction of his father, and worked at his trade some years before coming to the United States. In 1850 the young millwright came to Wisconsin, and settled at Mineral Point, where he found employment at his chosen craft for some years. In 1851 Mr. Eplett married Miss Joanna Vivian, daughter of Francis and Anna Vivian, her parents dying

in England, where she was born. Mr. Eplett and his young wife settled in Grant county, where he maintained himself with credit by working at his trade until 1892. That year he was elected county clerk and moved to Lancaster, living in that city nine years, throughout which time he held the important position mentioned. Before being elected county clerk he held the position of town clerk nine years, was also justice of the peace, and for two years Mr. Eplett served the house at Madison as enrolling clerk, filling that office with satisfaction to all and credit to himself. He is thoroughly versed in public affairs, and has proved himself a capable and trustworthy man. In 1897 Mr. Eplett purchased real estate, an addition to his homestead, where he erected a fine house, finished in hard wood, and equipped with all the modern conveniences. Mrs. Eplett died in 1885, leaving three children. Elizabeth, born at Mineral Point in 1852, was educated in the schools of the neighborhood, and is a lady of culture; since the death of her mother she has had charge of the home. Sarah, born in Smelser, Aug. 13, 1857, became the wife of C. B. Gray, a merchant of Galena, Ill., and died in October, 1893, leaving three children, John R., Curtis and Harrison; these boys have been reared in the home of their grandfather, in Platteville, by their aunt Elizabeth, who has given them the care and attention of a mother. Mary, born in Smelser, is now the wife of Thomas Dent, a farmer of Smelser; they have three sons, Floyd, Raymond and Donald. Mr. Eplett has always been identified with the Republican party, and cast his first vote for John C. Fremont. He is a member of the Methodist Church, as was also his wife, and fraternally belongs to the Masonic order. He is a man of character and standing in his own community.

SAMUEL B. LOOMIS, of Brodhead, Green county, has been a farmer and a painter during his more active life, and is now living in the enjoyment of a competence acquired by industry and thrift through long and useful years.

Mr. Loomis was born at Bennington, Vt., Oct. 18, 1826, and is a son of Jesse and Sarah (Blackmer) Loomis, both natives of that place. Jesse Loomis was born July 11, 1794, and died Oct. 21, 1849. His wife was born March 12, 1799, and died in 1865. They had three chil-

dren, two of whom are now living. Samuel B. and Frances H., the latter the widow of Henry Johnson, of Chicago. The father was a stage proprietor when a young man, and ran all the stages out of Bennington. In later life he was a hotel keeper at North Bennington. His father also bore the name of Jesse Loomis. He was a native of England, and came to this country about 1777, and served in the Revolutionary army, being with Gen. Washington at Valley Forge. He drew a pension for his services in that great struggle, which came to his widow after his death at Bennington, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was a farmer, and had a family of nine children. The father of Mrs. Sarah B. Loomis was a native of Vermont, and a farmer; he was twice married, and was the father of eleven children.

Samuel B. Loomis was reared in a hotel at Bennington, Vt., until he was about eighteen years old. He then learned the painter's trade, which was his calling for fifty-five years. He attended the school at Bennington, and at Hoosick Falls, N. Y. When he was married he took his wife to Troy, N. Y., where he lived a year or more, and then came to Wisconsin. He located at Janesville, where he spent a year, and then bought a farm. This he tilled one year, and then sold it for double the money it cost, and returned to Janesville, where he lived five years. He spent some time in the town of Spring Valley on a farm, and then came to Brodhead, and this city has been his home for many years.

Mr. Loomis and Miss S. Lorinda Burdick were married Aug. 28, 1848. She was the daughter of Joseph T. and Eunice (Scriven) Burdick, and became the mother of nine children, Frances H., Lilly H., Norman B., Willie H., Emma Josephine, George A., Mae B., James Spencer and Sara E. Frances H. married James T. Smith, and lives at Tacoma, Wash., and has two daughters, Maud and Norma. Lilly H. married James H. Horne, now deceased; they had six children, Jessie B. (who married Orrin Brewer, and has two children, Rodney and "Bud"), Alice M. (who married William T. Green, and has one son, Orvill), Robert W., Grace E., Tina M., and Harry; Mrs. Horne lives in Brodhead. Norman B. died when twenty-nine years old; he had married Miss Sarah L. Spencer, and was the father of one daughter, Bessie M. Willie H. married Miss Florence Weller, and

lives in South Dakota, where he is engaged in farming; they are the parents of four children, Albert Spencer, George, Samuel R., and Lora Mae. Emma Josephine, who died in 1871, at the age of eleven years and six months. George A., a graduate of the Brodhead high school, class of 1880, died in October, 1885, aged twenty-three years and eight months. Mae B., a graduate of the same school, class of 1884, is a teacher in the high school at Brodhead. James Spencer, a stationary engineer in a large elevator at Tacoma, Wash., married Miss Mamie Lauby, and has two sons, Harry Burdick and Jess. Sara E., who was graduated from the Brodhead high school in 1887, and from the Whitewater State Normal in 1899, is a teacher in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Loomis belongs to the Bicknell Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife owns a farm of twenty acres in the corporate limits of Brodhead. Her parents, Joseph T. Burdick and Eunice Scriven Burdick, were natives of Rensselaer county, N. Y., where they spent their entire lives. He died in 1848, at the age of forty-seven. His widow survived him many years, and died in 1884, at a very great age. Ten children were born to them. They were both devout members of the Methodist Church, and he was a farmer and a blacksmith. His father also bore the name of Joseph Burdick, and was a native of New York, but died in Janesville, Wis. He married Elizabeth Scriven. Mrs. Loomis' maternal grandparents were John Scriven and his wife, Eunice Chandler, the former of whom attained a very great age.

Mr. Loomis had a brother, Norman B., who was an auditor in the Illinois Central railroad service at Chicago for some twenty-five years, and died in 1898, at the age of sixty-nine.

LEWIS F. BENNETT, M. D., is one of the younger physicians of Beloit, Rock county, and has rapidly made his way into the forefront of his profession in this part of the State. He has acquired a wide knowledge of the theory of medicine, and is very skillful in his application of its great and fundamental principles to the treatment of disease. He seeks to cure, and in the last dozen years has won an enviable reputation in his chosen calling.

Dr. Bennett was born in the town of Lima, Rock Co., Wis., Nov. 10, 1860, and is a son of George and Susan F. (Osmond) Bennett, both

natives of New York. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are now living: Dr. Lewis F.; Dr. O. G., deceased, who was a popular dentist in Janesville; Chester C., a shoe dealer at Janesville; James B., a farmer in the town of Lima; and one who died in infancy. The father was a farmer, and came from New York to Wisconsin about 1850, locating on a farm near Lima, where he and his wife still reside. In religious faith they are Baptists, and are recognized by their neighbors as genuine Christians. He is a Republican. His father, Nathaniel Bennett, was born in New York, where he followed farming all his days. He died in middle life, leaving five children. His father was a soldier in the Revolution. The family is descended from English ancestry. Caleb Osmond, the father of Mrs. Susan F. Bennett, mentioned above, was born in England, and coming to this country in 1829, settled in the western part of New York. He soon moved still farther West, and found a home in what was then almost on the frontier line, the vicinity of Mansfield, Ohio, finally removing to Wisconsin, where he effected a settlement near Milton Junction about 1855, and engaged in farming until his death, about 1880, when he was ninety years old. He was the father of six children. Politically he was a Republican.

Dr. Lewis F. Bennett spent the first seventeen years of his life on the farm. He began his education in the neighboring district school and Milton (Wis.) College, graduating from that old and noted institution in 1883. The next fall he matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and was graduated in 1886, with honors. He opened an office at Lyons, Wis., and there engaged in the practice of his profession until 1889, in which year he moved to Beloit; he has since been identified with the medical history of that city, his office being in the Manchester block. He is a member of the staff of the H. P. Strong Hospital.

Dr. Bennett and Miss Rebecca Alice Stockman were married May 6, 1886, and to this union two children have been born, George and Howard. Their home is at No. 803 Bluff street, where the Doctor has erected one of the finest residences in Beloit. Mrs. Bennett is a Presbyterian, and the Doctor attends church with her. He belongs to the American Medical Association, to the State Medical Association, and to the Wisconsin Central Medical

Association; fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and is highly esteemed in that order. He is a Republican in political sentiment. Mrs. Bennett's father, John Stockman, is Scotch-Irish, and came from the North of Ireland. Her mother, Elizabeth (Nicholson) Stockman, was born in England. Gen. White, the prominent officer in the English army operating in South Africa, is Mrs. Bennett's father's cousin.

PETER LA BORDE, for many years an honored citizen of Juda, Green county, where his death occurred April 7, 1901, was a son of David and Catherine (Arnold) La Borde, natives of Union county, Penn. The La Borde family is of French origin, and David La Borde was born in 1793, followed cabinet making as a trade, and died in Stephenson county, Ill., in 1876. His wife, Catherine (Arnold), whom he wedded in 1817, was born in 1800, and died in 1881. They became the parents of the following children: Philip, born in 1819, is now living in Nebraska; Peter; John, born in 1822, resides in Stephenson county, Ill.; Elizabeth, born in 1824, was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun; Catherine, born in 1826, married Henry Long, now deceased; Abraham, born in 1828, resides in Nebraska; David, born in 1830, is dead; William, dead; Samuel, born in 1832, deceased; Eli, born in 1834, also deceased; Eliza, born in 1836, married Elias Shaffer, of Nebraska; Joseph, born in 1838, lives in Stephenson county, Ill.; and George, born in 1840, died twenty years later.

Peter La Borde was born Sept. 10, 1820, and Aug. 24, 1848, was married to Miss Phoebe E. Nofsker, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Miles) Nofsker. Mrs. La Borde became the mother of the following children: Aaron Lane, born Sept. 12, 1849, died in childhood; Hannah, born Oct. 8, 1850, married James W. Roderick, an extensive farmer of the town of Jefferson, whose biography appears elsewhere; Lydia, born Oct. 13, 1852, is a noble Christian woman, a member of the Juda Baptist Church, in which she is a teacher in the Sunday school; and Clara, born Sept. 21, 1856, married James Newiman, a business man of Cheyenne, Wyo. Mrs. La Borde was born July 15, 1825, and died Oct. 13, 1896. She was an active worker in the Baptist Church. Mr. La Borde began life as a poor boy, and made his own way in the world. He located

in Stephenson county, Ill., in 1857, and came to Juda, Green Co., Wis., in 1858, and followed carpentering and undertaking for nearly forty years. From 1890 he lived a retired life. Mr. La Borde was the owner of a choice farm of 140 acres, three lots and a nice dwelling in Juda. He first visited Wisconsin at the age of nineteen years, was always fond of travel, and had visited every State from New Jersey to Wyoming. A Democrat in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church, he was a man of character and standing in the community. Reared on the farm in the early days, he had little or no schooling, but became one of the honest, upright and prosperous men of Green county, with clear views and intelligent ideas regarding questions of the day. A kind-hearted and generous spirit, he made many friends, and left as part of his legacy to his children and grandchildren the record of an honorable and useful life.

SAMUEL MULLEN is a prominent farmer of Shullsburg, Lafayette county, and has attained a high place in the financial circles of his native town. He was born Aug. 31, 1853, one of the large family of children of John and Catherine (Nechery) Mullen, who were of Irish birth. He is industrious and enterprising, and is looked upon as one of the public-spirited and progressive farmers of the county.

John Mullen was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1809, and his wife, Catherine Nechery, was born in the same county in 1814. They were married before leaving the Emerald Isle, and after a voyage of seven weeks in a sailing vessel landed in New York. They remained in York State some two years, and in 1846 located in New Diggings township, Lafayette Co., Wis., where Mr. Mullen found employment at smelting ore. In 1852 they purchased, with their savings, forty acres of land, where their son Samuel now lives. Upon this they erected a house, good barns and other buildings, making a most comfortable dwelling place. As the years passed Mr. Mullen invested in other real estate in that and in Gratiot townships, until he became the owner of a large amount of land, acquired wholly by his own industry and economy. After his first purchase he made farming his steady occupation. He died in 1886, and his faithful and devoted wife, who had shared with him all

the trials and hardships of their early life, passed away at their home in 1893. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Mullen was formerly a Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party affiliated with that organization. He was the father of the following children: (1) John, of Gratiot township, Lafayette county, born in Ireland in 1838, married Miss Eliza Glass, of Shullsburg, and has six children—Katie, wife of Samuel Farrow, of Darlington, now in England with her husband on a visit; Elizabeth J., wife of Samuel Urin, of Lamont, Wis.; James, of Gratiot; John and Robert, of Gratiot; and Matilda, wife of George Boning, of Darlington. (2) James, of Monticello township, married (first) Miss Carrie Quinch, of Shullsburg, who died, leaving two daughters, Cora and Carrie. He married (second) Miss Hannah Dickinson, and of this union there are nine children, Louisa, Ida, Josephine, Harvey, George, Charles, Irene, Edna and Isabel. (3) Thomas, a farmer of Shullsburg, married Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson, and has ten children, John, Nellie, James H., Wilbur, Joseph, Edgar, Clyde, Katie, Harrison and Matilda. (4) William, born in New York, enlisted during the Civil war in the 33d Wis. V. I., and was engaged in many battles and skirmishes. After the war he married Miss Sarah Vivous, and now lives retired in Darlington. They have seven children, Nettie, Uritt, Annie, Minnie, Bert, Frank and Ernest. (5) Mary, born in New Diggings, remains on the old homestead with her brother Samuel. (6) Robert, born in New Diggings, now a farmer on land adjoining his father's old farm, married Miss Ella Cook, of New Diggings, and has five children, Jennie, Luella, Wesley, Ethel and Idelle. (7) Matilda, twin of Robert, married James Carr, of Scales Mound, Ill., and has seven children, Matilda, James, Henry, Harvey, Wilbur, Edgar and Brown. (8) Jennie, born in 1855, married Edgar Allison, of Alford, Iowa. (9) Bessie is the wife of Charles Pearson, of Newell, Iowa, and is the mother of twelve children. (10) Samuel is our subject.

Samuel Mullen grew to manhood on the home farm, and early acquired all the necessary training to farm duties. An education of this sort in his youth is essential to the thorough, up-to-date farmer, and such Mr. Mullen certainly has proven himself. He is enterprising,

and with his energy is calculated to develop any latent resources in the soil he undertakes to cultivate. For fourteen years he farmed in Gratiot township, and then moved back to his father's old home, where he still resides.

On Dec. 9, 1873, Mr. Mullen was united in marriage with Miss Annie Rock, daughter of Abner S. and Fannie (Field) Rock. She was born in October, 1855, and grew to womanhood on her father's farm. Two children have come of this union: Eva, born in Gratiot in 1874, married Henry Gille, of New Diggings, now engaged in business in Shullsburg; and Abner, born May 18, 1877, a farmer in Monticello township, married Miss Nellie Moses, and has one daughter, Delva. Politically Mr. Mullen coincides with the views of the Republican party, and invariably casts his ballot in its support. The Congregational Church has found in him a warm supporter, and Mrs. Mullen has for many years been actively engaged in church work.

FREDERICK C. DUNN is senior member of one of the most prosperous mercantile firms of Milton, Rock county, a thriving business largely the creation of its present owners. Mr. Dunn has amply attested his ability and standard as a business man, his clean-cut methods and sterling integrity winning for him the lifelong respect and friendship of many friends.

Our subject was born in New Market, Middlesex Co., N. J., June 16, 1850, son of Martin and Margaret (Ayers) Dunn, both natives of New Jersey. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Dunn, was also a native of New Jersey, where he lived, a prosperous farmer, to the age of seventy-two years, and died leaving two sons. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Joshua Ayers, was for many years a resident of New York, near Lake George, also in Schenectady county, and at Boyleston. Martin Dunn, the father of Frederick C., was a lifelong farmer in his native State. He died in May, 1884, and his wife survived him three years, passing away at the age of sixty-seven years. Both were devout members of the Seventh-Day Baptist Church, and in the community in which he lived Martin Dunn was a man of prominence, holding various local offices, and possessing the good-will and esteem of his friends and neighbors. Of his four children, two survive: Ellis J., of New Market, N. J.; and Frederick C., our subject.

Frederick C. Dunn was reared on the New Jersey homestead, and received a good common-school education. He left the farm at the age of eighteen, in 1868, to engage in carpenter work. Four years later he came to Milton, Wis., and for two years was a student at Milton College. Returning to New Jersey, he taught school during portions of three years, then, in partnership with his brother, Ellis J., he went into the general merchandise business at New Market, continuing thus until 1881. In that year they sold out, and Frederick C. returned to Milton, Wis. For six years he worked for his father-in-law, Robert Williams, in 1887 opening a clothing store in the adjoining store room. In 1891 Mr. Dunn erected his present store building, and three years later admitted to partnership George R. Boss. They purchased the interest of Mr. Williams, and have since then most successfully conducted a general store under the firm name of Dunn, Boss & Co.

Mr. Dunn married, June 5, 1879, Miss Flora E. Williams, daughter of Robert and Martha (Dodge) Williams, and seven children have been born to them: Clarence W., Mabel, Eleanor M., Charles Ellis, Margaret, Gladys, and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and their older children are members of the Seventh-Day Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Dunn is a Republican.

DAVID C. SHOCKLEY, whose residence and farm are on Section 25, of the town of Lamont, Lafayette county, was a soldier in the war for the Union, and his long and honorable career in this community has given him more than a local standing as a thoroughly honorable and upright man.

Mr. Shockley is a native of the Buckeye State, and was born in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1839, and was a son of John and Eliza Jane (Carpenter) Shockley. The father was a native of Maryland and the mother of Kentucky. When the subject of this biography was a boy of some nine years the family moved to the West, and for about a year made their home in northern Illinois, and then effected a permanent settlement in the town of Fayette, Lafayette Co., Wis. Mr. Shockley was a mason by trade, and followed that occupation for many years, always keeping his home, however, in the town of Fayette. He died about 1883, and his widow a year later. David C.

was one of a family of nine children, of whom three sons and three daughters are living at the present time (1901).

David C. Shockley was reared to farming pursuits. In 1860, when the excitement was greatest concerning the discovery of gold in Colorado, he went to Pike's Peak, and was absent in the mountains some two years. In February, 1865, he enlisted as a member of the 50th Wis. V. I., and was honorably discharged with his regiment when the service of soldiers was no longer needed. He was the only one of his immediate family to enter the Union army during that time.

In March, 1865, after he had enlisted, and before he was sent to the front, Mr. Shockley was married to his present wife, Mary Curry, who was a daughter of William M. and Sarah Curry, prominent farming people of Lafayette county, whose biography may be found elsewhere. Mrs. Shockley was born in Ohio in 1846, and is the mother of three sons and two daughters: Minnie Belle, a teacher; Hattie Luella, wife of Doctor Archibald Cuolahian, of Merrill, Wis.; Harlow O., a physician, who graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1896, and from Rush Medical College in 1899, and is now interne at the Presbyterian Hospital, in Chicago; Henry Irving, now engaged in business at Lamont and at Fayette; and Dale Curry, a student in the State University at Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Shockley have had their home in their present habitation since his return from the war about thirty-five years ago. He is a member of Harvey Post, G. A. R., at Darlington, where his genial and fraternal qualities, together with his genuine manhood and upright character have made him many friends.

Mr. Shockley has always taken an active part in all the progressive movements in his town and county, and was one of the first to advocate the organization of the township, of which he became the first chairman. He, too, was a prime mover in the establishment of the thriving country store in Lamont, of which his son is now a partner.

ANDREW JACKSON TRICKEL, for many years one of the representative citizens of Clarno township, Green county, was born Sept. 10, 1825, at Butler's Point, Vermilion Co., Ill. Robert Trickel, his father, a native of Hampshire county, West Virginia, came to

Illinois in the early settlement of the State, having first migrated to Ohio, then to Indiana, and later to Illinois. He was a farmer by occupation, and became a factor in the frontier life of all those States. His death took place in Wisconsin, at the advanced age of nearly eighty-two years. He married Mary C. Bensyl, who died at the age of eighty-two. The children born of their marriage were: Polly, who married Riley Curry; Ashford; William; John; Andrew Jackson, our subject; Jesse; Joshua, a resident of the State of Washington; Robert, who resides in Colorado; and Edward, who lives in Browntown, Wisconsin.

Andrew Jackson Trickel is a self-made man, his early educational advantages having been confined to one month's schooling. Reared on a farm, he settled in Green county in 1850, and soon became thoroughly identified with farming interests, and by his own industry has accumulated the competency he now enjoys. He was considered one of the most substantial agriculturists of his locality, owning some 700 acres of fine land, located in both Clarno and Cadiz townships. Much of this land was wild when it came into his possession, and the Indians still roamed through it. Since April, 1901, Mr. Trickel has resided in the city of Monroe.

Mr. Trickel was married, in 1848, to Elizabeth Crothers, a native of Ten Mile Grove, Ill., who was a daughter of John Crothers. Two children were born of this union: John C., deceased; and Mary C., who married Elias Frame, of California. Mrs. Elizabeth Trickel lived but a few years, and in 1857 our subject married Mrs. Charlotte (Morton) Huffman, the children of this union being: Sarah Ellen, Jesse, Charles, William Andrew, Laura E., Martha, Matilda, Louis, Charlotte, Clara, Olive, Joseph, Albert, and Everett. Sarah E., Charlotte and Everett are deceased. The two children of Mrs. Trickel by her previous marriage were Mary Elizabeth and Nancy Jane. The posterity of Mr. Trickel includes fifty-one grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, all but four of whom are living.

Born of a family of Democrats, Mr. Trickel advocates the principles of that party, of which he has been an active member all his life. Travel and a wide acquaintance have aided Mr. Trickel to become a very intelligent man, despite his early disadvantages, and although seventy-six years of age, he is mentally superior

to many men in the prime of life. A recent trip to California has benefited his health, and his many friends and neighbors wish him a continued life of prosperity. Among his associates he is highly esteemed, and known to be a worthy citizen, a kind neighbor, and a man of exemplary character in all the relations of life. During his long residence in Green county he has watched with interest the many wonderful changes which have taken place in his locality, and he has done his share in the progress made in Clarno township.

ERNEST LIPMAN, proprietor of one of the largest dry-goods and carpet stores in the Northwest outside of the large cities, has an establishment in Beloit, Rock county, that for completeness of stock, elegance of appointments, and adaptation to the needs of the community, is not to be surpassed anywhere. Mr. Lipman is an active and pushing merchant, studying the public pulse, and quick to discern its changing moods. He is a genial and accommodating gentleman, and a popular character in whatever place he may be met.

Ernest Lipman was born in Milwaukee, Wis., July 14, 1857, and is a son of Louis and Lucy Lipman, both natives of Germany. His mother was a daughter of B. O. von Zastrow von Kuessow, and a descendant of an old and aristocratic house of Germany, tracing its authentic history back to the year 1180, beginning with Count Heinrich von Kuessow, and coming down to Friederica Gottliebe, Countess von Kuessow, daughter and only heir of Count Jochen Friedrich von Kuessow, from 1752 a knight of the Order of St. John. She married Obersten Otto Bogislav von Zastrow, who was the uncle of Mr. Lipman's grandfather, and as no children were born to this marriage the latter was the only direct descendant and heir to the Countess von Kuessow, being her nephew. In order that the family name might not die out or be lost he added the name von Kuessow to his own, and was afterward known as Bernhard Otto von Zastrow von Kuessow. He owned considerable property in Germany as well as in the United States. He was born Feb. 20, 1801, in Pomerania, in the north of Germany, and died July 14, 1872, at Port Washington, Wis. His wife, Henrietta Othelia von Papstein, was born Feb. 8, 1805, in Castle Blumberg, Germany, and was a resident of Port Washington twenty-eight

years, surviving her husband seven years to a day. She died July 14, 1879, at Port Washington.

Louis and Lucy Lipman had seven children, all but one now living: Harriet, wife of Louis Heyn, of Milwaukee; Helen, deceased; Ernest; Miss Freddie, of Milwaukee; Louis W., of Milwaukee; Lucy, wife of E. G. Dallwig, of Milwaukee; and Henry, of Milwaukee. The father was a man of artistic temperament, and earned his living as a lithographer. He came to this country some time in the 'forties, and for a time lived in New York City, about 1855 coming West to Milwaukee and making a permanent home in the Wisconsin metropolis. He followed lithographing there, and was regarded as one of the best in the city. He died in 1869, at the age of forty-two. His widow still survives, living in Milwaukee. His father lived and died in Germany.

Ernest Lipman was reared in Milwaukee, and attended the German and English academy in that city. He was not quite thirteen years old when he was obliged to go to work, on account of his father's early death, commencing as clerk in a store. He clerked from 1870 to 1879, and then went on the road for John C. Olsen & Co., of Chicago, as a commercial traveler, for two years. In 1881 Mr. Lipman opened a dry-goods store in Beloit, and met with instantaneous and gratifying success. His business has increased every year, until now it commands the services of some eight or ten clerks, and is known as one of the popular trade centers of the city.

Mr. Lipman and Miss Emma Kruger, a daughter of Adolph and Anna (Bruesch) Kruger, were married Sept. 29, 1881. Mrs. Lipman is a lady of most estimable character. She is the mother of three sons and two daughters, Ernest, Carl, Viola, Theodore and Lucile. Ernest died when five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Lipman attend the Episcopal Church. They have a hospitable and well-appointed home at No. 136 Bridge street. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to Morning Star Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M., Beloit Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M., Beloit Commandery, No. 6, K. T., and Wisconsin Consistory; and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Lipman belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Lipman is a Republican, and is a man of standing in his party councils.



*E. Lipman*





JOHN H. C. SNECLODE is serving as justice of the peace in Cassville, Grant county, a position he has filled continuously since 1855 in a most creditable and acceptable manner. He was appointed notary public the same year, and is still serving as such. He was one of the prominent pioneers and highly respected citizens of that place, and it is, therefore, consistent that he be represented in a work whose province is the portrayal of the lives of the leading men of this section of the State.

Mr. Snelode was born in 1820, in Holstein, Germany, of which place his parents, Nicholas and Esther (Plagman) Snelode, were lifelong residents. The father was a soldier in the German army, and followed farming as an occupation. There were four children in the family: John; Joachim, who died in Holstein in 1868; Mrs. Catharine Klindt, who died in Schoenburg, Holstein, in 1886; and Anna, who died in Kiel, Germany, in 1894.

The early life of John H. C. Snelode was spent on a farm in his native land, and there he was educated. At the age of fifteen he became a sailor and followed that life for some time, making several trips on an emigrant ship to American ports. He was in New Orleans in 1838, and in 1843 came to New York with the intention of making a permanent home on this side of the Atlantic. He first located in Ann Arbor, Mich., and in 1844 settled in Galena, Ill., where he worked at the carpenter's trade for about six years. In 1850 Mr. Snelode came to Cassville, Wis., which place at that time contained only twenty-five houses, and he is now the oldest living resident of the town. Here he continued to work at the carpenter's trade and also conducted a cabinet shop for some time, but is now engaged in the raising of small fruit. He is propagating a raspberry that is of fine quality and a great producer. In early days he also followed surveying, and served as county surveyor of Grant county and as deputy surveyor for a time. He assisted in laying out many lines and boundaries in territorial days.

On March 13, 1856, in Cassville, Mr. Snelode was united in marriage with Miss Jane Van Ausdale, a native of Virginia. Her ancestors, who were from Holland, came to this country as early as 1756, and settled in New Jersey. Mr. Snelode lost his wife at Cassville July 2, 1871, and three of their children died of typhoid fever the same year. He has

two daughters still living, namely: (1) Nancy Ann first married William McCamish, by whom she had three children, Anna, Nellie, and Florence. She is now the wife of Charles S. Inglieb, and they have two children, Gladys and Henry. (2) Margaret S. is the wife of Benjamin Stevens, of Cassville, and they have two children, Sylva and Belva. Mr. Snelode was again married, in 1872, his second union being with Miss Amelia Phitteyplace, a native of Iowa, and a daughter of Solomon Phitteyplace, who, as a soldier of the Mexican war, received a land warrant, which he located in Clayton county, Iowa, where he spent his last days. Mr. Snelode was also in the United States service during the Mexican war, enlisting at Galena, Ill., in 1847, and he took part in the battle of Chapultepec. In early life he was a Democrat in politics, but at the time of the Mexican war he joined the Whig party, with which he affiliated until 1854, when he was one of the band of forty-three that met at Lancaster and formed the Republican party in this section. He has since been actively identified with that great political organization, and was the only delegate to the first Republican County Convention from Cassville from his section of the county. Socially he is a prominent member of Cassville Lodge, No. 235, F. & A. M., was elected senior warden on its organization, and filled the office of worthy master for many years. He is also a member of the Chapter, R. A. M., and was connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge at Galena for many years. For half a century Mr. Snelode has been prominently identified with the interests of Grant county, and having prospered in his business undertakings here, he is now the owner of about twenty building lots in that place. His life has been one of industry and usefulness, and he well merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held by his fellow citizens.

JAMES DAVIS belongs to the older generation of Rock county farmers, who have done such brave and noble work in the reclaiming of a wilderness and the building of a great State. They came to Wisconsin when it was a vast forest, with stretches of open prairie, and have converted it into a State that is the peer of any in the Union. Much of this transformation Mr. Davis has witnessed, and, so far as his strength permitted, has helped in its

accomplishment. He lives in a fine home in Section 8, Harmony township, Rock county, and contemplates with wonder the change that has been wrought around him.

Mr. Davis was born in Oneida county, New York, Dec. 22, 1837, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Williams) Davis, or, as it was originally written, "Davies." They were natives of Wales, and had six sons and four daughters, three of their children now living: William, of Wallula, Wash.; James, whose name appears at the opening of this article; and John, of Westmoreland, Kans. The father was a cooper by trade, and came to this country about 1830, locating in Oneida county, N. Y., where he engaged in farming. In 1841 he came to Wisconsin, and, settling in Racine, engaged in work as a cooper. He died in Racine in 1844, and his wife survived him but two days. They were Calvinistic Methodists. His father died in Wales at a venerable age. His wife's father came to this country after his daughter's marriage, and spent his last days in Racine; his wife and all his other children died in Wales.

James Davis lived with a family by the name of Deberard in Racine nearly four years after his parents' death. In 1849 he came to Rock county, Wis., and made his home with Joseph Spaulding, with whom he lived until he was twenty-one. He attended the district school, and found in Mr. Spaulding and his good wife kind and faithful friends. For the first three years after he had attained his majority he worked out by the month, saving his money, and at that time was fore-handed enough to buy a small farm of seventy-seven and a half acres in Harmony township. This land he has thoroughly improved, and has added to it eighty acres in Section 9, the two making a very complete and productive farm. He has given much attention to fine stock, raising his own horses, hogs and cattle; of the latter he prefers Durham cattle, although he has some Jersey stock.

Mr. Davis and Miss Helen Holmes were married June 22, 1869. She was a daughter of Harvey and Abbey (Waterman) Holmes, and became the mother of two children: Helen A. and John Edward, both of whom are still under the home roof. Mrs. Davis died in 1875, at the age of forty-one. She was a member of the Milton Congregational Church, and a lady of fine character. Mr. Davis is a Re-

publican, and has served one year as assessor of the town. He has a beautiful home, a modern house, neat and attractive in every particular, and owns a finely improved farm.

JACOB BAUMGARTNER, of Lancaster, Grant county, was born in Wurlitz, Landgericht Rehan, Kreis Oberfranken, Bavaria, Germany, Nov. 26, 1830, where he was sent to learn the trade of calico dyer and printer May 14, 1844. He finished his work in the shop Oct. 12, 1846, and after the old German custom, was turned out to seek work in different shops and places. He spent three years on the road, and in his travels visited over four hundred different cities and villages, and covered over five thousand miles of road on foot. During the first six months of this itinerary the young man had a hard time and often suffered for the want of food and shelter. When he began his journeyings to and fro in Germany he also began the keeping of a diary, which he has maintained to this time. It is full of curious and valuable information, and is rapidly becoming a historical document. It records the names of all the cities and villages he has visited, the distance from one city to another, the weather, his income and expense, his hardships and pleasures.—everything is set down during this long period of time. Mr. Baumgartner is very proud of this interesting story of personal experiences.

In the spring of 1850 he came to this country. He left for America on the schooner "Reform" May 2, and landed at New York June 17. There were eighty passengers aboard, and the captain was assisted by a crew of five men and a boy. Mr. Baumgartner left New York on the day following his arrival, on a Hudson river steamer, bound for Albany. There he took the canal for Buffalo, where he arrived June 28. Ten days from New York to Buffalo is a statement that shows how rapidly we have advanced. From Buffalo Mr. Baumgartner went around the lakes on the steamer "Allegheny," under the command of Captain Marsden, to Milwaukee, where he arrived July 5, 1850, and found it a city of about nineteen thousand people. He left his trunk with the hotel-keeper and started for Jefferson on foot, for this was before the advent of a railroad in Wisconsin. He had an uncle at Jefferson, who got his trunk, and sent him on to Cassville, where he had a brother living.

Mr. Baumgartner spent a few days at Cassville, and from there took a river steamer to St. Louis, where he sought in vain for employment at his trade. He did any thing that came along, however, and sold fruits and clerked in the city lunch hotel on Second street, and then worked in a tannery. On Sept. 1, 1850, his means did not amount to eight dollars, and if he could, he would have gladly returned to Germany. The following spring he went back to Cassville, where he worked several months on the farm at \$8 per month. He returned to St. Louis, and had work in the same tannery. In 1852 he had thoughts of California, but spent the summer in Wisconsin. The following year at Mineral Point he made entry of the following described land: The east half of the northwest quarter, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, and the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 3, Town 6, Range 2 west, in the town of Fennimore. Mr. Baumgartner moved from Jefferson to Fennimore, a distance of 105 miles, constructing his own wagon for the journey. This wagon must have been a unique creation. He cut down an oak tree some three and a half feet in diameter, and sawed off five wheels, each three and a half inches thick. He bored holes through the center, and made wooden axle, tongue and box of rough boards. On the way to Fennimore he met a man who asked him to stop a moment while he went into a cabin to get a pencil and paper that he might make a picture of the outfit. Mr. Baumgartner readily consented, as he was proud of his work, having had no money to pay for a wagon. He made the journey safely, by making use of the extra wheel he carried along, one wheel having split. Upon his arrival in Fennimore, Nov. 5, 1853, he at once applied himself to the building of a log house 16x18 feet, which cost him \$7.80. He split five hundred rails for his first calf. In 1855 Mr. Baumgartner sold his land in Section 3, and bought the southeast quarter of Section 5, where he lived until 1899, when he moved into his house in Lancaster.

On Oct. 23, 1852, at Jefferson, Wis., Mr. Baumgartner wedded Anna Maria Winterling, and nine children blessed their union: Louisa, born in 1853, married Martin Oswald, Nelson, a farmer, married Lisette Frike. Harrison died in 1859, and Franklin in 1865. Leo married Anna Muesse, and is a hardware dealer at Armour, S. Dak. Peter married Millie Duffner,

and is a farmer in the town of Fennimore. Frank married Matilda Menkhause, and is a farmer in Iowa. William married Martha Masow, and is a farmer, having charge of the old homestead in the town of Fennimore. Cora is single, and is living with her parents in Lancaster. Mr. Baumgartner takes a justifiable pride in the fact that he has led a long and busy life without going to law with any man. He has never knowingly swindled a man, and belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he has been a working member and a liberal supporter. He was elected a member of the board of supervisors in the town of Fennimore in 1873, and again in 1875. In 1876 he was chairman of the town board. He was treasurer of the town of Fennimore in 1882, and was re-elected for nine years. He does not waste much time on politics, but usually votes the Republican ticket.

SIMON HARKER, deceased, one of the well-known and highly respected merchants and stock dealers of Cuba City, took a very important part in the upbuilding of this portion of Grant county, and his loss was deeply felt when death claimed him for its own. He was born in England Sept. 30, 1832, a son of George and Elizabeth Harker, who came to Big Patch, Wis., settled on a farm, and there lived and died. In their family there were six children: John, George, Isabella, Anna, Sarah, and our subject. Anna is still living, and wife of Bonson Spacely; John is a resident of Bremer county, Iowa.

Simon Harker received his early education in his native land, but also attended the district schools of Wisconsin. While still in England he met with a sad accident in a woolen mill, which resulted in the loss of his left arm. In spite of this misfortune Mr. Harker managed to accumulate sufficient to purchase a farm at Big Patch, and later bought another farm at Elk Grove, where he resided for some years, then removed to Galena, and engaged in smelting ore for eight years. About this time he returned to Big Patch, lived there four or five years, and then came to Cuba City and embarked in business with a Mr. Cooper and a Mr. Wilson under the firm name of R. A. Wilson & Co., continuing this connection until within two years of his death, when he was compelled to retire on account of failing health. His death occurred Feb. 22, 1896.

On July 9, 1856, Mr. Harker was married to Miss Mary A. Raw, of Grant county, a daughter of Thomas and Annie (Bonson) Raw, both natives of England, who came to America after marriage, settling in Platteville, Mrs. Raw being the only white woman in that village for a number of years. Later Mr. Raw removed to Big Patch, purchased prairie land, and made a home for his family, remaining there until his death, which occurred in 1868, his wife surviving him until 1890. Their family consisted of four children: Margaret married Thomas Peters, resided first in Grant county, then removed to Iowa, where Mrs. Peters died, in 1896, leaving a family; Simon is now a resident of Iowa; Mary A. is Mrs. Harker; Sarah, wife of John Bell, resides in Springfield, Mo., and has a family. Mrs. Harker was born at Big Patch Oct. 14, 1838, received a district-school education, and is a very pleasant and agreeable lady. To herself and husband were born children as follows: Annie, born in January, 1860, wife of Thomas H. Peacock, residing near Big Patch, has four children, Mary A., Roscoe, Alice and William. Edward, born in August, 1862, died when fifteen years old. Thomas Grant, born in 1865, married Miss Sarah Peacock, and now resides at Big Patch; he has two sons, William and Alvin. Sarah, born in 1867, wife of George Dent, of Cuba City, has one daughter, Gladys, and one son, Kenneth. Isabella, born in 1869, wife of George Hoffman, of Cuba City, has no family. Mary H., born in 1874, graduated from the high school of Cuba City, and in 1899 married Charles Waters, of Platteville, a farmer of that locality. Hayes D., born in 1876, studied in the high school of Cuba City, and is now a watchmaker; he married Kathryn E. Yeager, of Grundy Center, Iowa. Jennie, born in April, 1879, was educated in Cuba City, and married John Bonson, of Platteville.

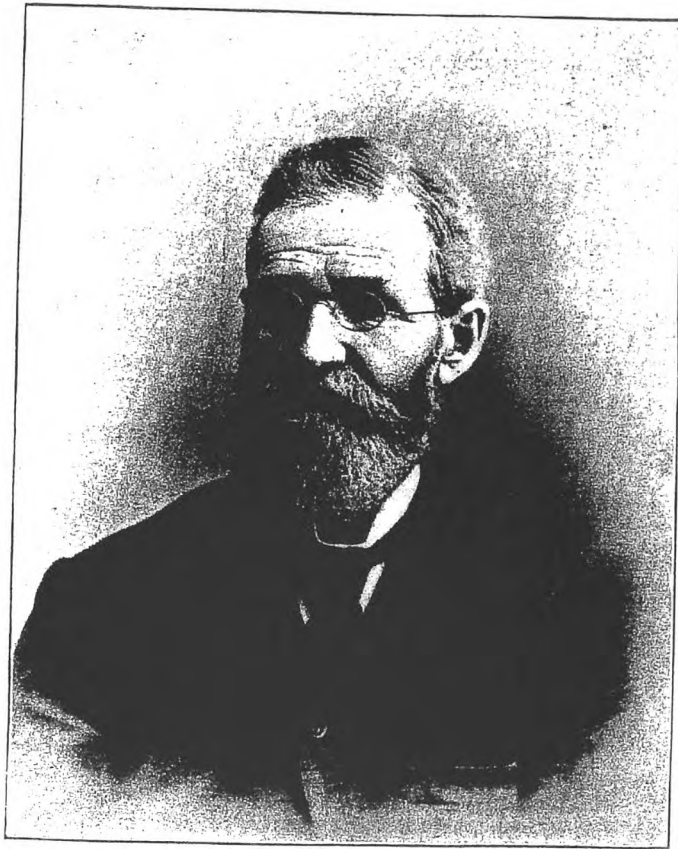
Mr. Harker never took any active part in politics, but was prevailed upon to accept the office of mayor one term, and that of assessor several years, as well as other local positions. His sterling integrity making him peculiarly fitted to hold positions of public trust, a fact which his fellow townsmen recognized. When casting his vote Mr. Harker was always influenced by his conscience, supporting the man he thought best fitted for the office. He took an active part in the erection of the M. E. church building, and, on account of his

zeal, it may almost be regarded as a memorial of his virtues. Both he and Mrs. Harker early connected themselves with this church, and Mrs. Harker trained her children in the same faith. Strict or rigid integrity, positive convictions, superior intelligence placed him and kept him to the front in all matters of morals or public interest. The memory of the good man, whose life history here appears, will linger in the minds of the people of Cuba City for many years, and those among them who can point to deeds of charity and gentle kindness on his part are legion.

HON. THOMAS JENKINS, retired business man and ex-representative of Platteville, Grant county, is a native of Cornwall, England, born in June, 1832, and is a son of Benjamin and Martha (Carlvolth) Jenkins, the former of whom was born in 1800, and the latter a few years later. His grandfather, James Jenkins, born in Cornwall, England, died in Guatemala about 1832.

Benjamin Jenkins in 1837 took his wife and family to Brazil, South America, and there worked in the mines until 1842, when he returned to England. Afterward going to Mexico, he was a miner there until 1848. In the meantime, in May, 1848, his wife, with two sons, came via New Orleans to Mineral Point, Wis., where they were joined by the husband in a short time after his leaving Mexico. He next removed to Platteville, and was employed in the lead mines until his death, in 1857; his wife surviving until 1866, when she died, in the faith of the Methodist Church. Nicholas, their eldest son; born and educated in England, accompanied his father to Mexico and thence to Platteville; in 1850 he crossed the Plains to California, but died on his way home, at the Fraser river. James, the second child, came with his mother from England, engaged in mining in Platteville, married Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, and died in 1860, leaving his widow with two children; the widow and son Thomas are now deceased. Martha, the youngest child, is the wife of A. A. Stephens, a drayman of Platteville.

Hon. Thomas Jenkins was educated in England, and on coming to America commenced mining and prospecting for lead in Grant county, Wis. In 1851 he made a trip to California, via New York and the Isthmus of Panama, and after six years of successful



*F. Jenkins Jr*



mining returned to Platteville. In 1861 he again went to California, via the Plains, spent two years in Helena, Mont., and at other points, and in 1868 came down the Missouri river and relocated at Platteville.

In October, 1859, Mr. Jenkins married Miss Sheba A., daughter of William and Jane Martin, who came from England in 1848, and settled at Dodgeville, Wis., dying in this State. Mrs. Jenkins was born in England in 1839, was educated in the Platteville Academy, for a number of years taught school in the State, and was a lady of culture and refinement. She always resided in Wisconsin during her husband's long absence in the West. In November, 1899, Mrs. Jenkins passed away in the faith of the Congregational Church, leaving her husband with two daughters: Ida A., born in September, 1862, was graduated from the State Normal, Platteville, in 1885, and for six years was a successful teacher in that city and in Milwaukee. Netty E., born in February, 1871, was also graduated from the State Normal, and was for three years a school teacher; in 1898, she married Freeling Fox, of Hampton, Iowa, where they reside on a farm, and they have one daughter, Frances Marion, born in 1900. Our subject's son, B. M. Jenkins, now deceased, was born in July, 1860, and married Josephine De Voe, of Muscoda, who survives him with two children, Jesse and Wilma.

Mr. Jenkins was postmaster at Platteville during Cleveland's second administration, and has been mayor of the city four times. He is a Regent of the Platteville State Normal School, and president of the First National Bank of Platteville.

**SYLVESTER REUBEN STEPHENS**, one of the old and highly respected pioneer farmers of Green county, is now spending his last years in a well-deserved freedom from the cares and burdens of an active business life.

Mr. Stephens is a son of Reuben D. and Sallie (Milk) Stephens, both natives of the State of New York, where he was born Sept. 22, 1822. At the age of twelve he accompanied his parents into Erie county, Penn., and in 1842 they all came to Green county, Wis. This was in the early days, when the country was wild and rough, and six years before the admission of the Territory as a State into the Federal Union. He drove a team and wagon

from Erie county to Green county, and two years later made a return trip to Erie county, driving over the route three times in all. For seven years he was engaged in teaming between Green county and Milwaukee, and he has also drawn wheat to market at Chicago. After his marriage he entered 160 acres of government land, including the site of the present railroad station at Juda, there being not a single house where that thriving village now stands. He helped to build a log school house there, which was the first building in the place. His father was the prime mover in organizing the school and putting up the building. Mr. Stephens is a musician of considerable local repute. He has a violin which has been in his possession nearly three-score years, and has played for many parties and entertainments including the first 4th of July celebration in Monroe, held in 1843.

Mr. Stephens and Miss Wealthy Ball were married in Green county, Wis., Oct. 16, 1844. Mrs. Stephens was born in Springfield, Erie Co., Penn., the daughter of Gary Ball, who settled at Joliet, Ill., in 1836, and granddaughter of Daniel Ball, who came from England, and first settled in Maryland. He died in Erie county, Penn., aged about eighty years. His bachelor brother left a large estate in Philadelphia and Virginia, of which the descendants of Daniel Ball are the rightful heirs, though they have never come into possession. To Mr. and Mrs. Stephens were born ten children: Alfred, now a farmer near Flandreau, S. Dak.; Susan, widow of Quincy Davis, of Shenandoah, Iowa; Wilder, who died at David City, Neb., Jan. 30, 1901, aged fifty-two years; Alba, a resident of Henderson, Neb.; Edward, living in Juda, Wis.; James, in Juda: Theo R., wife of Jehiel Davis, a farmer of Sylvester township; Malvina, who died Nov. 24, 1886, aged thirty-six years; Ezra and Etta, who both died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have thirteen grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Stephens started out in life a poor man, and when he was married was rich only in courage and in hope of the future. After many years he became the owner of a choice Wisconsin farm of 160 acres, which he has recently sold, that he might move into the village of Juda, and be care-free. For some forty years he owned and operated a threshing ma-



chine in the county. Mr. Stephens is an honored veteran of the war of the Rebellion, having served as a member of Company K. 22d Wis. V. I., and is now in receipt of a liberal pension for injuries sustained during his service. With his wife he belongs to the Methodist Church. He is a Republican, and a good citizen. During his years of active life he was a hard-working man, and was known to be very honorable and upright in all his transactions.

FRANK BARNUM, deceased, was a farmer and school teacher by occupation, and was a son of Horace and Caroline (Curtis) Barnum, of the State of Connecticut, the former a relative of the late P. T. Barnum, the celebrated showman. Horace Barnum was the father of three children: Frederick, born in 1832, died in childhood; Frank; and Marietta, born in 1836, married Benjamin Barnhouse, of Albany. Horace Barnum came from Michigan to this State, and thence to Kansas, where he died.

Frank Barnum was born of English descent Nov. 6, 1834, and died Aug. 21, 1896. While a child he was taken to Crawford county, Penn., thence to Cass county, Mich., where he grew to manhood, and received his education. In 1856 he came to Wisconsin. In 1858 Mr. Barnum married Sarah Jane Myers, of Spring Grove township, born March 19, 1844, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Kline) Myers, early settlers of the county [See sketch of John Myers elsewhere in this volume]. Mrs. Myers, the mother of Mrs. Frank Barnum, is still living in Spring Grove in her eighty-fifth year. Mr. and Mrs. Barnum were the parents of the following children: (1) Josephine, born March 19, 1863, married John Krider, Sept. 5, 1880. Mr. Krider is a farmer of this county, and is the father of two children. (2) George, born April 8, 1865, married Miss Samantha Holmes, of Monroe, Sept. 6, 1885, and is the father of one child. He resides on the old Barnum homestead farm. (3) Mary E., born Sept. 8, 1873, died Jan. 18, 1894. (4) Caroline Gertrude, born Dec. 4, 1881, lives with her mother at Twin Grove, and is unmarried. All the daughters are ladies of marked ability and special gifts in the field of music. Miss Caroline holds a certificate as a teacher in the public schools of Green county, and has won a

very enviable position in the work of musical instruction. She is devoting much attention to the piano and the violin, and if her work in this direction is continued she will undoubtedly develop into an artist of marked ability.

When Mr. and Mrs. Barnum were married, the united resources of himself and his devoted wife, save their youth, strength and courage, were not worth enumerating. By hard work, economy and wise management they became wealthy, and Mr. Barnum owned over fourteen thousand dollars at the time of his death. A member of the Lutheran Church, his life was square and upright. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and as clerk, treasurer and school director he served his town well and faithfully. For some years before his death, he had left the farm, and was living with his family in an elegant home in the village of Twin Grove at the time of his demise.

HENRY HORSLEY, an active and energetic farmer in the town of Benton, Lafayette county, was born on the Isle of Man, Eng., Aug. 16, 1847, and is a son of William and Mary (Bramwell) Horsley, both born in England. The father was born Oct. 16, 1822, and the mother in August of the following year. They were married in England, where they had a family of six children before their arrival in America. They crossed the ocean on a sailing vessel and landed in New York in 1854, coming directly to Benton, Wis., where he was engaged as a miner. This was his occupation in Lafayette county until 1882, when he moved to Jerauld county, S. Dak., in which State he still resides. There he engaged in farming, and there his wife died in August, 1889, leaving him with six children. Of their fourteen children, eight died young. Their children were: (1) Henry, the oldest now living, is the subject of this sketch. (2) John, born in England in 1851, was married to Miss Margaret A. Alderson, is a farmer in the town of Benton, and the father of three children, James, Mary, and Rosie. (3) Hudson, born in England, was married to Miss Lela Hill, of Minnesota, lives in South Dakota, where he is engaged in farming, and is the father of seven children, Cora, Arlo, Emery, Bertha, Carrie, Mary and Mabel. (4) William, born in England, was married to Miss Ella Hewitt, of Lamont, Iowa, where they now reside; he is a brick manufacturer, and they

have two children, Max and Harry. (5) Bramwell, born in Wisconsin in 1858, was married to Miss Rosa Alderson, is now living on his farm in Beadle county, S. D., where they are rearing a family of six children, Elmer, Guy, Roxie, Alta, Arthur, and Rosana. (6) Sarah J., born in Lafayette county, Wis., in 1856, married James Meikeljon, of Canada, and is living in Washington, where they have one son, Ernest.

Henry Horsley had his education in England, and after his arrival in Wisconsin worked in the mines with his father. During the Civil war he was a member of the 43rd Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war. Part of this time he was under the command of General Thomas in the Army of the Cumberland. At Jacksonville he took part in the battle against General Forrest, was with his regiment through all its campaigns, and was discharged in June, 1865. Mr. Horsley learned the trade of a blacksmith after his return from the war, and lived at Linden, Iowa county, while he was engaged in the acquisition of this extremely honorable and useful trade, which he followed for six years, and then began mining, which was his business until 1895, when he rented a farm in the town of Benton. In 1878 he worked in the Black Hawk Mines of Colorado, and spent about a year with good results in the mines. The career of Mr. Horsley has been singularly successful. Beginning life with only his own resources, he has his own energy to thank for his standing to-day.

On Christmas Day, 1873, Mr. Horsley was united in marriage with Rosa Murry, who was born Aug. 31, 1857, a daughter of David and Sarah (Adny) Murry, old pioneer people in this part of the world. David Murry was born in Canada, May 4, 1820, and his wife at Hazel Green, Grant county, Feb. 17, 1829. She is the daughter of William Adny, who lived in Dubuque. David Murry lived in Benton over forty years, and died in March, 1880. His widow still survives him at the present writing. They were the parents of a large family, of whom nine are still living: Nelson, born Feb. 3, 1846; Harriet, born Oct. 25, 1848; Julia A., born July 1, 1851; Samuel, born Jan. 20, 1854; Rosa, born Aug. 31, 1857; Joseph H., born Dec. 7, 1862; Sarah E., born June 15, 1864; William, born March 21, 1866; David, born Sept. 29, 1869.

Mr. and Mrs. Horsley are the parents of

the following children: Sarah, born in August, 1874, had her education in the town schools, and is living at home; William, born Sept. 8, 1876, is now one of the managers of the home farm; David, born in Lafayette county in 1882, is single and at home; Lester, born in 1884, is a student of the home school; Clyde, born in June, 1889; and Lola, born in 1894. Mr. Horsley is a Republican, and has held the office of constable in Benton for several years. He belongs to Thomas H. Oates Post, No. 96, G. A. R., of Shullsburg. The wife and family are members of the Catholic Church.

COLLINS CHAPMAN, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a representative farmer of Waterloo township, Grant county, was born in Davenport, Iowa, in 1842, and comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his paternal grandfather, Collins Chapman, having aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence. He was a native of New England and is said to have been descended from one of the passengers of the famous Mayflower. He made his home in Connecticut until death. In his family were three sons, Amyson, David and Alma, the two latter being soldiers of the war of 1812.

Amyson Chapman, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was born in Hartford, Conn., Aug. 31, 1800, and about 1820 left his New England home to come West. In 1827 we find him at the lead mines of Galena, Ill., and the same year he was married in Quincy, that State, to Miss Mary Drulard, a native of Ohio. For many years he made his home in Jo Daviess county, Ill., and in 1850 he came to Grant county, Wis., locating in the town of Harrison, where the family lived for several years before going to the town of Waterloo, where the father died June 9, 1881, at the age of nearly eighty-one years. As a pioneer of the West he took in the Black Hawk war, and was identified with other historical events of early days. His wife departed this life in 1858. In their family were twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, of whom four sons and three daughters are living at the present time (1901). Amyson, the oldest surviving son, was a soldier for the Union in the Civil war, and is now a resident of Cassville, Wis.; Collins is next in order of birth; Peter also lives

in Cassville; Jefferson was a member of the 43rd Wis. V. I., and is now a resident of Nebraska; Mary Ann, the eldest daughter, is the wife of John Knox, of California; Lois is the widow of Frederick Lang and a resident of the State of Oregon; and Florence is the wife of Hubbard Shelters, of Cassville, Grant county. Those deceased died in early life.

Collins Chapman came with his father to Grant county, and lived at home and in its vicinity until he entered the service of his country during the dark days of the Civil war. On Aug. 25, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, 7th Wis. V. I., and was in active service with that regiment until Aug. 22, 1862, when he was wounded by a pistol shot in a skirmish at Catlet Station, just after the battle of Gainesville. Being taken prisoner by Mosby's Cavalry, he refused to accompany his captors, and was shot by one of them in the right hand, the ball coming out of the wrist, which was rendered permanently stiff. He determined not to remain a prisoner, and by a well-laid plan, it being night and the flashes of lightning frequent, he made his escape. He was confined in the hospital at York, Penn., until Dec. 4, 1862, when he was discharged on account of his wound and returned home, but in June, 1863, Mr. Chapman re-enlisted in the one hundred day service, becoming a member of Company A, 41st Wis. V. I. Since the close of the war he has resided most of the time in Waterloo township, and has devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with marked success. He is now the owner of a valuable and well-improved farm of 245 acres, and is surrounded by all the comforts which make life worth the living.

On July 16, 1865, Mr. Chapman married Miss Frances A. Hall, a native of Fort Madison, Iowa, and a daughter of David and Sarah (Elwell) Hall. During childhood she lost her mother, who died near Hazel Green, Grant county, and her father subsequently went to Missouri, where he married again and made his home for about forty years. There his second wife died, and he is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Chapman in this county, the latter being his only child. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: Minnie, Henry, Frederick, Annie, David and Vesta T. As he grows older Mr. Chapman feels more and more the effects

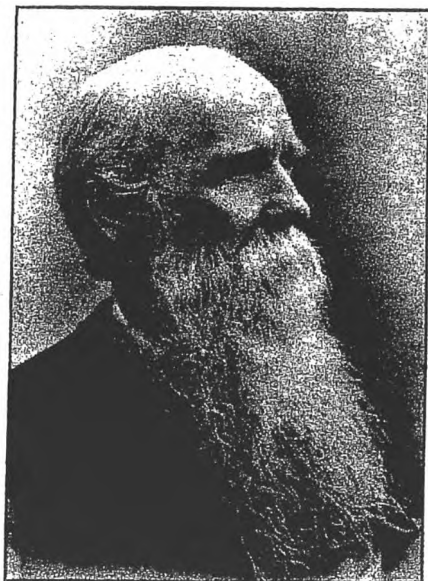
of his army life, and will always carry the mark of a Confederate bullet as a reminder of the famous Mosby Cavalry. He is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are worthy members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. A loyal and patriotic citizen, and a true friend and neighbor, he is justly deserving the high regard in which he is held by all who know him.

**CHARLES W. TOMKINS.** Among the flourishing industries of Albany, Green county, is that of milling, and a progressive firm doing business in that line is that of Warren & Tomkins, custom millers, who own a large grist and flour mill, and also manage the city electric light plant. The younger member of the firm is Charles W. Tomkins, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Tomkins was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, Feb. 29, 1832, a son of Charles and Margaret (Warren) Tomkins, both of whom were natives of Ireland. A family of nine children was born to them: Elizabeth, deceased wife of Simpson Tilley, of Albany, Wis.; John W., of New Town, Ireland; Peter, of Milton, Wis.; Margaret, widow of Thomas James, of Rathdrum, Ireland; Charles W., our subject; Mary Ann, who lives with her brother John in the old home in Ireland; Robert and William, both deceased; and Joseph, who lives in County Wexford, a prosperous farmer. Our subject's father was a miller by occupation. He died in Ireland at the age of eighty-four, in 1861, his wife, who survived a number of years, being ninety-three at the time of her death. In religion she was an Episcopalian, but Mr. Tomkins belonged to the Walkerites, old Scotch seceders. Two of his brothers belonged to the Yeomanry.

Peter Tomkins, the paternal grandfather, a native of Ireland, was a miller by occupation. He lived to be about ninety years old, and died leaving six children. John Warren, the maternal grandfather, was about eighty-eight at the time of his death. He was a farmer in the old country, and had been a successful business man.

Charles W. Tomkins was reared in Ireland, and early taught the value of honest toil, entering his father's mill as soon as he was old enough to work. He attended the common schools of his district. In 1850 he came to America and located at Milton, Wis., where he



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remained but a short time, removing later to Janesville, and there securing employment in the mill of Jackman & Smith, in which place he continued for two years. At Albany was located the large mill property of the Warrens, and at this time Mr. Tomkins entered their employ, in 1868 becoming a partner of Eugene Warren; this partnership has lasted to the present time, the firm name being Warren & Tomkins.

The marriage of Mr. Tomkins to Miss Lucy Ann Hoyt, a daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Emmons) Hoyt, took place Aug. 3, 1860, and of the children born of their union one son, Arthur W., survives. He married Miss May E. Lockridge, of Albany, and they have two interesting children, Ethel E. and Charles Neil. Two other children were born to our subject and wife, whose decease cast a lasting shadow over their lives: Warren, a brilliant young man, died at the age of twenty-two, when within one year of graduation from the Wisconsin State University, at Madison; and their only daughter, Estella, passed away at the age of twelve. In 1885 our subject erected his pleasant home in Albany, where he still resides, and is considered one of the most respected citizens of the town. During his years in this locality, Mr. Tomkins has seen many changes, and has borne his part in the advancement of every interest in favor of religion, education and temperance. Politically he calls himself an independent, using his own judgment regarding his ballot. Both he and Mrs. Tomkins belong to the religious society denominated Christians, Mr. Tomkins having been one of the prime movers in locating the branch in Albany.

Benjamin Hoyt, Mrs. Tomkins' father, was born in 1809 in Maine, and married Abigail Emmons, who was born in that State in 1811, and is still living. They had nine children, all yet living, the youngest now (1901) forty-five years of age, a remarkable record. John Emmons, Mrs. Hoyt's father, was born in Maine in 1787.

JAMES DOLAN, a popular and rising young attorney at law of Platteville, Grant county, was born in Belmont, Lafayette Co., Wis., in December, 1863, and is a son of Owen and Jane Dolan, the former of whom was born in Ireland June 23, 1833, and the latter in Greenville, Bond Co., Ill., March 4, 1842.

Owen Dolan came to America in 1853, and located at Mauch Chunk, Penn., where he worked two years in the mines, in 1855 coming to Platteville, Wis., and in November, 1861, he was married. He then purchased a farm at Belmont, where he engaged chiefly in stock raising. Later he passed two years in prospecting in California, and returned overland, riding one pony a distance of over 1,800 miles from the Golden State to Omaha, Neb.; at that place the pony broke away from a carriage to which he was tied and escaped with a herd of wild ponies. Mr. Dolan then settled in Lafayette county, Wis., and farmed until 1884, when he returned to Platteville. He died Feb. 12, 1899, on his farm in Belmont, in the faith of the Catholic Church; in politics he was always a Democrat. His estimable wife had passed away in 1892, leaving one son and two daughters.

James Dolan, the eldest of the family of three children, was educated in the State Normal School, Platteville, and was also graduated from the Law Department of the State University, at Madison, Wis., with the class of 1897. In the meantime, however, after having graduated from the State Normal, in 1891, he was for some years principal of the Highland (Iowa county) schools, and before entering upon the practice of the law, was also principal of the public school in Platteville. In 1897 Mr. Dolan opened his law office, and at once secured an encouraging clientele. In 1898 he was elected a justice of the peace on the Democratic ticket, although the city was largely Republican, and in conjunction with the duties of this office continued the practice of his profession. It is stated that it was rarely that a case he had passed upon as a justice was carried to a higher court.

Miss Mary E. Dolan, the elder sister of James, was also born in Belmont, and educated in the Platteville State Normal, is a lady of culture and refinement, was one of the successful teachers in the State, and now resides at the home in Platteville. Miss Margaret R. Dolan, the younger sister, now deceased, was likewise born in Belmont, was graduated from the State Normal, and was one of the leading young teachers in Grant and other counties. She died in 1898, while on her way from Arizona, where she had been for the purpose of recruiting her failing health. She was of a most amiable disposition, and was great-

ly beloved in Platteville, as well as elsewhere, and stood very high in the esteem of the members of her profession. She was, as are her brother and sister, devout in the Catholic faith.

James Dolan is a scholarly gentleman, and an able and astute lawyer; is liberal in his views on all questions; is broad-minded; despises hypocrisy and sycophancy in any and every form; never takes an unfair advantage of an opponent; and is therefore held in the highest esteem by his fellow members of the Bar and the incumbents of the Bench.

PETER GNAGI is one of the prosperous and esteemed citizens of Green Co., Wis., who after a long and busy life has retired from active duties to a handsome home in the city of Monroe. He is a son of Benedict and Elizabeth (Gye) Gnagi, and was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, on Oct. 9, 1828. His parents lived and died on a farm in Switzerland. After leaving his native country, in 1847, Mr. Gnagi came first to New York, thence to Ohio, where he remained only for a short time, returning to New York, whence after six years he spent about eight years in the State of Michigan. Reared in rather humble circumstances in his native country, he there attended school and after coming to America to better his condition, he spent two terms at a seminary in Lima, New York.

In 1865 Mr. Gnagi migrated to Wisconsin and settled in Clarno township, Green county, where he bought over eighty acres of land, which is one-half the farm he now owns, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that his present possessions, of a fine farm with a handsome residence and modern buildings upon it, an equally comfortable home in the city of Monroe, with an accumulation of means sufficient to maintain the same, have been the result of his personal efforts. At intervals before and after coming to Green county he worked at the carpenter trade.

On March 4, 1858, Mr. Gnagi was married to Miss Elvira Marsh, who was born June 1, 1830, in the State of New York, of New England ancestry, a daughter of Clark and Amanda (Drake) Marsh. Mrs. Gnagi came to Michigan in 1845, with her parents, receiving an education in a select school at Battle Creek, and becoming a proficient teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Gnagi became the parents of one

child, who died in infancy, and they then adopted a son, William B., now a practicing physician in Monroe, Wis. In politics our subject has always been an active Republican, and has served his township in various offices, having been clerk and assessor, and in 1900 was census enumerator. He was one of the prime movers in organizing the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of the town of Clarno, and was secretary of the company for over nine years following its incorporation. Both Mr. Gnagi and his wife are consistent members of the M. E. Church, at Monroe, and socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having become connected with it thirty years ago. With his wife he spent the years of 1882-3-4 in California, but did not make a permanent residence there, as the old home in Wisconsin proved a stronger attraction. Surrounded by neighbors and friends of years standing, they possess the esteem of all, and richly deserve the ease which attends their advancing years.

WILLIAM S. HOLMES, a retired farmer residing in Platteville, Grant county, and a valiant ex-soldier of the United States volunteer army, was born in Sugar Grove, Penn., March 23, 1839, a son of P. A. and Rosanna (Bulsom) Holmes, the former a native of the State of New York, and the latter of the Keystone State.

P. A. Holmes brought his wife and child to Grant county, Wis., in 1840, and settled on a farm near Platteville, where he died in 1874, leaving his widow with ten children. The widow is at present living in Georgetown, Grant county, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Graham. Of the family of ten children, William S., is the eldest; James W., born in Grant county, Wis., was a soldier for two years in Company F, 3d Wis. V. I., in the Civil war, was wounded at Cedar Mountain, was honorably discharged and settled in Missouri, where he died, leaving no family; Martha M. is the deceased wife of John Henderson, of Missouri; Emmett was a soldier in the 20th Wis. V. I., was wounded at Prairie Grove, and there died; Mary E. is the wife of James L. Graham, of Georgetown; Joseph W. is married and lives in Wilsonville, Neb., but has no children; John C. is a farmer at Sanborn, Iowa, and has a family of eleven children; Abigail E., deceased wife of Robert Quingley, left no

family; Robert is a resident of Dubuque, Iowa; Susan, widow of Marshall Cooper, also resides in Dubuque with her children.

As he was the eldest of the family, William S. Holmes received but a limited education when young, and worked on the farm until he enlisted in 1861, in Company F, 3d Wis. V. I., with which he took part in numerous battles, including Maryland Heights, Antietam, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and Beverly Ford, and was with Gen. Pope in his retreat across the Potomac; was also at Winchester, served under Gen. Hooker, and likewise was with Gen. Sherman on his celebrated march through Georgia. His military career ended at Averysboro, N. C., where he was shot through the leg by a minie ball, from the effects of which wound he was confined in hospital for four months on David's Island, New York Harbor, and there received an honorable discharge, and returned to Grant county.

In July, 1873, Mr. Holmes married Miss Selena J. Piddington for his first wife. He then purchased the old home place on which he lived until 1896, when he retired to Platteville and erected for himself an elegant dwelling. In May, 1897, Mrs. Selena Holmes passed away, leaving him with one daughter, Elizabeth, now the wife of Charles Rouse, of Grant county, and the mother of one child, Ethel. In March, 1898, Mr. Holmes chose for his second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoadley, a sister of his first wife. Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes was born near Manchester, England, in 1843, and is a daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Piddington, who came to America in 1849, and settled on a farm in Grant county, on which they passed the remainder of their lives. At their death they left two daughters—Mrs. Holmes, and Mrs. Sarah Hindman, of Harrison, Grant county. By her first husband Mrs. Holmes became the mother of two children, namely: George W. Hoadley, who resides near the Block House, in Grant county, and is the father of two children, Guy W., and Cynthia E.; and Gertrude Hoadley, at the age of sixteen years, was graduated from the State Normal School, at Platteville, and is now a popular teacher in the public schools of the county. In politics Mr. Holmes is a Republican, but has never been an office seeker nor an office holder. He and wife have made many friends since they came to reside in Platteville, and their life would be one of unalloyed enjoyment,

but for the fact that Mr. Holmes at times suffers greatly from the serious wound he received in his gallant defense of his nation's flag.

JOHN WHITEHEAD (deceased), one of the pioneer settlers of Green county, and a man well remembered for his many good qualities, was born in Ohio Aug. 25, 1825, and died at his country home in this county in 1879. Mr. Whitehead was one of the four sons of Edward and Delilah (Hawk) Whitehead, the others being William, Levi and Henry.

John Whitehead was married Feb. 16, 1860, to a Miss Iseminger, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Beatey) Iseminger. They were the parents of the following family: Hattie, Sarah (who is Mrs. John Whitehead), Mary, Jane, Levi, Rebecca, Frank, Martha, John and Alice. Joseph Iseminger, the father of the above family, is still living in Graysville, Tenn., at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. John Whitehead became the parents of the following children: Emma is the wife of Charles Palmer, a farmer in the town of Cadiz; William has charge of the old homestead; Isaac is a farmer in the town of Clarno; Minnie is the wife of Louis Wolf, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Effie Jane is the wife Ira Long, of South Wayne, Wis.; and Milton is a farmer in the town of Cadiz.

John Whitehead was a man of ability and attained a very considerable success in farming, beginning as a poor boy, and at the time of his death, Jan. 6, 1879, owning 300 acres of very fine farming land in Green county, making a choice farm, well-improved, and provided with good buildings. His success was not an accident, nor the result of the help of friends, though he had many, but it came from hard work and careful and persistent savings; it came from his development of a trustworthy character; it came very largely from the helpful cooperation of his good wife and loyal children. All worked together, and after a time they secured their handsome and attractive country home. When Mr. Whitehead settled on his farm it was covered with timber, and was barren of all improvements. To-day it is one of the most desirable country estates in the southern part of the State.

Mr. Whitehead was a staunch Democrat,



and was a man of much character and resolution. Well liked by his neighbors, he was upright and honorable in all his dealings. Mrs. Whitehead retains eighty acres of land in the town of Cadiz, from which she receives a cash rental of \$225. She has lately removed to Browntown, Wis., where she has made herself a pleasant home, buying a neat and attractive village property. A devoted and faithful member of the United Brethren Church, she is known as a good Christian woman, and commands the unstinted respect and esteem of all who know her.

WILLIAM W. DAVIS has devoted himself to the agricultural interests of the town of Platteville, Grant county, and now in his old age has a wide circle of friends who esteem him for his upright and manly life, and love him for those personal qualities of heart and mind that have been conspicuous throughout his career.

Mr. Davis was born in Franklin county, N. Y., April 27, 1833, and is the son of Thomas Jefferson and Mary (Bell) Davis, who were both natives of the State of New York, and born on the shores of Lake Champlain. Thomas Davis was the son of John and Eunice (Butler) Davis, the former born in England, and the latter in the State of New York, where they both died; they left a large family, of whom Daniel Davis was a resident of Canada. Thomas Davis settled in Franklin county, and was a fruit farmer for many years. He sold out, and re-established himself in Monroe county, in the same State, and this became his home until his death. They both lived to be very old people, and reared a family of seven children. (1) Amelia was born in New York, and died when a young woman. (2) Benjamin married and settled in his native State, where he died some years ago, leaving a wife but no children. (3) Ruth is the wife of Harvey Chase, and resides near Rochester, N. Y. (4) Chauncey was a soldier in the 13th N. Y. V. I. during the Civil war; he married a lady of Monroe county, settled on her farm, and has two children, Frank and Emma, both residents of that State. (5) Joseph M. was a soldier in the 140th N. Y. V. I. during the war of the Rebellion, and lived in New York a number of years after the war. He then came West and took up a government claim near Yorktown, N. Dak., and made

his home in the Prairie State some years, after which he moved to Minneapolis, and engaged in lumbering. He married a lady from his native State, and she died in Minneapolis, leaving two children, William and Emma. (6) Emma is married and lives on a Minnesota farm.

William W. Davis, who completes the above family, was reared to manhood under the parental roof in Monroe county, where he received an excellent education, and for a time followed the vocation of a teacher. In 1856 he came to Platteville on a business errand for a stock firm in New York, and, after transacting the business entrusted to him, concluded to remain in Platteville. Here he was engaged in mining and in other work until the breaking out of the Civil war. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, 7th Wis. V. I., and was the first of that noble army that rallied to the support of the imperilled Republic. He was under Captain Naysmith, and was sent to the army of General McDowell in Virginia, and his first experience in real warfare was at the battle of Bull Run. He participated in many small battles, and was at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. His regiment was engaged at South Mountain, and here Mr. Davis was seriously wounded, and was detained in the hospital seven months. When the young soldier had regained his health, he rejoined his regiment at Culpeper Court House, in time to bear a hand in the terrible struggle in the Wilderness in May, 1863, and there he was again wounded, in the eye. There was a continued fight until the line of battle was stretched in front of Petersburg, where Mr. Davis was twice wounded. He was knocked down at Gettysburg by an artillery wagon, and had ribs broken and other injuries inflicted on him. While lying on the ground he was taken prisoner by the Rebels, and imprisoned in Libby prison and on Belle Isle. He was exchanged at City Point, and he was honorably discharged from the service at Madison, Wis., in September, 1864. The war-worn veteran resumed peaceful occupations with a zest that only those can know who have led stormy years on the tented field, and engaged in farming near Platteville for two years.

In 1871 he married Miss Martha E. Bennett, the estimable daughter of Anson and Elvira J. Bennett, old and honored residents of Grant county. Mrs. Davis was born in Feb-

ruary, 1851, and grew up on the Bennett homestead. She was educated in the public schools, and is a lady of character and refinement. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Davis settled on what was known as the Phillbrook farm, where they still live. They are the parents of four children: Benjamin A., born in 1872, married Miss Elsie Nicholas, and resides on a Platteville farm; they have one son, Raymond. William A., born in 1875, married Miss Cora Austin, and has his home on the Davis homestead. Jennie M., born in 1881, married Warren Vanetta, and lives on a Harrison township farm. Nellie B. is a student of the home schools. Mr. Davis has been a Republican since the Civil war, though his father was an old Jackson Democrat. He is a member of Platteville Post, G. A. R. Mrs. Davis belongs to the Free Methodist Church.

**ABNER S. ROCK.** a venerable retired farmer of Shullsburg, is one of the few men living to-day whose knowledge of Wisconsin extends back to the days when Indians and buffalo roamed through the country, and when the cultivated farms of the present were unbroken, uncultivated tracts of wild land. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1827, son of George and Clarinda (Snoddy) Rock, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Germany. They were married in Ohio, and came to Wisconsin in 1844, settling at New Diggings, where the father followed mining and teaming until his death in 1852, leaving his wife with seven children, five of whom are living: Sarah and Kemper, both deceased; Francis, born in Ohio, now a resident of Sioux City, Iowa; George S., a farmer near Sioux City, Iowa; Margaret, wife of John Williams, of Jo Daviess Co., Ill.; Clarinda, residing with her sister, Mrs. Williams; and Abner S., our subject.

Abner S. Rock received but a few months schooling during his boyhood in Ohio, and after the removal of the family to Wisconsin he followed mining or teaming until he moved to his farm, which he purchased in 1854. This he greatly improved by the erection of good buildings, and the breaking of the wild land of which it consisted wholly when he made his purchase. He was very poor, and only by his untiring energy and dogged perseverance has he ever succeeded as he has. In 1886 he bought

the George Proctor farm near the line of White Oak Springs, and now has one of the best farms in the township.

In 1852 Mr. Rock was wedded to Miss Fanny Field, who was born Feb. 12, 1835, daughter of William and Sarah Field, who came early from Kentucky to New Diggings township. Their union was blessed with three children: Annie, born in 1854, married Samuel Mullen, a farmer of Shullsburg, and has two children, Eva (wife of Henry Girley) and Abner (a farmer of Monticello township); Charles H., born in August, 1858, residing on a part of his father's farm, married May Urin in 1896, and has two children, Fannie E. (born in 1897), and Abner C. (born in June, 1900); Eliza, born in 1863, is now deceased. In religious connection Mr. and Mrs. Rock are identified with the Congregational Church, which they attend regularly, and are interested in its work, contributing to the support of same. Politically Mr. Rock is always found in the ranks of the Democratic party, and has been honored with a number of local offices, such as member of the town board and school director, the duties of which he has conscientiously fulfilled.

**THOMAS MARSDEN.** The greater portion of Mr. Marsden's long and useful life of sixty-five years has been passed in Grant county, his father having been among the pioneers of that section of the State, the family coming to this country from Yorkshire, England.

Henry Marsden, father of Thomas, was born in Leeds, England, Aug. 12, 1807. For many years he was engaged in overseeing one of the large woolen manufactories near the place of his birth, continuing in this business, and the difficult business of pattern making, as long as he remained in England. In 1832 he was married to Hannah Maria Riley, and in 1842 they emigrated to America, bringing their family of five children with them. Immediately upon reaching this country they came West, first to Chicago, then to Racine, and a little later to what is now Waukesha county, Wis., where they resided ten years. It was here that Mrs. Marsden died in 1844. In 1853 the elder Marsden moved with his children to Grant county, in the same State, and purchased a farm east of Lancaster, in the township of Liberty. Here, with the assistance of his family, he created a home, and lived

among the old settlers of the county. His five children are all living: Rebecca is now Mrs. John Rook, of Lancaster; Thomas and William reside in the township of Fennimore; Jane lives in Kansas, the wife of Zackaria Thomas; and John lives in California. The elder Marsden lived to see his seventy-fourth birthday, and passed away in 1880, honored by his neighbors and acquaintances for his industry, his moral worth and his irreproachable life.

Thomas Marsden was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1835, and among the most vivid recollections are the impressions made upon his young mind, when, a boy of seven years, he first landed in New York and crossed more than a third of the continent to find a home whose character and surroundings were totally different from anything with which his previous short experience had made him familiar. As he grew older he aided his father upon the homestead, and soon after reaching manhood he married, his wife's name being Sarah Fry. Her father, John Fry, was a Pennsylvania farmer, who had migrated first to Iowa, and afterward to Grant county, Wis., settling in Ellenboro township in 1854. To Mr. and Mrs. Marsden five children have been born, one of whom, Julia, died at the age of seventeen. Those yet living are Olive, Henry, Cora and Riley. Olive is the wife of W. E. Lathrop. Henry is a practicing physician.

In 1864 Mr. Marsden moved to the farm in Fennimore which is his present home, and which, through his efforts and energy, has become one of the most attractive homes in Grant county.

**MARION F. ROSS.** Among the sturdy people of Wisconsin there is an element of New England ancestry, schooled to effort and achievement, typical representatives of enlightenment and progress, yet standing for the conservative forces of society. When a lad of nine years the subject of this sketch was one of a family which, in that steady migration from New England for nearly two centuries, left home and friends to people the West. The father, Augustus Ross, was a man of superior intelligence. He was reared on a farm but received a good common school education, and in his youth attained, also, a good medical education. He practiced medicine for some years, but later returned to farm life.

The Ross family is of Scotch extraction.

Leonard Ross, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Connecticut, but removed to Vermont, where he engaged in farming and lived to a good old age, leaving a large family of children. Augustus, his son, was born in Vermont in 1816. In his native State he married Amanda Smith, daughter of Asahel Smith, a native-born farmer of Massachusetts, of English ancestry, who reared a large family and lived to an advanced age. Migrating with his family to Wisconsin in 1854, Augustus Ross bought 100 acres of land in Exeter township, Green county, and there lived until his death, which occurred in 1863, when he was forty-seven years of age. Augustus Ross was a prominent citizen in the new community. He served as town superintendent of schools and was elected justice of the peace. Among other local offices, he filled that of town supervisor. Himself and wife were members of the Universalist Church. His widow still survives, living at the old homestead in Exeter township, now in her eighty-fifth year. Eleven children, six sons and five daughters, were born to Augustus and Amanda Ross, of whom six are now living, namely: Joseph W., of Oak Park, Ill.; Marion F., our subject; Ann E., wife of Thomas Parkin, of Pine Island, Minn.; Ada E., wife of Simeon D. Ace, of Exeter township; Louisa A., wife of Robert Parkin, of Pine Island, Minn., and Carrie, wife of John Stuckey, of Pine Island, Minnesota.

Marion F. Ross was born in Ludlow, Vt., Nov. 15, 1844. He attended school in Vermont when a boy, and after his long journey to Wisconsin with his father and family in 1854 he continued his education amid the new surroundings. He early gave his attention to school teaching, beginning while yet a pupil at the district schools and continuing it in all for twelve years. Marion was but nineteen years old when his father died, and at the age of twenty years, like his brothers, he was allowed his time. At that age he took charge of his father's farm and conducted it for one year. Then, upon completing his majority, he had the usual aspiration of the young man to seek his fortune, and, an opportunity presenting itself in the selling of sewing machines, he seized it, but this venture did not prove especially rich, and Mr. Ross returned to farming. Buying a farm of 120 acres at Attica, in Brooklyn township, he lived there for fourteen years, then traded the property for his present farm

in Exeter township, then consisting of 302 acres, but now of only 297. This has been his home since 1882. Mr. Ross has brought the farm to a high state of cultivation, and while he engages profitably in general farming, he devotes considerable attention also to stock raising.

Mr. Ross married, Nov. 4, 1866, Miss Alma J. Gassett, daughter of Lucius and Sallie B. (Butterfield) Gassett, natives of Ludlow, Vt., who, in 1853, migrated to Exeter township, Green county, Wis., and located on a farm of 160 acres. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Ross was Darius Gassett, a native of Vermont, of English extraction, and a farmer, who had a large family and lived to the age of almost ninety years. Her maternal grandfather was Joseph Butterfield, a farmer, native of Massachusetts, of English descent, who had six children, and lived to the age of seventy years. To Lucius and Sallie B. Gassett were born three children: Alma J., wife of our subject; Almina, unmarried; and Julius L., of Belleville, Wis. In 1880 Lucius Gassett sold his Exeter township farm to Julius, his son, and moved to Belleville, where he died Jan. 28, 1901, in his ninety-first year. His wife died Feb. 14, 1893, aged seventy-five years.

Six children were born to Marion F. and Alma (Gassett) Ross, four sons and two daughters. Of these (1) Archie F. is a traveling salesman, living at Mt. Horeb. He married Florence Cate, and after her death wedded for his second wife Marv Gillett, by whom he has one child living, Vernon L. (2) Lucius A. married Mary E. Christler, lives in Exeter township, and has one child living, Velma M. (3) Curtis H. married Ada Kirkpatrick and lives at Belleville, where he owns a livery stable. He has one child, Mildred. (4) Mabel A. married Rodney Judd, and lives in Dane county near Belleville. (5) Vernon M. and (6) Winnifred A. are at home. While living at Attica Mr. and Mrs. Ross were members of the Methodist Church located there, but are not now actively identified with any religious society. While at Attica Mr. Ross was for a number of years justice of the peace. He has served as town clerk and as school clerk for many years in both Brooklyn and Exeter townships. In politics he is a Republican. In the political and social life of Exeter township he is recognized as a leader, and one whose judgments are clean-cut and based upon right think-

ing, and one who in active life is ever ready to maintain and defend those policies and principles which work for the public welfare.

REV. JOHN T. ETTER, after a long life of usefulness, devoted to the ministry of the German Reformed Church, now lives retired in Monroe, Green county, Wis. He was born in Buehler, Canton Appenzell, Switzerland, Dec. 28, 1832, of a family that for several generations was represented in the ministry.

Rev. John Jacob Etter, his grandfather, was a minister of the German Reformed Church, and passed his life in Switzerland. His death occurred at the age of eighty-eight years, after he had preached for forty years to one congregation.

Rev. John Ulrich Etter, son of Rev. John Jacob, followed in his father's footsteps, and for thirty years was in charge of one parish. He married Mary Magdalene Rehsteiner, who died in 1833, at the age of nineteen, leaving one child, Rev. John T. After the death of his first wife, Rev. John Ulrich Etter wedded Barbara Steiger, and four of their five children are yet living: Gottfried, of Monroe, Mich.; Lydia, of St. Gallen, Switzerland; Ulrich, an artist of Detroit, Mich.; and Paulina, wife of Jacob Halter, a dentist of St. Gallen, Switzerland. Rev. John Ulrich Etter died suddenly of apoplexy in 1870, at the age of sixty-one.

Rev. John T. Etter was reared in his native land and educated in the theological schools in that country. He began preaching about 1852, and the next year emigrated to America. In 1854 he returned to Switzerland and was married, returning to America the following year. His first charge was in Tennessee, where he remained for two years, and then was transferred to Indiana, where the Synod assigned to his charge the three counties of Clay, Greene and Owen. He was meeting with much success in his work, but owing to the chills and fever, was obliged to leave and seek a different climate. He preached one year in Sauk City, Wis., when he was called to New Glarus, and there for thirty-seven years he was the spiritual adviser of the German Reformed Church. His long pastorate there attests to his popularity, and it was with genuine regret that his parishioners allowed him to retire, which he did Nov. 8, 1896 purchasing his present home in Monroe, and locating there.

On Feb. 26, 1855, Rev. Etter was married in Switzerland to Miss Eliza Zehner, daughter of John and Katrina (Gross) Zehner, and seven children were born to them: John Huldreich, born in Tennessee; Robert, born in Clay county, Ind.; Bertha Rosalia; John Theodore; Johanna Lydia; Bertha Lydia; and one that died in infancy. John Huldreich and Bertha Rosalia both died at the age of six months. Robert married Adelia Campbell, and has two children, Nellie and Inez; he is at present postmaster at Monroe. John Theodore, Jr., a dry goods merchant in Monroe, married Mary Wittwer, and has four children, Minnie Louisa, John Theodore, Arthur, and Reuben Robert Roland.

John Zehner, father of Mrs. Etter, was a manufacturer and dealer in muslins and embroideries in Switzerland, where he died in 1870, aged seventy-three years. His wife, Katrina Gross, died in 1865, aged sixty-nine years. Of their nine children, two are yet living: John, of Heiden, Switzerland; Heinrich, of the same place. Both are widowers.

On Feb. 26, 1901, Rev. Etter was called upon to mourn the death of his faithful wife, who that day entered into rest. The funeral was held on March 1, 1901.

HENRY SCHEEL, a retired farmer of Platteville, Grant county, is the possessor of a handsome property, and is enabled to spend his declining years in the pleasurable enjoyment of his accumulations. The record of his early life is that of an active, enterprising, methodical and sagacious business man, who bent his energies to the honorable acquirement of a comfortable competence for himself and family.

Mr. Scheel was born in Holstein, Germany, May 1, 1818, a son of Hans and Catharine (Wolfe) Scheel, also natives of Holstein, who in 1846 emigrated to America. The family sailed from Hamburg, Germany, to England; from Hull to Quebec, Canada; and by the chain of lakes to Chicago, whence they proceeded across the country to Galena, Ill., where the mother died the same year. The father made his home with his son Henry after coming to this State, in 1847, and died in Elk Grove, Lafayette county. In early life he was a sailor and fisherman on the Baltic sea, and also followed farming, owning and operating a tract of land in Germany. He had only two

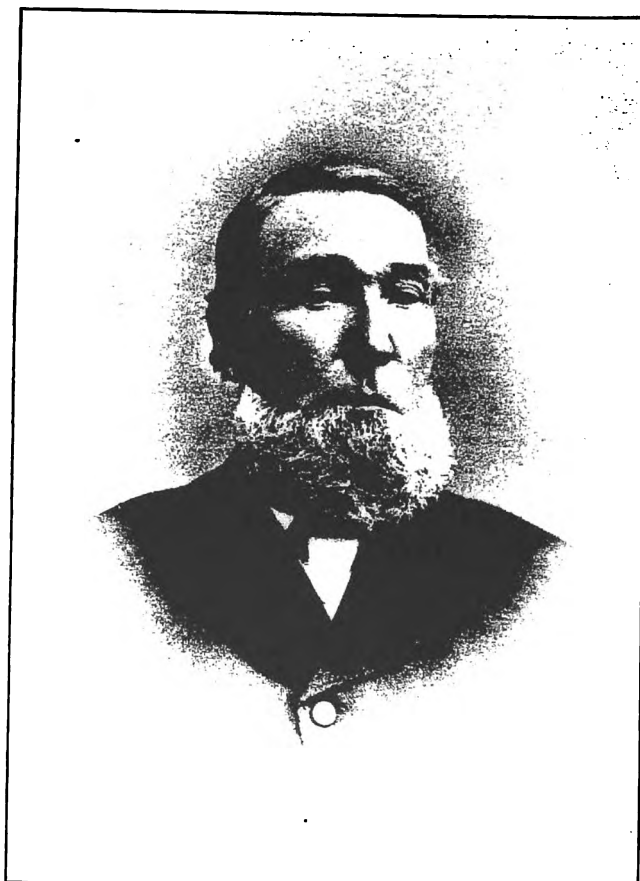
children, Henry being the only son. Anna was married in Germany to Peter Schroeder, who died in California, and her death occurred in Platteville, in 1896. To their union were born five children: Henry, a resident of Platteville; Mary, of Platteville; Frederick, of Elk Grove; Christopher, deceased; and Catherine, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Henry Scheel was reared and educated in his native land, and was there married, in 1841, to Miss Catherine Kay, also a native of Germany, and a daughter of Joseph Kay, who spent his entire life in that country. On the emigration of the family to America, in 1846, they stopped first in Galena, Ill., where they spent one winter, and the following year took up their residence in Elk Grove. Lafayette Co., Wis., where Mr. Scheel opened up and improved a farm. For about thirty-five years he was successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, and is now the owner of a large amount of land at Elk Grove, having several good farms. This property has all been acquired through his own industry, perseverance and good management, and he well deserves the prosperity that has come to him. In 1881 he moved to Platteville, and has since lived a retired life.

Mr. Scheel has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who died in Platteville in 1897. To them were born five children, namely: Anna, deceased; William, who died at the age of twenty-two years; John, deceased; Jane, Mrs. Niehaus; and Mary, at home.

As a Democrat Mr. Scheel has taken quite an active interest in political affairs, and served on the town board in Elk Grove seven years, and in the town council of Platteville two years. Religiously he holds membership in the Lutheran Church. He has been identified with the interests of Wisconsin since Territorial days and has witnessed almost its entire development and progress. He is one of the prominent men of Platteville, honored and respected by all who know him.

REV. SAMUEL WHITNEY TROUSDALE, A. M., PH. D., D. D., one of the most highly esteemed and prominent residents of Platteville, Grant county, presiding elder of the Platteville district of the M. E. Church, was born at Fayette, Lafayette Co., Wis., Nov. 12, 1853, the worthy son—the only one—of



*Hermes Schell .*



William P. and Mary Ann (McKee) Trousdale. Seven half brothers and sisters of our subject are living at this writing: W. W. Parkinson; Jane, Mrs. Ellison; William J. Trousdale; Polly Ann, Mrs. Perrigo; Robert M.; John W.; and James W. Bashford.

Samuel Whitney Trousdale is of Scotch-Irish parentage on both sides, and the record of his ancestors is very interesting. Before the Revolutionary war his paternal ancestors settled in North Carolina, and took such valiant part in that struggle that the government presented them with a tract of land in Tennessee (the city of Gallatin now occupying that tract), and the family name has been perpetuated in one of the counties of that State. The grandfather of our subject moved from Tennessee to Kentucky, and in that State William P. Trousdale was born. In course of time he moved to Madison county, Ill., and thence to Lafayette county, Wis., while the State was still a Territory. He settled on a farm near Fayette, and in that town he died, Sept. 18, 1889, at the ripe old age of eighty-six.

Not less interesting is the record of the early maternal ancestors of our subject. His mother was born in Mason county, Ky., Dec. 11, 1817, eldest child of Robert and Letitia McKee, the former a grandson of that well-known old pioneer, John McKee, and the latter a great-granddaughter of pioneer Robert McKee, both of whom came to America from the North of Ireland with the Scotch-Irish emigration of 1738. They had settled, with their other brothers, first at Lancaster, Penn., removing in 1757 to Virginia, and locating permanently in Rockbridge county. There Robert died June 11, 1774. His son, William McKee, was a man of great prominence. He served his country as a captain in the Revolution, was made high sheriff of Rockbridge county, and was its representative in the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1788, to consider the plan of Federal government for the United States, as recommended by the Federal Convention that met at Philadelphia.

William McKee married his cousin, Miriam McKee, a daughter of the old pioneer John McKee, and about the year 1790 removed with his family to Kentucky, settling in Garrard county, where later he was joined by other members of his family connection. However, the

branches became numerous, and are now to be found in Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, always representing the best element in the community, many of them having occupied very prominent positions in the various walks of life. John McKee, the eldest son of William McKee, and the father of Letitia McKee, was appointed register of the land office at Edwardsville, Ill., in 1816, and he and his son, William P., continued in the office for the succeeding twenty years. Robert McKee and his young wife and infant daughter removed to that place in 1818, and settled on the farm where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Mary Ann McKee, the mother of our subject, when eighteen years old was (first) married to Carroll Parkinson, and soon after, with her husband, removed to Wisconsin, traveling overland with teams, and settling in Fayette, Lafayette county, this being then known as Parkinson's settlement; this was in the spring of 1839. Here this lady made her home until her death, on Jan. 31, 1896. She had lived a good and busy life, and had fully done her part in the pioneer work of building a firm foundation for the great State which came out of the wilderness of the Northwest.

Samuel Whitney Trousdale, the subject of the present sketch, spent his boyhood days on the farm at Fayette, attending both public and private schools until the fall of 1871, when he took up the preparatory course of the State University of Wisconsin. From this institution he graduated, from the Ancient Classical course, in 1877. Mr. Trousdale seems to have thoroughly understood the reason why he was sent to college, for his average in his studies was uniformly high, while he also found time and opportunity to take charge, for a time, of the editorial columns of the "University Press," the college paper; was president of the Athenæan Literary Society; and for a year was president of the college Y. M. C. A. In his Senior year Mr. Trousdale won in the college oratorical contest, and also represented the State University in the inter-collegiate contest. After his graduation he was offered a position as tutor of Greek and Elocution in the State University, which position he occupied for one year, and then entered the School for Theology in Boston University, from which he graduated in 1881. Since that time Mr. Trousdale has received the degrees of A. M., from the State University; Ph. D.,



from the Ohio Wesleyan University; as well as D. D. from Lawrence University.

While in the Theological Seminary Mr. Trousdale spent two years at West Quincy and Newton Lower Falls, Mass., and in the fall of 1882 joined the West Wisconsin M. E. Conference, of which he is a member at the present time. His Conference has honored him by appointing him to some of the strongest churches, he having served as pastor at Hudson; First Church, Eau Claire; First Church, La Crosse; and Platteville. For a number of years Mr. Trousdale was chairman of the board of examiners of his Conference, and during this time great advancement was made in the method of conducting such bodies, a change being made in the examination of candidates from oral to written examinations. Twice has Mr. Trousdale been honored by being elected the head of the delegation to represent his Conference in the General Conference.

Rev. Trousdale was first married, in the fall of 1882, to Miss Alma L. Baker, a daughter of John U. and Elizabeth Baker, both of whom were English born. Mrs. Trousdale was born near Linden, in Iowa county, on May 17, 1861, and died at La Crosse, Wis., on Oct. 9, 1895. She was a woman of superior character, ambitious, but discreet, and of such a natural strength of character that she impressed herself upon all who had even a passing acquaintance with her. Of this marriage two children were born: Elizabeth Dale and Paul Whitney. Mr. Trousdale, for his second wife, wedded Miss Minne E. Taylor, a Pennsylvanian by birth, of English-French descent, and an accomplished and estimable lady. Before her marriage to Mr. Trousdale she had charge of the Oral Deaf School at La Crosse, Wis., of which she had been principal for five years. Of this second marriage of our subject two sons have been born: Theodore and James Bashford. Samuel Whitney Trousdale's ideals have, from childhood, been high ones, and he has never fallen into the vices and follies of the world, hence his look backward over his life contains nothing which may not appear upon record. He is respected and esteemed, both in church and in the community, and worthily represents the great religious denomination which the immortal John Wesley founded.

MRS. CATHERINE BOWELL. A record of Green county would not be complete without mention of this highly esteemed lady, who resides on her well-improved farm of 100 acres, located about five miles northeast of Monroe.

Mrs. Bowell was born in Fayette county, Penn., Oct. 1, 1817, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Stowe) Smith, natives of the same county, whose parents were among the early English settlers there. She was one of a family of eleven children: Samuel Smith, Catherine (our subject), Sabina, Margaret, Elizabeth, Moses, Eliza Ann, John, Sarah, Rachel, and Isaac, of whom four survive, Catherine, John, Rachel, and Sarah. Growing to womanhood in her native State, Catherine Smith married a neighbor, William Bell, who survived but a few years, and died, leaving her with a son, John S. Bell, now a citizen of Fort Scott, Kans. Mrs. Bell then became the wife of Thomas A. Bowell, who was born in Fayette county, Penn., Jan. 21, 1815, and about 1845 they came to the State of Wisconsin, locating in Sylvester township, Green county. Alluring tales of the fertility of the land, of the beauty and convenience of its many waterways, and its speedy settlement, had attracted the young couple, and tempted them to found their homes in what was then almost a wilderness. During the long life which Mr. and Mrs. Bowell were permitted to spend in association, she worthily did her part in accumulating the large fortune which he left at his decease, Dec. 25, 1890, for he was at that time the owner of 300 acres of the best land in the township. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bowell: Frances A., who married William Treastus, of Roswell, S. Dak.; Isaac J., in Shenandoah, Iowa; Sarah E., who married Lewis Roub, of Clarno township; Basil B., a farmer of Madison, S. Dak.; William, a farmer on the old homestead; Err Kyle, of the Black Hills, S. Dak.; and Henry J., who lives in Merrill, Wis. Mrs. Bowell has twenty-eight grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren. No terms are too high in which to speak of Mr. Bowell, for he was an example in every relation in life.

As a type of the brave, cheerful and devoted woman of pioneer days Mrs. Bowell is well remembered, and in her own family her record as a faithful, helpful and devoted wife

and mother has won the devotion and esteem of every one who has come under her kind influence. For sixty-five years she has been a consistent member of the Baptist Church, with all that the name implies, living a life full of Christian deeds, and setting an example worthy of emulation.

THOMAS TIGHE, an old and venerable agriculturist of Grant county, was born in Roscommon, Ireland, Dec. 3, 1820, a son of Hugh and Margaret (Ratekin) Tighe, born, reared and died in Ireland. The father died in August, 1836, and his widow a few years later. Seven children were born to them. Thomas, Bridget (who died in New Orleans), and Bartholomew (who returned to Sheffield, Eng., where he still resides) were all of the family who came to this country.

In Ireland, in 1842, Thomas Tighe married Miss Bridget Carrell, whom he left in the old country with three children, while he was seeking a home for them in America. After leaving them a year and a half he sent for them, and they settled in Trumbull county, Ohio, where they lived some six years. In 1852 he came to Wisconsin and purchased 170 acres of wild land, two miles north of the village of Ellenboro. Here he put up a log cabin and began life in the wilderness, seeing many hardships in the early days. Mr. Tighe later purchased eighty adjoining acres, and cleared up a fine farm, which he devoted to farming and stock raising. A few years ago he retired from active life, having accumulated an ample competence. Many friends have come to prize his plain and rugged character, kindly disposition and downright honesty. A few years ago he lost his home by fire, but now he has a fine modern home. Mrs. Tighe died in August, 1865, leaving him a family of seven children: Michael died in St. Louis; John died in Oklahoma, where he had married and settled; Thomas is a resident of Lebanon, Kans.; Herbert lives in the gold and silver mining region of Arizona; Mary is the wife of Andrew Omsted, of Oketo, Kans.; Maggie is the widow of Mack Regan, of Lebanon, Kans., and the mother of seven children; and Susan, wife of John Head, of Prescott, is the mother of one daughter.

In 1865 Mr. Tighe married his second wife, Mrs. Freeman Vaughn, *nec* Phillips, daughter of David and Harriet (McKee) Phillips, who

came West from Connecticut to Ohio, and from there to Wisconsin. Here he became wealthy, and was noted as one of the leading men of this county. Mrs. Tighe, his daughter, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1838, and is a lady of culture and education, and for some years was one of the most successful teachers in Grant county. There was one son, Dorus Vaughn, who owns a fine farm in Kansas, by her first union, and to Mr. and Mrs. Tighe was born one daughter, Amy, in 1880. She is the wife of John Berregan, and they reside with her father, and are the parents of one child, Ivy. Mr. Tighe has always been a Democrat, but has never aspired to office. Brought up a Catholic, he has never been able to take part in the church work on account of the remoteness of any organized body of his fellow believers.

EDWIN TREVITT, a well-known farmer, fruit grower and dairyman of Monroe, Green county, was born in Erie county, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1833, son of Constant and grandson of Benjamin Trevitt.

Benjamin Trevitt was a native of Vermont, of French and English descent. His mother was a granddaughter of Capt. Ben Churches, the New England Indian fighter. By occupation Mr. Trevitt was a mechanic, although in early life he was a salt-water sailor. His death occurred in Vermont, when he was well advanced in years. His wife was a member of the Carter family, of which the first representative in this country came over in the "Mayflower."

Constant Trevitt was born in Vermont, and was a blacksmith by trade, following it all his life. He came to Wisconsin in 1880, locating in Monroe, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1885, when he was aged ninety-eight years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, in the Maryland line, and took part in the defense of Baltimore against the British after the burning of the public buildings at Washington. In religious faith he was a Universalist. He married Louisa Stewart, who was born in New York, daughter of Benjamin Stewart, a farmer of English descent. To Constant Trevitt and wife were born eight children, six of whom are yet living, as follows: Constant; Franklin; Diana, widow of Harlow Ferry, of Madison, Ohio; Edwin, our subject; George, of Sonoma, Cal.; and Ellen,

wife of Albert Winters, of Madison, Ohio. The mother of these died in the faith of the Baptist Church, in 1865, when she was aged sixty-five years.

Edwin Trevitt passed his early days and grew to manhood in his native county, receiving such literary training as the common schools afforded. He learned all the details of farming in boyhood, but also learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Pennsylvania. In 1867 he located in Lake county, Ohio, engaging in farming in Madison township, where he met with great success, but in 1874 he determined to make his future home in Wisconsin, and accordingly moved his family westward, making his home in Monroe, and purchased his present home in the south part of the city. He has fifteen acres of highly improved land, and raises a fine grade of fruit and vegetables, and has engaged to some extent in dairying. His good business methods and his prompt fulfilling of every obligation have won him a high place in the business world.

On June 20, 1864, Mr. Trevitt was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Darling, daughter of James and Maria (Hogle) Darling, and to this union have come two children, namely: Charley L., a carpenter of Citronelle, Ala., married Cora White, and has one daughter, May; Edith D., a graduate nurse from Sherman Hospital, in Elgin, Ill., where she is now located. Both Mr. and Mrs. Trevitt are active in the work of the Methodist Church, Mr. Trevitt at present serving as steward. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and politically is a staunch Republican, and active in the work of the party, and also for all movements he thinks calculated to aid the temperance cause. He and his wife are popular among their friends, and are highly respected citizens.

James Darling, father of Mrs. Trevitt, was a native of New York, as was also his wife. His occupation was that of a mechanic, and his death occurred in 1861, when he was aged sixty-five years. His wife lived to the advanced age of seventy-eight. Both were faithful adherents of the Congregational faith. In their family were eleven children, nine of whom are now living: Mary, wife of Alexander Marvin, of Pierpont, Ohio; James, of Missouri; Oliver, of Conneaut, Ohio; Susan, wife of O. C. Peters, of Winslow, Ill.; Jennie,

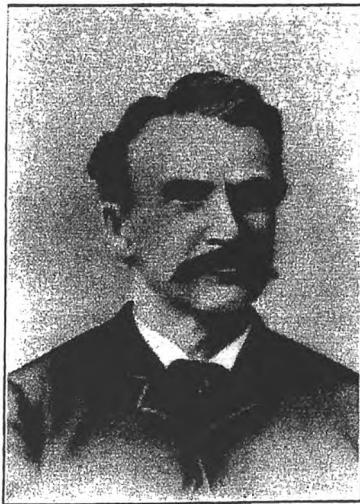
wife of Jonas Scramling, of Climax, Mich.; Eliza, wife of George De Wolf, of Genoa, Ill.; Caroline, wife of Albert Hildum, of Garland, Penn.; Harriet, Mrs. Trevitt; and Esther, wife of Richard Marvin, of Columbus, Pennsylvania.

SIMON SMITH, junior member of the firm of Johnson & Smith, painting contractors, of Beloit, Rock county, is a man of character and standing, and takes the common-sense business view of any subject proposed to his attention. He is a level-headed, practical man of affairs, and his administrative ability has been recognized by his election to the chief position in the city, he having served as mayor of Beloit in 1899, 1900 and 1901.

Mr. Smith was born Nov. 14, 1839, and is a son of Samuel and Mary Ann Smith, who had four sons, all of whom are living: Samuel, Simon, Sidney, and Sandy. In 1856 the parents came to Beloit, where the father engaged in painting. He died in 1881, at the age of sixty-nine, and the mother survived him several years, reaching the age of seventy-five. Both were members of the Episcopal church. He was treasurer of the city at the time of his death. Both the maternal and paternal grandfathers of Simon Smith died in England.

Simon Smith grew to manhood in Beloit, where he attended the city schools, and made fair progress in the acquisition of an education. When the Civil war broke out the young man enlisted in Company D, 15th Ill. V. I., and served as a private from May, 1861, to October, 1865. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg, and all the engagements on the "march to the sea," closing with the battle at Bentonville, N. C. After the war had ended Mr. Smith returned to Beloit, and took up the painter's trade, which has been his life calling. For the last twenty years he and J. T. Johnson have been in partnership, and their business has been large and important.

Simon Smith and Miss Sarah A. Bright, daughter of Henry and Sarah Bright, were married Nov. 2, 1865, and they have a handsome home at No. 838 Fourth street. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, Edith, Stella, Louis, Sidney and Fred. Mr. Smith is a member of Morning Star Lodge, No. 10 A. F. & A. M., Beloit Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M., and Beloit Commandery, No. 6, K. T.; is also a member of the United Work-



*Simon Smith*







*L. A. Jenkins*



*C. W. Tomkins*

men of America, and of the Home Forum. He has been a member of the county board for fourteen years, and in 1898-99 was chairman of the board, of which he is still a member.

GEORGE LEE, prominent in agricultural circles, and widely known as one of the leading farmers and stockmen of the town of Lima. Grant county, was born at Allens Heads, in Northumberland, England, April 18, 1842.

John and Ann Lee, his parents, were both also natives of Northumberland, the father born in 1811, and the mother in 1816. In 1849 they came to Jo Daviess county, Ill., by way of New York, Buffalo and Chicago. Mr. Lee was engaged in mining for some seven years, and then moved into the town of Highland, Iowa Co., Wis., where he bought a farm of eighty acres, and had his first experiences in the cultivation of the soil. On this place they lived until 1863, when Mr. Lee sold it, and moved into the town of Lima, two and a half miles northwest of Platteville, where he died the following year. Mr. Lee was well known, and very popular among the early settlers, who knew him not only as a kind and courteous man, but as a good neighbor and a trusty friend. Mr. and Mrs. Lee were members of the Methodist Church, and sincerely lived the faith they loved. After his death the widow moved into Platteville, where she lived some years, dying in 1874. They reared a family of seven children: (1) John, born in 1838 in England, where he was educated, married Miss Ann Leese, of Iowa county, Wis., and settled in Dodgeville. Moving to the Lake Superior country, he followed mining until 1856, in which year he went to Pike's Peak, Colo., working in the gold mines there until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted to fight the hostile Indians. After some time he moved his family into Kansas, where they still reside. Returning to the Colorado gold mines, he died in 1897. (2) Mary Ann, born in England, died when a young woman, in Illinois. (3) George is the third in the family. (4) Jane, born in 1844 in England, married Robert Graham, of Grant county, and they now reside in Platteville, where Mr. Graham is living retired. John Graham, their son, is a resident of that city. (5) Hannah F., born in Jo Daviess county,

Ill., is the wife of James Butson, of Marshall, Minn., where he is known as one of the wealthy farmers of that section. Four children have been born to their union, Annie, Harry, Minnie, and John. (6) Matthew H., born in Jo Daviess county, Ill., married a Miss Egan, of Highland, for his first wife. She died soon afterward, leaving him one daughter, Nellie, who now resides with her father in the State of Iowa. Mr. Lee married for his second wife a Miss Newman, of Iowa. (7) Thomson, born in England, died in childhood in Illinois.

George Lee acquired his early education in the district schools in Jo Daviess county, Ill., and Iowa county, Wis. While still a boy he worked in the lead mines in Illinois, and in Wisconsin did the same work until fully grown. When his parents moved to Lima he became the manager of the farm, and after his father's death rented the place until 1872, in which year he pre-empted a quarter section of land in Lyon county, Minn., moving his family from Platteville by wagon. The grasshoppers destroyed all farm products, and he came back to Wisconsin in the winter of 1873, after proving up his Minnesota land. Buying the old home farm in the town of Lima, which contained 160 acres, he has added eighty acres of timber land thereto. The quarter section of land in Minnesota he has retained, and it is now a valuable and well improved farm.

In 1865 Mr. Lee married Miss Susan J. Butson, of Lima, daughter of Thomas and Susan Butson, old pioneers of Grant county, who came from Cornwall, England, among the very early settlers of Grant county. Our subject and wife are now living in the old Lee homestead, where they have reared a family of nine children: (1) John, their eldest son, was born in Grant county in 1867, married Miss Ida Eastman, and is now living on his farm in the town of Lima. They have had two children, Gretta and the baby. (2) Susan, born in 1869, married Thomas Edge, and lives in the town of Ellenboro, on his uncle's farm; they have two children, Emma and Harry. (3) George William, born in Grant county in 1872, attained manhood under the parental roof, and is now the manager of his father's farm in Minnesota. (4) Henry, born in Grant county in 1877, is unmarried. (5) Charles was born in 1881; (6) Minnie, in 1884; (7) Ernest, in 1886; (8) Frank, in



1889; and (9) Elsie, in 1891. The younger children are at home.

In politics Mr. Lee is a Republican, and in religion he and his family are intimately associated with the Methodist Church. His career affords a conspicuous illustration of the value of pluck and energy, when backed up by a disposition to make the most of all passing opportunities, and do the best thing possible every day. He began with nothing, and has gradually accumulated a very handsome property. Some years ago Mr. Lee met with an accident, receiving a severe injury on the spine, which left him a cripple for life.

ALPHEUS HAROLD WOODLE, whose venerable figure has for years been a familiar sight in Monroe, is one of the oldest settlers of Green county, and he has a personal knowledge of early scenes and events that covers more than sixty years in this county. He has seen the transformation of a wilderness, and has rendered no trifling contribution to the making of the great commonwealth where once prevailed the wilderness and the unbroken forest. In his advanced age he commands the respect of a host of friends, and many there are who will sadly learn some day of the breaking of the golden thread that keeps such men as he alive to recall the courage and loyalty of a vanished generation.

Mr. Woodle was born in Fayette county, Penn., Oct. 10, 1823, a son of Joseph and Hannah (Batton) Woodle, both natives of that State. They had six children, only two of whom are now living: Alpheus H.; and Sarah, wife of Stephen Mackey, of Monroe. The father was a farmer, and came to Wisconsin in 1836, selecting a farm in Sylvester township, Green county, and the next year he brought his family to it, and opened a new home in the West. In 1856 Mr. Woodle sold this farm, and went to Fillmore county, Minn., where he remained but a few years. He was then established in Clayton county, Iowa, and later in Jasper county, Mo., where he died when over seventy years of age. His wife died in 1855, at the age of sixty-five years. He was a man of prominence in those early days, and served as sheriff of Green county under the territorial laws. His father, Thomas Woodle, was a native of Delaware, and a life-long farmer, and came West with his son in 1836, and entered land. He lived to be about

seventy years of age, and was the father of five sons and four daughters. Thomas Batton, the father of Hannah Batton, lived in Fayette county, Penn., and died there at an advanced age. He was a farmer, and had a small family.

Alpheus H. Woodle was thirteen years old when he came with his parents into Green county, and here he has continuously resided since 1837. He grew to manhood in Sylvester township, and lived there until the fall of 1899, when he moved into the city of Monroe—a brief summary of so long and useful a life, a life of singular modesty and of genuine worth. When a boy Mr. Woodle attended the district school, and lived with his parents until he reached man's estate. When he became of age, or a little before, he made a claim of 160 acres, which he partly improved. He then sold that, and bought his father's farm, which consists of 126 acres. This he made his home, and still owns, although he has now settled in the city to enjoy whatever comfort there may be in the life of the town, as contrasted with the pleasures that belong to the country.

On Nov. 7, 1844, occurred the marriage of Alpheus H. Woodle and Miss Hannah Fincher, a union that has proved singularly fortunate, and which has been blessed by the birth of six sons and six daughters, Mahala Jane, Susanna Esle, Sarah Delilah, Mary Elmira, Joseph William, Joel Allen, John Alpheus, Thomas Emsley, Hannah Cornelia, Ellsworth Sherman Grant, Harvey Lyon, and Theo May. Susanna Esle married William Coldren, and lives in Spring Grove township, Green county; they have two children living, Frederick and Chauncey. Sarah Delilah married Seth Austin, of Monroe, and has two children, Rolland and Alice. Mary Elmira died when nine years old. Joseph William married Matilda Crow, who bore him three children, Grace, Levern and Lucy Fay, and is now dead; he married for his second wife Rose Reen. Joel Allen died when four years old. John Alpheus married Miss Elizabeth Cato, and lives in Page county, Iowa; they have five children, Alice, Gay, Vesta, Effie and Chauncey. Thomas Emsley married Lelah Stevenson, and lives in Monroe. Hannah Cornelia died when two years old. Ellsworth Sherman Grant lives on the old homestead, with his wife, who was Etta Hill; they have one child, Cassius. Harvey Lyon married Carrie Bowen Nold, and is the father

of three children, Reginald Emsley, Mildred Lola and Dorothy Catharine. Theo May died when seven years old.

Politically Mr. Woodle is a pronounced Republican. He cast his first vote for Buchanan, but when the division of the parties became more defined on the question of slavery he ranged himself with the Republicans, and votes that ticket to-day. He was road supervisor one term, and pathmaster several terms. Mrs. Woodle's father was a native of England, where his father worked in the Queen's Ward, and her mother was born in South Carolina. Mr. Fincher was the father of four sons and seven daughters, and three of his children are now living, John, of Colfax, Wash.; Hannah, wife of Mr. Woodle; and Emsley, of Penawawa, Washington.

Mr. Woodle and his noble wife have lived together fifty-six years, and she has faithfully and bravely done her part in the great work of life. A large family has grown to manhood and womanhood under her motherly care, and now they rise up and call her blessed. She has been a member of the Christian church since childhood.

**CAPT. ORRIN E. MINOR**, a popular and successful druggist at Belmont, has been intimately identified with the business and commercial interests of Lafayette county for many years, and has largely contributed, by his public spirit and enterprising character to the general prosperity of this region. Integrity and industry are essential to success, and he possesses these to a marked degree.

Mr. Minor was born at Michigan City, Ind., April 27, 1842, and is a son of Orrin and Louisa M. (Geer) Minor, born in 1810 and 1818, respectively. They were reared and married in New York, and very soon afterward came West to Michigan City, Ind., where they lived until 1844. That year the worthy couple made their appearance in Mineral Point, Wis., where Mr. Minor at once engaged in business as a grocer. Five years later he fell a victim to cholera, which was then epidemic in the Northwest. His widow is still living, and makes her home in Chicago, with her granddaughter, Mrs. Hattie L. Post, the widow of Loring Post, once an eminent lawyer of that city. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Minor, two sons and one daughter. The daughter, Celeste, married D. N. Gates, who

lived in Mineral Point, Wis., where he acquired a handsome property; he is now dead, and his widow has her home in Denver, Colo., with her two sons, Minor and Maurice. Her only daughter is Mrs. Post, of Chicago. Maurice J. Minor, the only brother of Orrin E., was born in Mineral Point, married Miss Kate Sterling, and has a family of six children. He is one of the leading business men of his native town.

Orrin E. Minor acquired his education very largely in the public school of Mineral Point, where his childhood and youth were spent, and where he became a clerk in a store while still a boy. He held this position for five years, and then secured a position with the American Express Company, on the Mineral Point railroad, and was in the employment of the express company when the Civil war broke out. He soon enlisted, and became a gallant soldier of the Union. In 1862 he was mustered in as regimental commissary of the 30th Wis. V. I., a regiment recruited from Mineral Point and the northern part of the State, and remained in the army until the close of the war. He was on duty with his regiment wherever it was sent, and participated in some of the bloodiest scenes of that great strife. In 1864 he was sent with his regiment to join General Sully, and take part in the campaign against the Indians on the northwestern frontier, and in this expedition he acted as commissary sergeant, and helped to build Fort Wadsworth, on the Missouri river. They went to the Black Hills to protect settlers against marauding Indians, and when the West seemed quiet they went to Louisville, Ky., where they were mustered out in 1865. Mr. Minor has a record as a soldier that is an enviable one, and when he was no longer a soldier he hastened to resume the occupations of peaceful life with an ardor that was shared by thousands of his comrades. That great army of veteran soldiers, trained and disciplined to a degree unsurpassed anywhere in the world, broke up, and disappeared in the great industrial world, with a passion for civil life that astounded old-world critics. Like Mr. Minor, however, they had gone to fight for the Union, and when that was secure they could not get home to friends and neighbors and business cares any too soon.

Mr. Minor came back to Mineral Point, Wis., and engaged in the lumber business as a member of the firm of Geo. W. Cobb & Co.,

acting as general manager. Mr. Cobb was superintendent of the Mineral Point railroad, and a man of extensive personal associations, which brought a large patronage to the new firm. In 1869 Mr. Minor and Miss Nina D. Garden, of Mineral Point, were united in marriage. Mrs. Minor is the daughter of William and Eliza J. Garden, one of the old Mineral Point families. Her father was born in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1826, and her mother in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Garden lived for some years in Pittsburg, where he was a civil engineer, attached to the Pennsylvania railroad, with Thomas Scott as superintendent. In 1865 Mr. Garden came to Mineral Point and surveyed the Milwaukee railroad from Calamine to Platteville. In 1868 he located a survey for the new corporation of Belmont, and engaged in general business in the new and growing town for many years. In 1898 he went out of all business associations, and is now leading a retired life. Mrs. Minor was born in Blairsville, Penn., in 1850, and obtained her education very largely in a female seminary in Pittsburg.

Mr. Minor spent one year at Mineral Point after his marriage, and then moved to Belmont, and in 1870 started a general store. He studied pharmacy after his arrival in Belmont, and very soon after his establishment as a general merchant he added a stock of drugs to his other lines, and has carried on the drug store with his other interests very successfully. Mr. Minor manufactures and ships to all parts of the country a liniment which is known as "That" Liniment, one of the most popular proprietary medicines of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor have a family of four children: (1) William E. was born in Belmont in 1871, was a student in the military academy at Delafield, Wis., for seven years, and graduated from that school with honor. For a time he was editor and publisher of a paper at Clinton, Ill., and is now baggagemaster on the Illinois Central, and is a young man of more than ordinary ability. (2) Charles S. was born in 1884, and is now a student in the Belmont high school; he is interested in the photographic business in this town, and seems to have a certain future before him already indicated. (3) Amy S., who was born in June, 1887, is a student in the local high school. (4) Loring J., born March 15, 1889, is a student in the Belmont grammar school. Mr.

Minor is a Republican, and has filled various local offices, but has never been an aspirant for political honors. Mr. Minor and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, and he belongs to George A. Legate Post, G. A. R., at Mineral Point, and is one of the leading Masons of his town. He is one of the charter members of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, is also a charter member of the Modern Woodmen, and belongs to the Royal Neighbors. He is counted one of the best citizens of the town, and is known all over the county as a man of wide business experience and upright character.

JEFFERSON J. NEWMAN, prominent among the prosperous and honorable farmers of Green county, is a son of William and Elizabeth (Kendall) Newman, of Springhill, Fayette Co., Penn., and comes of English ancestry.

William Newman was born March 20, 1798, and died in 1864. Elizabeth Kendall became his wife in 1821. To this union were born the following children: (1) Hannah married John Batty, and died in 1853. (2) Samuel died in 1876. He married Mary Roderick. (3) Jefferson Jackson is the subject of this writing. (4) Ephraim K. died while serving in the Civil war, at Nicholasville, Ky., where he was serving as second lieutenant of Company K, 22d Wis. V. I. (5) Elizabeth married Jacob Roderick. (6) Nancy resides in the town of Decatur. (7) William S. is a prominent farmer of the town of Jefferson. William Newman, the father of these children, lost his first wife in 1846, and in 1847 married, for his second wife, Vastia De Bolt. That year he came to the Territory of Wisconsin with his family, and here he died in the fulness of years.

Jefferson J. Newman was born Nov. 2, 1827, and was about twenty years of age when the family removed to Wisconsin from his native State, Pennsylvania. Coming with them, he has made his home here to the present time. On Jan. 27, 1853, Mr. Newman married Miss Lydia Shadwick, of Green county, Wis., daughter of J. Hugh and Polly (Scudder) Shadwick. Mr. and Mrs. Newman have had children as follows: (1) James, born Jan. 25, 1854, is now in Cheyenne, Wyo. (2) Mary, born Oct. 28, 1855, is the wife of Charles Edwards, of Albany township, Green county. (3) Gilbert, born Sept. 14, 1857, is a farmer



*J. J. Cheverman*



*Lydia S. Newman*



of the town of Jefferson. (4) Ira, born May 9, 1860, is a farmer of Shenandoah, Iowa. (5) William, born Aug. 21, 1862, is a farmer in Spring Grove, Green county. (6) John, born Sept. 10, 1864, died in childhood. (7) Elizabeth, born March 7, 1867, is the wife of Henry Schnader, of Spring Grove. (8) Frank, born Sept. 3, 1869, is a farmer in the town of Spring Grove. (9) J. Parker, born March 28, 1872, resides on the old home farm in the town of Spring Grove. (10) Thornton LeRoy, born Jan. 25, 1876, and (11) Ross, born June 13, 1878, died in childhood.

Mr. Newman was reared on the farm, and received his education in the common schools. Starting out in moderate circumstances, he began farming, and by hard work, good judgment and a fortunate combination of circumstances, he has come to own 900 acres of choice farm land in Green county, and a number of houses and lots in Juda. He is considered one of the leading farmers of the county. He is a staunch Democrat, and a faithful member of the Baptist Church. His reputation is of the highest character, both as a man and as a citizen.

**CHARLES W. KEMMERER.** Few if any better examples of agricultural success in Rock county could be found than that presented by the life of the subject of this sketch, who has scarcely more than passed the half-century mark. He is a native of Rock county, began life for himself by renting land, and now owns 480 well-tilled acres in La Prairie and Turtle townships, Rock county. His father was a pioneer of Rock county, and one of its successful farmers.

Our subject was born in Rock township, Rock county, Nov. 12, 1850, son of S. H. and Elizabeth (Gish) Kemmerer, natives of Pennsylvania. Both grandfathers of Mr. Kemmerer died in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Conrad Kemmerer, lived to the age of ninety, and had a family of thirteen children. He was born in Pennsylvania, of German extraction, and was a lifelong farmer. The maternal grandfather was a sailor early in life, and after his marriage became a miller. He lived to the age of about sixty years, and had six children.

It was in 1848 that S. H. Kemmerer, the father, migrated from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin. He was a farmer, and settled on a

small tract of forty acres which he purchased in La Prairie township. To this little homestead he afterward added 212 acres of adjoining property in La Prairie and Turtle townships. This he improved, and upon his land in Section 32, La Prairie township, he reared his family. In 1885 he sold his farm and removed to Janesville, where he lived retired until his death, March 6, 1901, at his home in that city. He was a member of the Methodist Church, to which his widow also belongs. Six children have been born to them, four sons and two daughters: Abram, of Spink county, S. Dak.; Charles W., our subject; Miss Blandena, of Janesville; John F., of Clinton, Rock county; Louis, of Janesville; and Ida, wife of W. Van Valen, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Charles W. Kemmerer was reared on the farm, and has passed all his life in Rock county. He attended the district schools, adopted farming as his vocation, and by his industry, thrift and good business judgment has had a most successful career. He began for himself by renting land, and the second year after he became of age purchased forty acres. This he sold later, and bought other land. Mr. Kemmerer has dealt quite successfully in farming lands, and now owns 480 acres, including the place of 240 acres in Section 32, La Prairie township, where he resided until recently; a tract of eighty acres in the same township, and 160 acres in Turtle township. In the spring of 1901 he retired from farming, and moved to Janesville to reside.

Mr. Kemmerer married, Sept. 5, 1877, Miss Jennie E. Loucks, daughter of Adam H. and Magdalene Ann (Van Wie) Loucks, natives of New York State. Mr. Loucks in 1854 came West, and located at Shopiere, in Turtle township, Rock county. Two of the great-grandfathers of Mrs. Kemmerer, both of Holland-Dutch ancestry, were Revolutionary soldiers—Henry Loucks and Andrew Van Wie; the latter married the sister of Gen. Philip Schuyler, of the Revolutionary war, and a resident of Albany, N. Y. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Kemmerer, Adam Loucks, was a shoe merchant in New York State, and died comparatively early in life. Her maternal grandfather, Philip Schuyler Van Wie, a farmer of New York State, migrated to Rock county, Wis., in 1857. He died the year following, aged fifty-seven years. Adam H. Loucks, the father of Mrs. Kemmerer, was a shoemaker in

his earlier years, and later a farmer. After his migration to Wisconsin, in 1854, he was a resident of Turtle township for many years, becoming a prominent citizen. He served as a member of the school board and as supervisor for a number of years. In 1885 he removed to Janesville, for two years conducted a shoe business, and then retired from the active duties of life. In 1896 he moved with his wife to California, and engaged at Burbank in fruit growing. He died in December, 1897, aged sixty-nine years. Seven children were born to Adam H. and Magdalene Ann Loucks: Mary Catherine; Charles N.; Annette, wife of George C. Hield, of Chicago; Jennie E., wife of our subject; Clark N., of Chicago; George C., of Chicago; and Olive Belle, wife of George B. Mier, of Daggett, California.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kemmerer have been born five children, three sons and two daughters: Herbert C., who died, aged four years; Lee C., who died at the age of two years; Eugene M., who died, aged six years; Ina Belle; and Olive May. Mr. and Mrs. Kemmerer are prominent members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Kemmerer is a member of the board of stewards. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, and himself and wife are members of the Royal Neighbors. Politically Mr. Kemmerer is a Republican. He is now serving as school clerk, and has held various local offices. He is highly respected and esteemed by his wide circle of friends and acquaintances for his sterling traits of character, for the admirable business results of his career, and for his interest and devotion to the many affairs of local welfare, which for their success depend upon the encouragement and support of prominent and influential citizens.

**JOHN W. INGERSOLL.** Among the fine stock farms of Lafayette county, Wis., that owned by John W. Ingersoll, in Elk Grove township, would attract the admirer of fertile, well cultivated fields, productive herds, and stock of the best breeds. Mr. Ingersoll owns a large estate, and is considered one of the best farmers and stockraisers of his locality. He was born in Jo Daviess county, Ill., in August, 1845, and was a son of Risley and Mary (Metz) Ingersoll, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey, the latter of Missouri, she being the daughter of Elias and Lydia (Patterson) Metz, of Kentucky. John Ingersoll,

the grandfather of our subject, moved from New Jersey to Missouri, and was a local preacher in the M. E. Church for a number of years, and later became a preacher at Mt. Carmel, Ill., preaching on the same circuit with that celebrated apostle of Methodism, Peter Cartwright.

Risley Ingersoll removed to Apple River, Ill., where he lived a few years before removing to Jo Daviess county, one year later migrating to Wayne township, Lafayette Co., Wis., where he purchased 160 acres, and died at that place in 1849, leaving his wife with three children, our subject being four years old. The other two children were: Flora, born in Calhoun county, Ill., married Albert Richardson, now of Spokane, Wash., and has a family of nine children, Claribel, Minerva, Flora, Charles, Marvin, Carrie, Adelia, and Roy and Rex, twins; and Lydia, the youngest of the family of three, born in Lafayette county, received an excellent education and was one of the early teachers in Lafayette county, later marrying Charles Neff, now of Monticello, and has two children, Clara and Albert. Mrs. Ingersoll married, for her second husband, Joseph Yaw, and remained in Lafayette county, where she died in 1871, leaving by her second marriage one son, Joseph Yaw, who resides in the State of Iowa.

John W. Ingersoll, being so early deprived of a father's care, was brought up under maternal supervision, and of his good mother learned lessons of industry and honesty which he has never forgotten. His education was acquired in the district schools of Lafayette county and one year in the old Platteville Academy. His place seemed to be on the old family homestead, in Wayne, and there he remained, taking an active part in agricultural activities until he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company E, 43d Wis. V. I., and was under Gen. Thomas, in the Army of the Cumberland. Mr. Ingersoll saw some hard fighting during the progress of the war, being at the second battle of Nashville, and then being sent to perform provost duty, guarding railroads and other property, returning home without injury. He settled down to farm work, and in 1895 purchased his present home in Elk Grove. In February, 1871, he was married to Miss Sarah Teasdale, who was born in Cumberland, England, Dec. 24, 1848, a daughter of Thomas and Annie Teasdale, who

came from England to Grant county in 1850, locating at Vinegar Hill, where Mr. Teasdale followed mining some four years and then purchased a farm in Elk Grove, now Seymour township, where he remained the balance of his life, dying in 1870, his wife in 1869, and they left a family of twelve children, nine of whom are still living. Mrs. Ingersoll received a district school education in Lafayette county.

After his marriage Mr. Ingersoll settled on the old home farm, which he purchased from his mother, and remained there until 1895, when he purchased the Justine Reicher farm of 300 acres of finely cultivated land. Six children have been born to him and his wife: (1) Mary A., born in Wayne township in 1872, was well educated in the schools of Warren, was a highly accomplished musician, becoming a successful teacher of music, and is now the wife of E. A. Chapman, of the village of South Wayne, Lafayette county, where they are rearing their three children, Wesley A., S. Harold, and Alita B. (2) John, born in 1874, received a common school education, attended Warren high school and Warren Academy several winter terms, and now resides on a part of his father's farm, which he purchased, and where he has erected a fine new home since his marriage, in 1898. He married Kate Miller, of Elk Grove, Lafayette county, and has one daughter. (3) Hannah F., born in 1875, was a student at the Warren Academy for two years, and was also a student in the Platteville Normal School, and has taught for twelve terms in Lafayette county. (4) Lydia J., born in 1877, was educated in the Warren Academy, and married Charles Dawson, of Gratiot, Lafayette county. They reside on a farm, and have two sons, James Lyman and Orval I. (5) Bay, born in 1880, graduated from the schools of Elk Grove, and later became a student at the Platteville Normal, since then being a teacher in the county. (6) Roxy, born in 1887.

Religiously Mr. Ingersoll and wife are members of the M. E. Church, and as a token of the esteem in which our subject is held in his church connection, he has been made a member of the Quarterly Conference, is a steward, and a member of the church board, and has long taken an active interest in the Sunday school work, for many years being superintendent. In public and political life Mr. Ingersoll has done his duty, being ever ready to assist

worthy objects of civic importance, and as a Republican has always done a voter's duty. As a member of the town board he has given efficient service, and is socially connected with Warren Post of Lafayette county, and with the United Workmen, of Warren.

GEORGE H. HORTON, of the town of Fennimore, Grant county, an old settler of the county, is a veteran of the war of the Rebellion. He came to Grant county in the early part of 1857, and has been identified with all its subsequent history.

Mr. Horton was born Feb. 16, 1835, at Grafton, N. H., to which State his father, Elisha P. Horton, removed from Connecticut after his marriage there to Avis Wheaton, a native of the latter State. Elisha P. Horton was a farmer by occupation. He died in New Hampshire when our subject was a mere child, and left his widow with ten children. Mrs. Horton also died in New Hampshire about twenty-five years after her husband. George H. Horton was reared in New Hampshire, worked at various occupations when a young man, and in 1857, at the age of twenty-two, came to Wisconsin. He was at Prairie du Chien for a time, and then came to Fennimore, where he was employed on the farm of John Switzer, a well-known citizen of the community, working for him a year. He then engaged in breaking land by the acre, his first contract being for one hundred acres for Michael Bower—the place now owned by William Rogers. He bought and sold several pieces of land, continued breaking land, and gradually accumulated considerable money. In 1861 he and Miss Mary Switzer were married. Mrs. Horton was born in the town of Fennimore Sept. 17, 1844.

Mr. Horton became a member of Company K, of the famous 47th Wis. V. I., the company being under the command of Charles Baxter, and the greater part of our subject's military service was rendered in Tennessee. The principal duty of the command was to keep watch of wandering bands of guerrillas that infested that part of Tennessee. Mr. Horton was taken sick on his way to the front, at Louisville, and was detained at the hospital at that city. He was anxious to be with his command, and rejoined the regiment at Nashville, only to be rendered worse by the exposure, and at Tullahoma, Tenn., he had to succumb, being



taken to the hospital, where he was still under treatment when the war was ended. He was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., in 1865. Mr. Horton never fully recovered from the effects of his army life, although a quiet farm life has greatly modified his troubles.

Soon after his return from the army Mr. Horton was appointed administrator for the estate of his father-in-law, who died Jan. 11, 1863. He made his home for some time on the Switzer homestead farm, in the meantime investing his own money in a fine farm of 280 acres near the village of Fennimore. He also owned a quarter section elsewhere, and has devoted his life to farming and stock raising.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton have had four children: George G., who married Mary Duncan, now resides in Patch Grove, Grant county, engaged in farming; they have three children, Clarence, Lossen, and Hazel. Charles G. married Maggie Smith, and they have three children, Hattie, Gracie and Mabel; he is a farmer in Fennimore township. Frank is engaged at present in railroading. Clyde S. graduated from the Platteville Normal, in the class of 1900. Mr. Horton is a well-known and highly respected citizen of the county. He is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church. Socially he belongs to Sam Monteith Post, No. 173, G. A. R.

JAMES S. ALEXANDER occupies a conspicuous place among the honorable and useful citizens of the town of Spring Grove. Green county, where his honest character and industrious habits command general respect. He is a son of Hugh and Elizabeth (Stewart) Alexander, who came to Green county in 1857, and settled on the place now owned and occupied by their son, James S. Hugh Alexander was born July 3, 1813, and died Nov. 5, 1896, and within these limits led an earnest and useful career. Elizabeth Stewart, his wife, was born Dec. 20, 1820, and died May 3, 1887. They were married Nov. 5, 1840, and became the parents of nine children: Marion, born July 18, 1841, is the wife of William Bussey, of Durham, Ill.; Josephine, born July 23, 1843, died in 1850; James Stewart, born Nov. 12, 1845; Calvin B., born Feb. 8, 1848, resides in Spring Grove; Annie, who died in childhood; Robert F., born Aug. 12, 1851, married Olive Taylor; John, born Feb. 9, 1854, lives in Oakley; Reed, born Sept. 17, 1856, lives in Vir-

ginia; and Alfred, born May 22, 1866, lives at Oakley.

James S. Alexander was married to Miss Orilla J. Clark, of Ohio, Nov. 24, 1866. She was the daughter of James and Mary Ann (Stowe) Clark, of Sandusky, Ohio, and her marriage has been blessed with the following children: Mary, born June 2, 1875, married Frank Montville, of Spring Grove; Maud, born in 1879, married Ray Ties, of Spring Grove; Jay Treat, who is the youngest of the family.

Mr. Alexander was reared on the family homestead, and received his education in the common schools. He has made farming his life work, and brings to the cultivation of his fine farm of 155 acres a natural enthusiasm for his work, and a profound conviction that it is the noblest occupation for a strong and honest man at the present time. This farm has been materially improved since it came to his hands, and it is regarded as one of the more desirable farms of the county. In 1863 Mr. Alexander enlisted in Company B, 18th Wis. V. I. He was with his regiment when it was attached to the Army of the Tennessee, and accompanied General Sherman to the sea. Honorably discharged in 1865, he counts his army experiences among the most sacred of his life. Mr. Alexander is among the most respected citizens of Spring Grove. Never uniting with any church, he holds honesty and square dealing as the fundamental characteristics of all true living.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON, a stock and grain farmer of the town of Platteville. Grant county, has all his life been associated with the agricultural interests of the southwestern part of the State, and is a man whose years and character alike command respect.

Mr. Robinson was born March 30, 1847, on the farm on which he is now living, son of William and Mary S. (McBride) Robinson, and grandson of Mark Robinson, who came to America, and is buried in Grant county. The maternal grandparents were John (Sr.) and Rosa McBride, natives of Ireland, where they were married in 1818; she was born in 1798, and died at Elk Grove, Wis., Aug. 26, 1883. Our subject's father was born in Yorkshire, England, Sept. 22, 1811, and the mother was born in New York in 1824. In 1837 William Robinson came to Grant county, Wis., where he rented a farm for a few years, and,

when warranted by his financial condition, he bought the present homestead. It consisted at that time of about two hundred acres, to which he added 150 acres by subsequent purchases. In 1851 he erected a brick house, and put up fine barns and other buildings, his property being now one of the finest and most attractive farms in Grant county. In 1866 he moved to Platteville, and lived retired, having accumulated a very handsome competence, and he was regarded as a man of means in the community. In 1840 he married Miss Mary S. McBride, who died in May, 1867, and he survived until June, 1886. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven are living. In 1868 Mr. Robinson married Nancy Blalock, of Platteville, who is still living; she is the mother of four children, three now living. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were members of the Episcopal Church, and were regarded as among the best people of the community. A brief mention of the children is herewith given:

(1) Sarah A., born in May, 1841, married Peter J. Walker, and lives at Algona, Iowa. (2) Eliza J., born in March, 1843, is the wife of John Huntington, of Luverne, Minn. (3) Mary E., born in May, 1845, was the wife of A. W. Bell, now deceased, a prominent lawyer of Milwaukee; they were living at Platteville at the time of her death, Oct. 3, 1886. They were the parents of three children, Jennie B., Ora (wife of Jesse S. Jones, Jr., of Platteville), and Robert C. (4) William J. is the subject of this article. (5) Rosanna died in 1869, when a young woman. (6) James, born in July, 1851, died in childhood. (7) Richard H., born in July, 1854, married Etta Robinson, and they live at Richland Center, Wis. (8) Robert S., born Oct. 18, 1856, died in childhood. (9) Helena L., born in February, 1861, is the wife of James Jones, and has four children, Clyde, Willie, Ina E. and Raymond. They live at Atchison, Kans. (10) Emma E., born in October, 1864, is the wife of Fred Pausch, of Atchison, an engineer on the railroad, and has one son, Frederick. (11) Margaret L., born Feb. 12, 1867, lost her mother soon after she was born, and was reared in the home of her sister, Mrs. Eliza J. Huntington; she is now the wife of William Wright, a merchant of Luverne, Minn., and has one son, Stewart. Of the children born to the second marriage, Benjamin S., the eldest, was born in January, 1870, and died when a young

man; he was a student of the Platteville Normal, and had a bright future before him. Nora A., born in April, 1876, is a graduate of the Normal. Ida R., born in May, 1878, is a student at the same school, as is also Lillie A., born in October, 1882.

William J. Robinson obtained his education in the Platteville public school, and when he became a young man rented his father's farm, which he cultivated for nineteen years. After the death of his father he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the family homestead, and now owns a handsome and well-appointed farm of 350 acres. On March 29, 1877, Mr. Robinson married Mrs. Elizabeth (Atkinson) Johnson, daughter of Archibald and Phyllis (Adams) Atkinson, and widow of William E. Johnson. Her parents were born in England, in 1807 and 1808, respectively, came to America in 1834, locating in Dubuque, Iowa, then removed to Illinois, and in 1843 came to Wisconsin, settling at Hazel Green. Archibald Atkinson died April 12, 1880, at Hazel Green, and Phyllis Atkinson on Nov. 5, 1895, at Minneapolis. They reared a family of eight children: (1) John, born in England April 29, 1832, married Miss Annie Roberts April 29, 1869, at Hazel Green; they are now living at Hampton, Iowa, and are the parents of five children. (2) Mary, born in New York July 7, 1834, is the wife of Rev. John Hooper, of Minneapolis. (3) Joseph, born in Iowa Feb. 18, 1837, is now a resident of Hampton, that State. He married Miss Annie Lukey, of Hazel Green, and they have five children. (4) Isabel, born Nov. 1, 1839, near Chicago, married E. M. Sandford, of East Dubuque, and has three children. (5) Catherine, born near Chicago Nov. 20, 1842, married Robert Gale, of Colorado Springs, Colo., where he is a contractor and builder. They have three sons. (6) Archie, born at Hazel Green Feb. 20, 1844, married Miss Hester Lory, of Platteville, and has five children. They now have their home in Minneapolis. (7) Elizabeth, wife of our subject, was born at Hazel Green May 6, 1846, and was educated in the Platteville Academy. (8) Phyllis A., born on the old homestead at Hazel Green Dec. 12, 1848, is the wife of Edward Beard, of Britt, Iowa, and has seven children.

William Atkinson, Mrs. Robinson's paternal grandfather, was a native of England, where he died. His wife's name was Cath-

erine. Their children were: Elizabeth, born May 27, 1792; Ralph, April 13, 1794; William, June 24, 1796; Mary, Dec. 9, 1798; Eleanor, May 26, 1801; John, Dec. 8, 1804; Archibald, Feb. 8, 1807; Thomas, March 8, 1809; Henry, June 1, 1812.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Robinson came to the old homestead, where they have lived to the present time. This is one of the most desirable properties of Grant county. They have two children, a son and a daughter: Ernest E., born Dec. 19, 1877, resides with his parents; he has had a good education, and is a young man of character and enterprise. M. Estella, born Nov. 29, 1879, was educated at the Platteville Normal School, graduated with the class of 1900, and is now teaching at Fennimore. By her first marriage Mrs. Robinson had one son, William E., who died Oct. 25, 1898, while serving in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Robinson is a Republican, and has been supervisor for twelve years. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MILES DIXON COTTINGHAM, a retired farmer of Benton, Lafayette county, and one of the well-to-do citizens of that village, was born in Swale Dale, Yorkshire, England, Dec. 5, 1836, son of Anthony and Jane (Hunt) Cottingham, the former of whom passed away in 1838, the father of eight children, four of whom died young. In 1854 the widowed mother and her four children came to America, and located in Benton, Lafayette county, where her death occurred four years later. The children were: Timothy, mentioned elsewhere in this work; Anthony married Miss Maggie Harker, who died, leaving him with three daughters, Mary J., Margaret E. and Emma A., all of whom reside with their father in Cherokee county, Iowa; John married Maggie Metcalf, and has three sons,—John, Miles D. and Timothy—and they make their home in Fennimore, Grant Co., Wis.; and Miles Dixon, the youngest in the family.

Miles Dixon Cottingham received a fair education in the private schools in England, and, after coming to this country, found employment as a miner, which vocation he followed until 1866, when he purchased a farm in New Diggings township. He had always had a desire to own a farm and engage in agricultural pursuits, and during his career as a

miner practiced rigid economy that he might at some time in his life gratify that desire. He commenced on wild land, which he has carefully improved by systematic cultivation and the erection of good buildings. His success has been entirely due to his own efforts, as he began life a very poor man. He has ever displayed remarkable judgment in business affairs, and he now ranks as one of the substantial farmers of the county and, with it all, has ever been progressive and public-spirited in his efforts to improve the condition of the community in which he lives, by the building of churches and schools. In 1894 he retired from business, and purchased his present comfortable home in Benton.

In 1858 Mr. Cottingham was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Alton, daughter of William and Esther Alton, natives of England, who came to this country in 1860. Mrs. Ellen (Alton) Cottingham was born in England in 1838, and came to America in 1853, making her home with her sister, Mrs. William Calvert, until her marriage. A large family of children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cottingham, all of whom were brought up by their estimable parents to be worthy members of society. They are as follows: Esther J., born in June, 1859, died in 1875, at the age of sixteen; William, born in February, 1861, now engaged in farming and mining in Benton, married Hulda Looney, daughter of James and Jane Looney, prominent citizens of Benton, and eight children have been born of this union, Charles L., Viri, Orville (deceased), Glenard, Benjamin, Archie L., Letha M. and Gabriella; Mary E., born in February, 1863, married James Ayer, a farmer of New Diggings township, this county, and has two children, Eleanor and George; Henrietta, born in 1865, died in January, 1887; Timothy, born in January, 1867, died the same year; Timothy (2), born on March 4, 1868, is now a traveling salesman for Rider Wallis & Co., a dry goods house of Dubuque, Iowa; Margaret L., born May 4, 1869, married Sherman Dodge, of Benton, and has three children, Henrietta, Catherine and Ellen; John R., born in December, 1870, now a clerk in Buchan & Allen's store in Benton, married Miss Minnie Stephens; Sarah E., born in February, 1872, died in childhood; Joseph A., born in June, 1873, died in November, 1874; Joseph (2), born in May, 1877, is a traveling salesman for a boot and shoe firm

of Dubuque, Iowa; Sarah (2), born in March, 1879, died in 1880; and Miles D., born Jan. 25, 1882, is a bright student in the Benton high school. For forty years Mr. Cottingham and his wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has held the offices of trustee and steward for many years. Politically he has been a voter of the Republican party since its organization, but has never aspired to office. Socially he is identified with the I. O. O. F., being a charter member of Lead Mine Lodge, No. 168.

E. FRANK NEWTON, superintendent of Lafin & Rand's Powder Mills, at Platteville, Wis., was born in Dubuque, Iowa, June 11, 1840, son of Edward and Mary Newton, both of whom were born in England, and, in the early days, came westward to Dubuque, where the former died in 1842 and the latter in 1876.

The death of the father while his son Frank was yet in infancy made it necessary that as soon as the latter was large enough to do anything, he should work to assist in the support of his mother. He returned to Maryland, and there clerked in a Baltimore hardware store until he was twenty-one years of age. In 1862 he returned to the West, and entered the employ of the Powder Manufacturing Company, in the capacity of clerk, and later as traveling salesman, remaining nine years. In 1869 he was appointed to his present fine position, which he has efficiently filled for over a quarter of a century. His ability to look after his employer's interests, as well as his thorough knowledge of the business, made his services invaluable.

In 1863 Mr. Newton was united in marriage with Miss Susan Shaffer, daughter of William Shaffer, of Illinois, who later located in Platteville, where he died. Mrs. Newton was an invalid for many years, and died in September, 1882. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Newton was born one son, Charles A., who is now sales agent for the Lafin & Rand Powder Co. Charles A. Newton married Miss Alice A. Vehmeyer, of Chicago, in which city they make their home.

Mr. E. Frank Newton is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and a member of the Wisconsin Consistory, and of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and takes an active interest in party work, and he is the present mayor of his home city. In religion,

while not identified with any denomination, he gives liberally to church work, and takes a deep interest in all religious work.

JOHN SWITZER, one of the earliest settlers of Grant county, Wis., was born in Virginia Feb. 20, 1803, and when he was but three years of age his parents removed to Ohio, and later to Indiana. In 1840 John Switzer came to Grant county, Wis., settling in Sec. 8, in the town of Fennimore, and two years later he was married to Mary A. C. Dillon, who was born in Missouri. Of this marriage the following children were born: Mary A., born Sept. 17, 1844 (Mrs. George H. Horton); I. W., born Dec. 5, 1846; Sarah E., born Aug. 11, 1849; Eliza, born July 30, 1853; Stella, born Oct. 8, 1858; and Ada, born April 7, 1861. Mr. Switzer became one of the well-known and successful farmers of Fennimore, and resided in that town until the day of his death, Jan. 11, 1863. Mrs. Switzer, at this writing, in 1901, resides with one of her daughters, in Fennimore, and is now one of the oldest residents of the town where she has lived such a useful, busy life.

THOMAS WISEMAN, a prominent and highly respected farmer of New Diggings township, Lafayette county, where he has made his home for half a century, was born in Yorkshire, England, Jan. 1, 1843.

Christopher Wiseman, his father, was born in 1813, and his wife, Elizabeth Slack, was born in 1816. They came to America in the year 1845, making the voyage in a sailing vessel to New Orleans, thence by boat up the Mississippi to Galena, Ill. Mr. Wiseman engaged in mining in New Diggings for many years, and then purchased a farm two miles west of the village, where he made many improvements in the way of buildings, and in clearing the land. Out of this he made a good farm in which he took great pride. His death occurred in 1887. His only brother, Henry, came from England to work in the mines at New Diggings, and there met his death. To Christopher Wiseman and wife were born twelve children, of whom three were born in New Diggings, and died in infancy: Thomas; Ann is the widow of Christopher Hagelet, and lives in Benton, Lafayette Co.; Mary, born in 1840, is the wife of William Page, of South Wayne; Elizabeth, born in 1847, is the wife

of C. Turnbull, of Benton; Sarah, born in Lafayette county, married George Clark, of Clinton Co., Ill.; James, a farmer of Benton, married Lizzie Beadee; Christopher, engaged as a merchant and stock buyer in Benton, married Nellie Harker; Henry, a farmer residing with his brother Thomas, is unmarried; and Tamer married Mark Richardson, of New Diggings. The mother is still living, being now at the advanced age of eighty-five. She makes her home with her son Thomas, who tenderly cared for both father and mother until the death of the former, and now is lovingly guarding the latter from all care and responsibility.

Thomas Wiseman grew to manhood in New Diggings township, and, as he was the eldest in a large family of children, his opportunities for attending school were most meager, as at a very tender age he was obliged to assist in the support of the family by work in the mines. He studied and read by himself until he has become well posted on general topics, and has, in a large measure, overcome his lack of school training. He continued to work in the mines until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company G, 46th Wis. V. I., under Capt. Hughes, of Darlington, and participated in the work under Gen. Thomas, in Alabama and Tennessee. He was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., and returned to his Wisconsin home. He purchased his father's farm, and since then has had the care of his parents.

Mr. Wiseman has ever been a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and has always taken an interest in party affairs. The family were communicants of the Church of England before coming to America, and have continued in that faith. Mr. Wiseman has been faithful in the discharge of his duty to his country and to his home, and is highly respected in the community in which he has lived so long.

**MATTHEW PRESTON**, a retired farmer, now residing in Platteville, Grant county, is one of the leading representatives of the sturdy pioneers who made the wilderness "blossom as the rose," and to whom so much is due as a recompense for their hardships and privations.

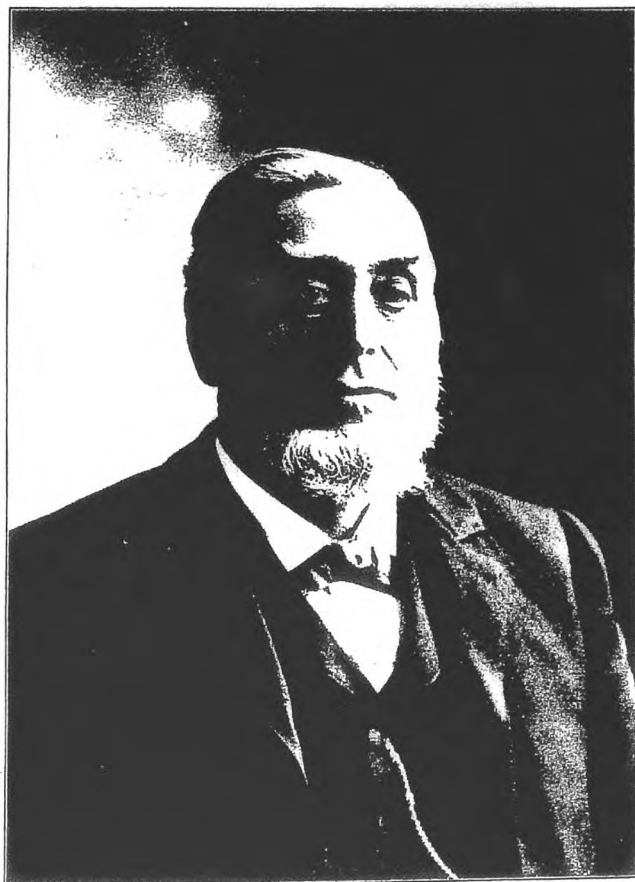
Matthew Preston was born in the North of England March 29, 1829, a son of William

and Jane (Woodard) Preston, who were natives of England, and died there, leaving our subject an orphan at the age of four years. Growing to manhood in his native land, he in 1851 came to this country, settling first at Hazel Green, Wis., where he worked at teaming for two years. At that time he purchased a farm near what is now Preston Station, improved it, built substantial buildings, and there resided for twenty-four years. In 1884 he sold this property, removed to Platteville, and purchased his present pleasant residence, a brick structure, on Main street.

Prior to embarking for the New World Mr. Preston married Miss Elizabeth Little, a native of England, who died at Preston in 1865, leaving six children: Jane, born at Hazel Green, is now the wife of Ezra C. Hazeltine, a farmer near Preston; James, born at Preston, is now a business man of Duluth, Minn.; Thomas S., born at Preston, in 1857, died in 1893, leaving a wife and four children, who now reside in Grant county; John F., born in October, 1859, is now a resident of Minnesota; Margaret, born in September, 1861, is the wife of John McMurray, of South Dakota, and has a family; Matthew Moreland, born in Preston in 1863, is married and has three children, and resides on a farm near Rewey, in Iowa county, Wis. All are prosperous.

In 1868 Mr. Preston was married to Miss A. J. Hazeltine, of Yorkshire, England, who died in March, 1888, leaving seven children: Elizabeth, born in May, 1869, now wife of Edward Tiffany, of Iowa; Charles E., born at Preston in 1870, commercial salesman for a Chicago house (he is married and resides in Highwood, Ill.); Albert E., born at Preston in 1871, a salesman now residing in Platteville; Wesley, born in Preston in 1873, now a banker and commission merchant of Chicago; Tirza May, born at Preston in 1874, wife of Dr. Anner, of Potosi, Grant county (they have one child); Fred Chapman, born in Preston in 1876, graduate of a Chicago business college, now teaching at Wausau; and Eli E., born in 1878, a clerk in Burg's clothing house, Platteville.

In 1895 Mr. Preston married Miss Fanny E. Perry, daughter of Homer Perry, one of the pioneers of Grant county, where Mrs. Preston was born and reared. They have one daughter, Delia M., born March 31, 1900.



*Matthew Preston*



Both Mr. and Mrs. Preston are members of the M. E. Church. For many years Mr. Preston voted the Republican ticket, but his principles now require him to support the candidates of the Prohibition party, their platform meeting with his views more nearly than that of any other party. While residing in Preston Mr. Preston held a number of local offices most acceptably.

JOHN MYERS, a prosperous farmer of Green county, Wis., comes of German ancestry, and was among the earliest settlers of this county. Born March 22, 1839, he was the first white child born in the town of Spring Grove, and is the son of Samuel and Sarah (Kline) Myers. Henry Myers, his grandfather, came from Germany when a boy and settled in Pennsylvania about 1775.

Samuel Myers was born in Bucks Co., Penn., in 1806, and died in town of Spring Grove, Green Co., Wis., May 2, 1863. He was taken by his parents to Ohio when about a year and a half old. His marriage with Sarah Kline occurred about 1830. Isaac Kline, her father, was one of the early settlers of Ohio, and came of Dutch lineage. This marriage was blessed with a numerous family: Isaac and George, both dead; John; Jane, who is widow of Frank Barnum, and lives in the village of Twin Grove (a sketch of Mr. Barnum may be found elsewhere); Eli, who is a farmer of Fayette county, Iowa; William, deceased; James, a farmer in Iowa; Miles, a resident and a farmer of Jefferson township; Samuel, living in Twin Grove, where he is in the sawmill business; and Frank, a farmer of the town of Jefferson.

John Myers was born March 22, 1839, and was married to Miss Fannie H. Bussey, Spring Grove, March 19, 1863. Mrs. Myers was born of English ancestry. April 26, 1844, a daughter of G. W. Bussey, of Juda, Green county, who stood high among the early settlers of the county. She was reared on a farm, and educated in the common schools. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Myers the following children were born: Laura J., born Aug. 28, 1864, married Samuel Holmes, of the town of Jefferson, Nov. 2, 1887, and is the mother of two sons, Ransom and Grover; Elmer W., born April 17, 1867, married Miss Anna Wiggins, of Green county, Oct. 3, 1887, and is the father of two sons, Floyd D. and Alvin R.; John

D., born May 1, 1871, is a farmer, and married Miss Ida Douglas, by whom he has two sons, Herbert and Glenn; Emily, born Aug. 17, 1872, married Frederick Adkinson, of Decatur, and is the mother of one daughter, Vera.

Mr. Myers was educated in the public schools, which were very poor at that time, and began life with no resources except his own strength and courage, but has been greatly blessed in the years that have come and gone since he began the battle of life. For eight years, when a young man, he taught school in his native county. The farm of 214 acres on which he lives is one of the fine country homes of the county, and he has a fine residence property in Brodhead, where he lived about four years, and where he is a stockholder in the Green County Bank. Mr. Myers is a staunch Republican, and cast his first vote for Lincoln in 1860, and while living in Spring Grove township he served as town clerk. Successful in all his undertakings, he attributes his success largely to hard work and good management. Never uniting with any church, he holds to honesty and right living as fundamental to any true character. In every relation of life he is highly spoken of by those who know him best.

HENRY ADAMS, late of Patch Grove. Grant county there lived a retired life in the enjoyment of a rest, which by reason of his industrious efforts of former years, he truly earned and richly deserved. Accomplishment and progress ever imply labor, energy and diligence, and it was those qualities that enabled Mr. Adams to rise from the ranks of the many and stand among the successful few. He was one of the highly respected citizens of Patch Grove, and his long residence in Grant county and the active part he had taken in its development, well entitled him to representation in its history.

A native of New York, Mr. Adams was born in Montgomery county, in 1820, a son of Samuel and Jemima (Judd) Adams, and was the first of the family to come West. Arriving in Grant county, Wis., in the fall of 1841, the following year he made a claim of government land in Patch Grove township, which became his homestead. To the arduous task of clearing and improving his farm he at once turned his attention, and in due time the tract



became one of the best cultivated farms in the locality.

In 1845 Mr. Adams married Miss Hannah Ashly, since deceased, and of the nine children born of that union six are living at the present writing in 1901. Mr. Adams was again married, Aug. 6, 1865, his second wife being Mrs. Emma J. Hitchcock, a native of Illinois, born Aug. 15, 1840, and a daughter of Amos and Rebecca (Fonce) Barrows. Her first husband was Eli Hitchcock, by whom she had three children, but only one is now living. Six children have been born of the second marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Adams, all of whom are living, while Daisy and Henry are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Adams continued to reside upon the farm until March, 1900, when he removed to the village of Patch Grove to spend his remaining years in ease and quiet, free from the cares and responsibilities of business life. Notwithstanding he was well advanced in years, he enjoyed good health, though rheumatism made it difficult for him to go around much, until his death Jan. 1, 1901, from heart disease. For the long period of sixty years he was identified with the interests of Grant county, and in early days when engaged in the work of improving his farm he endured all the hardships and privations incident to frontier life. He watched with interest the marvelous transformation that had taken place during his residence here, and as a generous, liberal-minded and progressive citizen aided in the development of his town and county. Mr. Adams led a life of honest toil, and his death caused genuine sorrow among his friends.

**WILLIAM BURROWS**, whose residence on the farm he now occupies dates from March 1, 1854, is one of the highly esteemed pioneer settlers of Lafayette county. He was born in Albany county, N. Y., July 7, 1823, son of Alexander and Rose Burrows, of Scotch-Irish parentage.

Mr. Burrows' parents were both born and reared in Ireland, where their marriage was consummated. The young couple at once started for America, and made their first home in Albany county, N. Y., where two of their children were born. From Albany county they removed to Oneida county, N. Y., and there passed the rest of their lives, engaged in farming. Seven children were born to them: John,

of Oneida county, N. Y., who married Adeline Ferguson, daughter of Jacob Ferguson, of Booneville, N. Y.; William; Andrew, of Lewis county, N. Y., who married Lavinia Stimpson; Margaret Jane, widow of John Anderson, of Monticello township, Lafayette county; Sarah, wife of Edward Wetherstine; Miss Mary, of Booneville, N. Y.; and Nancy, wife of Joseph Carmichael, of Booneville, N. Y. All are yet living, their ages now ranging from sixty to eighty years. William Burrows has in his possession a picture of the entire family, father and mother included, which was taken many, many years ago, and is now very highly prized. The father passed away at the age of ninety years, and the mother when she was aged eighty-five.

William Burrows was reared on his father's farm in Oneida county, and there married Mary Jane Carmichael, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Carmichael, owners of the farm adjoining the Burrows' home. Playmates in early childhood, schoolmates as boy and girl, lovers in youth, and wedded in early manhood and womanhood! Well may it be said that they have traveled life's pathway hand in hand!

Joseph and Elizabeth (McCulloch) Carmichael were born in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and came to America in their youth, their marriage occurring in Albany county, N. Y. For a time Mr. Carmichael worked on the construction of the Erie canal, and after its completion served as lock tender. From Albany county he moved to Oneida county, when Mrs. Burrows was but two years of age, and settled on the farm adjoining that owned by Mr. Burrows. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael: Mary Jane, born Nov. 15, 1830, became Mrs. Burrows; Margaret is the wife of Robert Fillmore, of Warren, Ill.; Susan is the widow of Robert Glindining, of Shullsburg, Wis.; and Joseph occupies the old home in Oneida county. The father died in 1865, aged seventy years, and the mother passed away at the age of eighty-four.

Four daughters and one son have brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burrows: William married Ida Haffele, daughter of Jacob Haffele, of Monticello; Jennie married Oscar Haffele, son of Jacob Haffele; Josephine is at home; Anna wedded George Haffele, and lives at Apple River, Ill.; Addie married Webb Glindining, of Shullsburg. Three daughters

also came who have preceded them to the "great unknown." Susan, who died at the age of fourteen years; Elizabeth, whose earthly career ended when she was but one year old; and Rosetta, who died in early infancy.

In his political views Mr. Burrows has always been a Democrat, and in religious faith he has for thirty-four years been identified with the Presbyterian Church, while Mrs. Burrows has for forty-five years been a member of the Methodist denomination. Their pleasant home has been the scene of much happiness, and is open at all times to their many friends. They are very hospitable, and stranger and friend always find them bright and genial companions.

HON. FRANKLIN MITCHELL, prominent in the agricultural circles of Green county, Wis., is an old and honored resident, and is a son of Abner and Hannah (Leonard) Mitchell. The father was a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and came to Wisconsin in 1857, and bought the land now owned by his son Franklin. It cost him two dollars an acre from the government, and is now worth at a modest computation at least eighty dollars an acre. He was born in 1790, and died in 1874. James and Elsie (Jennings) Mitchell, his parents, were residents of Pennsylvania, and were of English origin. Six children were born to them: Benjamin, James, Abner, John, Ralph, and Elsie. Abner Mitchell was a prominent man in his time, a member of the State Legislature, in 1853, and a member of the committee which founded the State Agricultural Society. He was long a deacon in the Baptist Church. In 1812 he was married, and became the father of the following children: Jesse, Benjamin, Owen, Cynthia, Julia, Joseph, all of whom are dead; Washington, of Brodhead; Franklin; Louisa, of Janesville, Wis.; Naomi, deceased; Ralph, of Juda; Alexander, deceased in infancy; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Martha and Judson, both of whom are dead.

Franklin Mitchell was born Oct. 21, 1824, and married Miss Jane McVean, of Rock county, Wis., Oct. 6, 1857. Mrs. Mitchell was a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Moore) McVean, who came from New York in 1842, and were among the very earliest settlers of this region. They were of Scotch origin and had all the virtues of that sturdy race. To Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were born four

children: (1) Edward P., born Sept. 12, 1858, resides in Monroe, Wis., where he is engaged in the lumber business. His wife, Meta Gifford, was born in Green county. (2) Abner, born Nov. 28, 1860, married Miss Sylvia Raymond, of Green county, Wis. (3) Elizabeth, born Sept. 23, 1863, married E. W. Clinton, of Brodhead. (4) Katie L., born May 23, 1868, married James Lyman, at the present time clerk of Green county, and now residing at Monroe, Wisconsin.

Mr. Mitchell is a self-made man, whose advent in southwestern Wisconsin was made while it was still largely a wilderness, and he has made his way to a comfortable position chiefly by his own thrift and industry. A fine farm owned by him in Spring Grove township consists of 273 acres, and he owns another of 120 acres, in Decatur township. In addition to this he also owns considerable other property. Mr. Mitchell has served his country in various ways. In 1877, '78 and '79 he was a member of the Wisconsin Assembly, and he served on the Agricultural Committee at each of those sessions, being chairman of that committee in 1879. He secured some valuable legislation in the interests of the farmers of the State, and he also introduced and secured the passage of a bill increasing the fee of witnesses in Courts of Record from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per day, although the measure met with strong opposition in both houses of the Legislature. He has been school director, and has filled other local positions. Mr. Mitchell has always been a stanch Republican. For forty-five years he was a deacon and trustee of the Baptist Church of Juda. A great worker in the church, he is known as a solid and substantial citizen. In February, 1901, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell removed to Monroe, where he is erecting a fine modern residence and where he expects to finish his days on earth.

CONRAD K. ELMER, in his life time one of the most prominent and most extensive farmers of Monroe, Green county, was a native of Canton Glarus, Switzerland, born March 6, 1842, and was brought by his parents to America when a little child.

J. Ulrich Elmer, his father, was a native of Switzerland, where he was engaged as a trader and stock dealer. He brought his family to this country in 1850, and settled in

Green county, Wis., where he followed farming until his death in 1893. He had married Ferina Marty, in his native land, and by her had a family of fourteen children, nine of whom are now living: John; Ulrich; Henry; Jacob; Adam; Barbara, wife of Abraham Kubli; Lenke, wife of Isaac Stauffacher; Mary, wife of Peter Stauffacher; and Ferina, wife of Peter Elmer. All but the last named make their homes in Green county, and she resides in Austin, Minn. Mrs. Ferina (Marty) Elmer was a daughter of a Mr. Marty, a native of Switzerland, who came to America and joined the early settlers of Green county, Wisconsin.

Conrad K. Elmer was early educated to the life of a farmer, and continued to follow it as an occupation throughout his entire life. His literary training was all acquired by an attendance at the district schools, although by careful observation and intelligent reading in later life, he became a well-informed man. When he first started out in life for himself, he rented land, and his first purchase consisted of 120 acres, which he afterward disposed of, and in company with two of his brothers, purchased 300 acres in Sylvester township. This partnership continued for two years, at the end of which time Mr. Elmer purchased the interests of his two brothers, and conducted this large farm alone for three years, and then sold it, purchasing in its stead 200 acres in the township of Monroe, where he made his home the remainder of his life. In all this time he continued to add to his original purchase, at one time being the owner of 520 acres of well improved real estate, but at his death his farm consisted of but 156 acres, the remainder having been sold off or divided with his children. He was honest, industrious and a highly esteemed citizen. He was loyal to his adopted country, and when, in 1861, the Civil war threatened the dissolution of the Union he became a member of the 31st Wis. V. I., becoming a private in Company B, and served three years. He took part in Sherman's famous march to the sea, and was at Washington, D. C. When the war was over, he returned to his farm, and busied himself again with the pursuits of peace.

On Nov. 23, 1866, Mr. Elmer was united in marriage with Miss Lisetta Wenger, a daughter of John Wenger, who came to America in 1854, with his ten motherless children, his wife having passed away in 1847.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: John A., mentioned below; Freny E., who married John Babler, and lives in New Glarus township; and Henry, who died at the age of two years. In their religious belief both Mr. and Mrs. Elmer were faithful and consistent members of the German Evangelical Church. In politics he was a Republican, and acceptably filled the office of supervisor for one term. Though in feeble health for two years previous, Mr. Elmer's last illness was in reality but a week in duration, and the end came peacefully Feb. 2, 1901, when he was aged 58 years, 10 months and 27 days. Besides his widow and two children, he left four sisters and five brothers to mourn his loss. His eldest brother, Mathias, preceded him to the better land by but a few days.

JOHN A. ELMER, who inherited the old homestead and 200 acres of fine land, is an industrious young farmer, a worthy successor of his highly respected father. He was married Feb. 11, 1897, to Miss Alice Discher, daughter of John and Louisa (Bruni) Discher, and they have two interesting children: Freddie Roy and John Conrad. John Discher was a native of Switzerland, as was also his wife, and his death occurred there in 1883, at the early age of forty years. His widow bravely sought to make a home for her little ones, and with four of the six children came to America in 1887, and her other two children, Louisa and Alice, followed two years later. The four accompanying their mother were: John, Fred, Rosa and David. Mrs. Discher married again, her second husband being Martin Hanselmann, who has since departed this life. They had three children, only one of whom survives, Andrew, now a resident of Clarno township, Green county.

AUGUST C. PRIOR, the well-known manager of the general store of Mrs. G. Prior, at Cassville, Grant county, is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred March 5, 1850, in Racine.

Gottfried Prior, his father, was born in Prussia, Germany, and in early life came to America, locating first in Milwaukee. Subsequently he was married, in Racine, to Miss Margretha Theiss, a native of Bavaria, Germany, and a daughter of Theobold Theiss. She became a resident of Racine in the early

forties. In 1856 the family came to Cassville, where Gottfried Prior engaged in the hotel business, continuing same until the spring of 1862. In 1861 he was proprietor of the "Denniston House." In the spring of 1862 he, with his son August C., went to Woodman, Wis., where he had a building erected during the summer, in the fall of the same year commencing the business of general merchandising, his wife and the other children moving there in the summer of 1863. Mr. Prior continued business in Woodman until the summer of 1866, when he removed back to Cassville, where he conducted his successful business until his death, in 1891. His widow continues the business, her son August C. acting as general manager. He is the eldest of four living children, the others being Mrs. Mary Holst, a resident of Cedar Bluffs, Neb.; Mrs. Christena Losch, of Elkader, Iowa; and Mrs. Gert.e Peterson, of Pilger, Nebraska.

Coming to Cassville with his parents at the age of six years, August C. Prior was reared at that place, and attended the public schools until the spring of 1862, when he had just reached the age of twelve years. This was all the schooling he received, though through experience in business he has acquired a good education. Throughout his active career he has been interested in business pursuits. From 1871 to 1875 he was the junior member of the firm of G. Prior & Son, also from 1876 to 1879. In 1875 he traveled as a salesman for a Milwaukee dry-goods house. In 1879 he engaged in business in Glen Haven, which terminated in 1881. He now has full charge of the business established by his father in 1866, and in its management is meeting with excellent success.

August C. Prior was married, at Glen Haven, to Miss Martha Stewart, a native of Beetown, Grant county, and a daughter of David and Emeline (Hudson) Stewart, who came to this State at a very early day in its development. As a merchant the father engaged in business first at Beetown, and later at Glen Haven, where his death occurred; her mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Prior have two children: Mamie, a teacher in the public schools of Cassville; and Gertie, who is also a teacher, but now assists her father in the store. Mr. Prior is connected with Cassville Lodge, No. 335. F. & A. M. In business circles he occupies an enviable position.

FRANKLIN PATTERSON, whose fertile farm at every point shows the most thorough cultivation and careful management, has had his residence for many years on Section 28, in the town of Brooklyn, Green county, where he is numbered among the oldest and most respected farmers and citizens of the community.

Mr. Patterson was born in the town of Oak Hill, Allegany Co., N. Y., April 17, 1823, and is a son of James and Sarah (Crawford) Patterson. The father was a native of Massachusetts, and the mother of the town of Madison, Madison Co., N. Y. They had eight children, only two of whom are now living: Franklin, whose name appears above, and his sister, Nancy, who is Mrs. James Kearney, of St. Paul, Minn. James Patterson was a farmer and moved from his native State to New York, where he lived for a number of years. While there he served as captain in the State militia. From New York he journeyed west into Lorain county, Ohio, where he died in 1840, while still in middle life. His widow survived him until February, 1892, when she passed away in her ninetyeth year, at the home of her son Franklin, with whom she had lived for many years. Both father and mother were reared in the Presbyterian faith, but in their later years were associated with the Congregational body.

James Patterson, the father of James Patterson, and the grandfather of Franklin, was born in Massachusetts, and was a descendant of one of three brothers, who came into New England from Belfast, Ireland, and were thought to be of Scotch-Irish descent. They followed close after the Mayflower, and their posterity has been prominent in New England for many generations. Mr. Patterson was always a farmer, and died when quite old in New York. He had been married three times. His first wife bore him four children; his second, one; and his third, two. The father of Sarah Crawford, noted above as the mother of Franklin Patterson, lived in New York many years, and then removed to Michigan, where he died when upwards of ninety years of age. He was a farmer, and was father to three sons and two daughters.

Franklin Patterson was about six years old when his parents made a new home for themselves and family in Ohio, and he remained in their home until he was of age. In 1844

he made his first appearance in Wisconsin, and for two years traveled extensively through the West and South. He went to New Orleans, but returned to Milwaukee, busying himself about various things. In 1846 he began farming in the town of Brooklyn, where he and his brother, James N., preempted a quarter-section from the government. A year later they took separate deeds for eighty acres each, paying the government price for it. Franklin Patterson deeded his eighty to his brother, James N., and then in company with his brother, Emerson, bought 200 acres of land at four dollars an acre. At the present time he owns 260 acres, and has lived here since 1846. His first home was a log cabin, but it was replaced in 1868 by a brick and frame building. Since his settlement in 1846, Mr. Patterson has moved but once, and that was from the old log house to the new home.

On Sept. 10, 1847, Franklin Patterson was married to Maria McCredy, a daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Holt) McCredy. Four children were born to that union, three of whom are now living: Sarah Ann died in infancy; Hiram H. married Emma Winter, and lives on the old farm in a house adjoining the homestead (he has one child, Nellie); William R., of Union township, Rock county, married Rosa Lay, and has two children, Dora E. and Elsie Maud; Lawrence A. married Elnora Weaver, and lives on the old home farm. Mrs. Franklin Patterson died Jan. 20, 1897, at the age of seventy-two years and twelve days. She is remembered as a true-hearted and devoted wife and mother, a good neighbor and a kind friend. Franklin Patterson is quite independent in politics, although during the life of the old Greenback party he was one of its most active workers. In religious belief, he is equally independent, and is identified with no denomination.

**JAMES EDWARDS**, a hardware merchant and postmaster of Hazel Green, Grant county, was born in that town Nov. 30, 1847, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Ingram) Edwards, both natives of England, who came to this country when young people, and here were married. In 1837 they both reached the United States, and after their marriage they lived at Hazel Green, Wis., until 1851, when he crossed the Plains to New Mexico on his way to the gold fields of California.

In the spring of 1852 he was killed by the Mexicans on the latter part of his journey from New Mexico to California. Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards was left with a family of three children: (1) Thomas H., born in Lafayette county, Wis., in April, 1846, grew to manhood, and acquired his education in Hazel Green, where he learned the trade of wagon making, which has been his occupation there for many years. He married Miss Agnes Thompson, who was killed in the tornado which passed over this town in March, 1876. Mr. Edwards also lost a son in the same great calamity. Some time afterward he contracted a second marriage with Miss Annie Carter, and is now living in Madison, Wis., where he holds a clerkship in the office of the Secretary of State. They have one daughter, Annie E. (2) James, mentioned below. (3) Eliza J., born in March, 1850, is now the widow of Thomas Major, of Hazel Green. After their marriage they moved to Wyoming, where he died leaving her with eight children, and she now has her home in Baggs, Wyoming.

James Edwards, whose career forms the subject of this article, began life in the town of Hazel Green, where he received the benefits of a common school education, and when a young man learned the tinner's trade. In 1863 he started a hardware store in his native village, which he has conducted ever since with the exception of one year, when he was a resident of Utah.

In 1871 Mr. Edwards wedded Miss Mary A. Metters, who was born in January, 1848, in Devonshire, England, a daughter of Thomas Metters, now of Hazel Green, who came from England to the United States when Mrs. Edwards was a young girl. After their marriage Mr. Edwards settled in the village where he was born, and there he has continued in the hardware business to the present time. Mrs. Edwards died in May, 1900, leaving eight living children: (1) Ada L., born in 1875, had her schooling in her native village, and is now Mrs. John Oats, of Hazel Green. (2) Elizabeth A., a graduate of the Hazel Green high school, was born in 1876, is now one of Grant county's most successful teachers, having taught for six years in her native village. (3) George M., born in 1878, is engaged in a printing office in Platteville. (4) Thomas P. and (5) John L., twins, were born in August, 1879. John married Miss Stone-

braker, and lives in Hazel Green. (6) Alice, born in 1883, is a graduate of the Hazel Green high school, and lives at home with her father. (7) Clinton L., born in 1886, and (8) James, born in April, 1891, are both in the village schools. (9) Eva died in May, 1897, at the age of ten years.

Mrs. Edwards was a member of the Methodist Church, where she was regarded as a devoted Christian woman. Mr. Edwards has always been identified with the Republican party, and has been postmaster twelve years, receiving his first appointment from President Arthur, his second from President Harrison, and his third from the present administration. In local affairs Mr. Edwards has taken a prominent part, having been president of the village board for six years, and for the same time has been clerk of the school. He is a member of the town board, and is secretary of the creamery company of the village. Mr. Edwards belongs to No. 43, F. & A. M., Hazel Green, one of the oldest lodges in the State.

Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards was married a second time, becoming the wife of Thomas Richards. They lived in Hazel Green, and here she was killed in the tornado of 1876. She had three children by Mr. Richards: Ada E., now the wife of William Oates, of California; Johnson died as the result of injuries received in the same tornado in which his mother lost her life; and Elizabeth A. was killed in the same tornado. Mrs. Edwards, after the death of her husband in the far West, started a small store, and her business so increased under her careful management that she became very successful.

GEORGE W. TURNER, a citizen of Darlington and a blacksmith by occupation, was born in England July 26, 1856. He came with his parents to the United States when a young boy, in 1869, and located in New Diggings, Lafayette Co., Wis. In the year 1877 the family removed to Darlington, where with his father, he engaged in the work of blacksmithing, and continued in that business for more than twenty-one years.

In 1898 Mr. Turner was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of sheriff of Lafayette county, and held the position for two years, conducting the same in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

Mr. Turner was united in marriage Octo-

ber 17, 1882, to Miss Belle Huntington, daughter of James and Sarah Huntington, of the town of Seymour in this county; they have one daughter, Jeanette, now in her seventeenth year.

FREDERICK A. WASHBURN, residing in Section 15, Clifton township, Grant county, bears an honorable record for brave service in the war between the North and South. Responding to his country's call for aid, he enlisted Dec. 17, 1861, in Company F, 2d Wisconsin Cavalry, and when discharged, on Dec. 6, 1863, at Red Bone, Miss., he re-enlisted, the following day, in the same company and regiment, being finally mustered out at Madison, Wis., Dec. 16, 1865, after four long years of arduous service on Southern battlefields. He was on active duty with his regiment nearly the whole of this time, being for a brief period confined in hospital during his first enlistment, and a few days in the hospital at Galveston, Texas, during his second term.

This gallant soldier was born in Lake county, Ill., in 1844, and is a son of B. F. Washburn, a native of New York State, who also served in the war of the Rebellion, as a member of the 20th Wis. V. I. At the time of his enlistment the father owned the farm where his son Frederick now resides. He never returned to his family and friends, being one of the large number in every army who are reported missing. His fate was never known, though it is supposed that he was a victim of some marauding band of guerrillas. Of his family four sons and two daughters reached adult age. One son, George W. was a member of the same company as our subject, and was with him until his death, in Memphis, Tenn., while another son, Benjamin F., Jr., served throughout the latter part of the war in the 17th Wis. V. I., and is now a resident of Excelsior, Richland Co., Wis. It will thus be seen that the family furnished four defenders of the Union, two of whom, father and son, never came back.

Frederick A. Washburn has passed nearly all of his mature years on the homestead farm where he now lives. He has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Senena Taylor, by whom he had two children: Albert E., now in the Klondike; and Ida D., wife of Henry Franklin. His present wife was in her maidenhood Miss Clara May Fields, and to them

have been born five children, namely: Dora May, Arthur E., Ica L., Roxy M. and Adelbert L.

Mr. Washburn's health was greatly impaired by his long service in the army, and as the years pass by his infirmities caused thereby increase in intensity. He is a good citizen, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

**WILLIAM H. DICK**, who is the very efficient and popular postmaster at Dayton, Green county, was born here May 1, 1844, and is a son of John and Sarah (Lawler) Dick. The father was born in Scotland, and the mother in Ireland. They were the parents of a family of eight children, of whom the following still survive: William H.; Marion, who is the wife of Byron Babbitt, of Evansville, Wis.; and Sarah, who is the wife of Norman Hook, of McFarland, Wis. John Dick was a shoemaker, and came to America in 1842, locating on a farm in the town of Exeter, Green county, where he took up a tract of eighty acres from the government. This he afterward sold, and established himself as a shoemaker in the village of Exeter. In 1854 he removed to the village of Dayton, where he followed the business of shoemaking until 1862. In the month of August, that year, he enlisted in Company F, 31st Wis. V. I., and was honorably discharged in June, 1865, with a record of which his family and friends are justly proud. When the war was over, Mr. Dick returned to Dayton, where he resumed his work as a shoemaker. In 1867 he removed to a farm which he had bought near Mt. Vernon, Dane county, where he made his home for fifteen years. At the end of that time he sold his farm and removed to Brooklyn, Green county. There he died in the fall of 1897, being at the time of his death in his eighty-fifth year. His first wife, the mother of Postmaster Dick, died in 1881, at the age of sixty years, and he married for his second wife, a Miss Post, who is still living. Mr. Dick in his faith was a Presbyterian, though not connected with any church. The first Mrs. Dick was a Catholic.

The paternal grandfather of William H. Dick was James Dick. He was a coppersmith, and also a tinsmith, and was the father of five sons. He died in middle life from the effect of a paralytic stroke. Mrs. Sarah (Lawler) Dick was a daughter of Patrick Lawler,

who died in Ireland before his daughter came to America, which she did when a young girl. He was a farmer, and had seven children.

William H. Dick spent the first ten years of his life in the town of Exeter, and has since that age lived in the village of Dayton, except the time he spent in the army. In 1864 he enlisted in Company F, 42nd Wis. V. I., and served at the front until the close of the war, making about one year of active duty. When the war ended, Mr. Dick returned to Dayton, and spent another year in school, and then became an apprentice at the tinner's trade, and that trade has been his occupation to the present time.

On March 16, 1870, Mr. Dick was married to Miss Mary Francisco, a daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Francisco. Four children were born of this marriage: John, Edith, Grace and Bessie. Edith married Perry Wisch, of Janesville, and they have one daughter. The other three children are all living at home. Mrs. Dick is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Dick belongs to Belleville Lodge, No. 74, I. O. O. F., to Joseph Mower Post, No. 121, G. A. R., and to the M. W. A. He is a Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. For one year he has been town clerk and also clerk of the school district. Mr. Dick was appointed postmaster of Dayton, June 17, 1898, and is still satisfactorily performing the duties of that position. He owns a good home in the village, and is president of the board of health for the town of Exeter.

**JOHN A. YOUNG**, of Brodhead, Green county, is a dealer in fresh-water pearls, raw furs and ginseng, and in these rather uncommon lines of trade and barter has succeeded in amassing a very comfortable competence. He has had little help from friends or fortune in his life work, and may be written down as a thoroughly self-made man, the architect of his own fortune. He is a man of good heart, generous disposition and kindly feeling, who has combined keen business sense with the utmost integrity of purpose, and is known as a thoroughly honorable and reliable gentleman.

Mr. Young was born in Bern, Albany Co., N. Y., Aug. 5, 1832, a son of Peter and Rebecca (Austin) Young, natives of New York. They had eleven children, nine of whom are now living: John A.; Charles W., of White-



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water, Wis.; William, of Voorheesville, N. Y.; Henry, of Albany, N. Y.; Govnier, of White-water, Wis.; Sarah Van Patten, of Centralia, Kans.; Louis Van Patten, of the same place; Maggie Gemlick, of Albany, N. Y.; and Eliza Severson, of Guilderland Center, N. Y. The father was a carpenter and joiner, and in the latter part of his life a farmer in New York, where he died at the age of seventy-eight. His wife survived him, dying when about seventy-seven. They were Methodists. He belonged to the State militia. The paternal and maternal grandfathers of John A. Young were of Dutch descent, followed farming, and lived to advanced ages. Both reared large families. The latter, John Austin, came to Wisconsin in 1844, and located in Rock county. He owned a tract of 1,100 acres.

John A. Young was reared in Albany county, N. Y., where he obtained his early education. His father, though a man of limited means, gave him his time from the age of ten. John A. learned the carpenter business with his father, but spent his time principally in farming, beginning work as a farm hand in New York State at the age of fifteen, for a man by the name of Thomas Tygart, with whom he remained something over two years. His wages were \$4 per month the first year; the second year he received \$8 per month, with the understanding that he should deliver farm produce at Albany, twelve miles distant, by early daylight, on account of the cholera scourge in the city. In the third year he was taken sick, and had to return to his father's home for recuperation. In 1858 Mr. Young came to Wisconsin and located on a farm in the town of Lima, Rock county. In 1861 he began the business of keeping hotel at Johnstown Center, Wis., where he spent the next two and one-half years, and in 1863 he went to Brodhead and engaged in the hotel business. Here he has since remained, continuing the hotel business until 1895, since which time he has given his entire attention to the business of buying and selling fresh-water pearls and raw furs. He is considered an expert in the business, and has made it very profitable. He built the "Young House" at Brodhead in 1868-69, a fine building in its day, which still attracts admiration; it is a three-story brick structure, 32x62 feet, its entire cost being about \$16,000, and in it Mr. Young did a large and profitable business.

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Mr. Young and Miss Maria Groat, daughter of Abraham and Julia Ann (Ostrander) Groat, were married June 28, 1852, and they have had nine children, Julia A. A., Rebecca, John F., Teresa, Alice, Manley, Mary J., Maud, and Florence. Julia A. A. died June 11, 1854, when a child; Teresa died Oct. 20, 1859; John F., May 4, 1864; Rebecca, July 18, 1864; Mary J., Feb. 1, 1867; and Manley, May 18, 1900. The last named married Miss Anna Snyder, who survives him, and they had one son, Loyal, who is now five years old. Alice married E. M. Lyons, of Brodhead, and is the mother of five children, Maud, Eddie, Ray, Alice and Genevieve. Maud married F. K. Vance, of Brodhead. Florence is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Young belong to the Dutch Reformed Church, and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which fraternity he has taken high rank. He has filled all the chairs of the subordinate lodge, is a member of the Patriarchs Militant, and has been a member of the grand lodge for many years. Mr. Young is a Republican, has served on the county central committee of the party for several years, and has been a delegate on several occasions to the Republican State Convention. He was mayor of Brodhead two successive terms. Mr. Young is a member of the State Municipal League, and believes in public ownership of public utilities.

Mr. Young owns one of the finest residences in the village of Brodhead, built in 1895, and thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every respect. He also owns considerable residence and business property in the place. There was not a foot of sidewalk in Brodhead when Mr. Young settled there, and he has the honor of having taken the initiative in this improvement of the city, having laid the first sidewalk in the place in the spring of 1864.

Mrs. Young's parents were born in the town of Guilderland, N. Y., where she was born in 1833. Her father always followed the life of a farmer, though he became noted throughout New England as the owner of two superior race horses, "Sorrel Pony" and "Black Maria." In their old age Mr. and Mrs. Groat moved to a new home in Guilderland Center, where he died at the age of seventy-eight years. His widow went to Albany, N. Y., to live with a daughter, and passed away at the age of eighty-six. They belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church. His father,

Simon Groat, a soldier of the war of the Revolution, died when seventy-five. He was the father of nine children. Mrs. Young's maternal grandfather, John Ostrander, was a shoemaker by trade, but was keeping hotel at the time of his death. He had eight children. He enlisted in the Rensselaer war. Both her grandparents were of Holland-Dutch descent, natives of Albany county, N. Y., and followed farming.

PRESCOTT W. PUFFER, the present able and courteous local representative of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Monroe, Green Co., Wis., where he is station agent, was born in Andover, Windsor Co., Vt., Aug. 29, 1833. His parents, Ephraim and Rosamer (Chandler) Puffer, were also natives of Vermont, and of their family of children two are now living: (1) Rosamer married Dr. Putnam Burton, and both are deceased. (2) Chandler died in Ohio in 1844. (3) Lucinda is deceased. (4) Ryland is deceased. (5) Elizabeth married Isaiah Lovejoy, and is deceased. (6) Prescott W. is our subject. (7) Augusta is the wife of A. W. Wells, of Shelburn Falls, Mass. Ephraim Puffer was a carpenter, later in life becoming a farmer, and died on the old homestead in Vermont in 1848, at the age of sixty-two. His widow survived to the age of ninety-five years. They were Baptists in early life but in after years she became a Universalist. He was a man of considerable local importance, and held various offices. His father died over fifty years ago, when he was past eighty years. He was a farmer, and had reared a family of five children.

Prescott W. Puffer was reared in Vermont, and received an excellent common-school education. He attended Black River Academy, a local institution of more than local reputation, and was well prepared for the world when he left home, at eighteen years of age, to work in a woodenware factory. In 1851 he went to Troy, N. Y., where he was employed in the post office some three years. In 1855 the young man came to Wisconsin, and engaged in the furniture business at Janesville for two years. About that time he secured an appointment as clerk in the office of the Northwestern Railway Co., at Janesville, and was with that company six years, at the expiration of which time the St. Paul Company offered him a better position, in their Janes-

ville freight office. He accepted it, and entered the services of that corporation, with which he has remained to the present time. The following year he came to Monroe as station agent, and has been here since January 15, 1866.

Prescott W. Puffer and Miss Helen R. Noggle, a daughter of the late Judge David and Anna (Lewis) Noggle, were married Dec. 23, 1856, in Janesville, Wis. They have one daughter, May Louise, who became the wife of J. C. Hood, of Monroe, and is the mother of one daughter, Marguerite. Mr. and Mrs. Puffer are members of the Episcopal Church, and are very popular in church and society. He belongs to Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., Janesville, Wis., and to Palestine Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., Monroe, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Puffer and daughter are charter members of St. Omar Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Monroe, Wis. He is a staunch Republican, and a man of fine record and unblemished character. Mr. Puffer has a commodious and attractive home on the corner of Market and Emerson streets, and has lived in Monroe thirty-five years.

JOHN ANDERSON was one of the early settlers of Monticello township, Lafayette county. He was a native of Lancashire, Scotland, born March 15, 1822, and died of a cancer at his home in Monticello township, March 12, 1900, aged seventy-eight years lacking three days. He came of sturdy Scotch ancestry, and his mother died in her native land, but his father, William Anderson, emigrated to America in 1830, with his two sons, John and George (the latter died in 1863), and settled in Oneida county, New York.

John Anderson grew to manhood in Oneida county, and on March 6, 1854, was married to Miss Margaret Jane Burrows, daughter of Alexander and Rose Burrows, and a sister of William Burrows, now of Monticello township. She was born May 17, 1830, and now resides at her pleasant home where she and her husband passed the many happy years of their married life. Soon after his marriage in 1854, Mr. Anderson came to Lafayette county, and became one of the early pioneers of Monticello township. He improved the farm that was his home during the remainder of his life, and became a prominent and highly esteemed citizen, identified with the growth and develop-

ment of his town and county. In his political views he was a Democrat, and was always active in the work of his party, serving for a number of years as chairman of his town, and in 1875 as a member of the State Legislature. All his relations with his fellow men were characterized by the strictest integrity, and his word was ever accepted unquestioningly. He was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, having joined the Order at Shullsburg, in 1863, but later, as a matter of greater convenience, affiliated with the lodge at Apple River, Ill. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, seven of whom yet survive: Alexander died in New Mexico Nov. 22, 1884; Sadie is the wife of Robert Charlton, of Cherokee, Iowa; Ray resides at Holly, Colo.; Cora is the wife of George Pillmore, of Geddes, S. Dak.; John is at home; Charles is a telegraph operator at Dickens, Iowa; Libbie and George are at home.

**JAMES W. HARMS**, one of the energetic and progressive business men of Platteville, Grant county, who has for many years been prominently identified with the mining interests of that place, is a native of Grant county, born in Smelser township Feb. 20, 1852.

Mr. Harms is a son of Dedrick and Maria M. (Melvin) Harms. The father was born March 30, 1805, in Hanover, Germany, where he was reared and educated, and in 1834 set sail from Bremen, and after a long and tedious voyage landed in New Orleans. By flatboat he came up the Mississippi river to Dubuque, Iowa, where he at first worked at day labor, and later found employment in the mines. The same year, however, he came to Grant county, Wis., and commenced working in the mines here. He was at that time unmarried, and in very limited circumstances. In 1839 he was joined by his brother John, and together they invested their money in land, always doing business under the firm name of D. & J. Harms. Their first purchase was the claim of a Mr. Hazard, who had commenced to break the land, and to it they added from time to time, as their financial resources increased, until they owned a large amount of property. The partnership between the two brothers continued until the death of Dedrick, Sept. 3, 1882. He was married in Galena, Ill., Aug. 6, 1843, to Miss Maria M. Melvin, a native of Bloomington, Ind., and a daughter of

James A. and Sarah S. (Roberts) Melvin. Her mother was born in Virginia, of Holland ancestry, while her father was born near the city of Baltimore, Md. He brought his family to Grant county, Wis., about 1831, becoming a farmer of Belmont township. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk war, and during those troublesome times his family stayed at the block-house at Mineral Point. Both Mr. and Mrs. Melvin died in Nebraska. After his marriage Dedrick Harms located on the old homestead in Smelser township, where he engaged in farming and stock raising throughout the remainder of his life. Although he came to the New World empty-handed, by industry and good management he became one of the most successful and substantial citizens of his community. Politically he was a Democrat, and religiously both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. She departed this life March 10, 1898.

To this worthy couple were born the following children: (1) John C., born June 6, 1844, followed farming until his death, March 13, 1871. He was married, Oct. 8, 1866, to Elizabeth Speth, who survives him, and to them were born three children: Emma M., Mary C., and Johanna, all deceased. (2) Mary I., born Oct. 23, 1845, is the widow of Christopher Schroeder, and a resident of Platteville. To them were born four children, George, Anna and James, all living; and Ellen, who died in infancy. (3) Henry H., born Feb. 16, 1848, also a farmer, died Nov. 9, 1898. He was married March 16, 1880, to Dora Werfellmann, and to them were born four children, one of whom died in infancy. Those living are Mary, John and Emma. (4) Dedrick William, born Jan. 30, 1850, died April 23, 1856. (5) James W. is mentioned below. (6) Louis L., born Oct. 7, 1853, was married, Sept. 16, 1880, to Mary Anna Riege, by whom he had four children, Benjamin H., Lily A. (deceased), Purl L., and Edith J. (deceased). (7) Martha Jane, born April 15, 1855, died June 25, 1886. (8) Sarah E., born May 8, 1857, was married in 1884 to Dr. Law, of Madison, Wis., and the children born to them were Blossom, Maria (deceased), Robert and John. (9) Emma M., born April 9, 1860, lives on the old homestead. (10) George L., born April 25, 1862, is also living on the old homestead. (11) The youngest, born Nov. 3, 1864, died in infancy.

On the home farm James W. Harms grew

to manhood, obtaining his education in the district schools of Smelser township, and on starting out in life for himself he engaged in farming and mining. Since coming to Platteville, in 1886, he has been interested in mining, and has met with excellent success in business affairs.

In Platteville, March 1, 1883, Mr. Harms was united in marriage with Miss Sophia M. Logemann, a native of Hanover, Germany, who in 1866 came to the United States with her parents, Cord H. and Gesche A. (Bruning) Logemann, also natives of the same place. The family sailed from Bremen, and landed in New York, whence they came to Platteville, Wis. In 1866 they located on a farm in Platteville township, but Mr. Logemann is now living in Elk Grove, Lafayette Co., Wis. Mrs. Logemann died Feb. 1, 1900. They had six children: (1) Albert H., also a resident of Elk Grove, married Mary Warfellman, and to them were born five children, Sophia, Henry, one who died in infancy, Dora S. and William. (2) Henry J. died in Grant county Oct. 2, 1878. (3) Dora died Oct. 30, 1878. (4) Mrs. Harms is next in the order of birth. (5) Mary D., Mrs. Henry Albers, of Platteville, is the mother of five children, Laura, Inez, Alta and Herbert, all living, and Clarence, deceased. (6) Herman H. married Fredericka Speth, who died in 1894, and they had two children, James, and one who died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Harms is a staunch Democrat, and in religious belief both he and his wife are Lutherans. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Grant county, whose identification with the county dates back to territorial days, his father having located here in 1834, when this region was all wild and unimproved. In the work of development and progress the family have always borne their part, and are justly numbered among the valued and useful citizens of the community.

**CHARLES F. DODGE**, mine owner and speculator of Shullsburg, Lafayette county, was born in New Diggings township Dec. 28, 1850.

Amni Dodge, his father, was born in New Hampshire in 1809, son of Alpheus Dodge, of good old New England stock. In 1848 he married, in New Diggings, Ann E. Dering,

who was born in Pennsylvania in 1828, daughter of John Dering, who located in New Diggings in 1840. For the three years following his marriage Mr. Dodge engaged in mining. A typical pioneer, popular with all who knew him, he played an important part in public affairs, and in 1855 was elected sheriff of Lafayette county by the old-line Whigs. When his term of office expired he retired to a farm in New Diggings, determining to engage in agricultural pursuits for the remainder of his life. His wife died in 1889, and after her death he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Harry C. Martin, of Darlington, who cared for him until he entered into rest, in 1894. He was the father of the following children: (1) John, born in 1848, now makes his home in South Dakota. He married Jennie Chamley, and has four daughters. (2) Charles F. (3) William died in boyhood. (4) Thomas, born in December, 1854, settled on the old home farm, which he managed for a number of years, and then moved to Cripple Creek, Colo., where he is now engaged in mining. He married Miss A. Vickers, and has six children, Ammi, Thomas, Jessie, Mary, Kittie Helen and Charles. (5) Frank, born in 1856, moved to South Dakota, where he died in 1885, leaving five children, who now reside in Shullsburg, William, Katie, Frank, Annie and Harry. The mother died on returning to Wisconsin, and left her children under the guardianship of their uncle, Charles F. Dodge. (6) Kittie E., born in 1858, was educated in the Platteville Normal, and is now the wife of Senator Martin, of Darlington. She has one daughter, Anne Dodge. (7) Abby died in childhood. (8) Sherman, born in 1864, now lives in Madison, where he holds a political position. He married Maggie Cottingham, daughter of Miles Cottingham, of Benton, Lafayette county, and has three children.

Charles F. Dodge received a good education in the district schools and in the Platteville Normal, remaining in the latter institution as a student for a number of years. In early life he worked with his father on the home farm, but after the death of his mother, when his father gave up active work, he became interested in mining and speculating in ore. In 1896 he discovered and opened the Lafayette Mine in Shullsburg, which has proven a most valuable acquisition. He received

\$8,000 for a part interest, and it continues to be a good paying investment. In politics Mr. Dodge is identified with the Republican party, and in religious faith, like all his family, is a member of the Episcopal Church, in which his mother was so well known for many years as a most earnest worker in the cause of religion. Socially Mr. Dodge belongs to the Lead Mine Lodge, of the I. O. O. F. He is highly esteemed in the business world, his wisdom and prudence making him a much desired adviser. He has also acquired extensive mining interests in Leadville, at present being a stockholder in one of the good producing mines there.

JAMES T. SHERMAN is a noble representative of the last business generation of Wisconsin, and is one of the few survivors of that period of stress and strain that made Wisconsin great and rich. He is now spending the late afternoon of his long and useful life in a richly-earned peace and retirement in Brodhead, Green county.

Mr. Sherman was born in New Haven, Conn., April 17, 1819, and is a son of Charles and Jennet (Taylor) Sherman, natives of Connecticut and New York, respectively. They were the parents of thirteen children, and of this large and interesting family only three remain: James T.; John T., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Jennet T., of Elizabeth, N. J. Andrew T., of Wilmette, Ill., was the last to pass to the unseen world. The father was a merchant tailor in New Haven, but late in life retired to a farm near Suffield, in the same State, where he passed a number of years as a gentleman of leisure. He was known as Colonel Sherman, having been at the head of a regiment during the war of 1812. He died in 1844, at the age of sixty-two; his wife died Aug. 6, 1843, at the age of forty-nine. They were members of the Congregational Church, in which he was a deacon. He was nominated for the position of State Senator in his State the year he died.

John Sherman, father of Charles Sherman, was the oldest son of Roger Sherman, a native of Connecticut, born in 1750, of English lineage. He was a colonel in the Revolutionary war, and died at Canton, Mass., in 1801. His wife was Rebecca, the daughter of David Austin, of New Haven, Conn. They had seven children. Roger Sherman was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and at different

times held prominent official positions. He was mayor of New Haven for a number of years, and received the degree of M. A. from Yale College in 1786. He moved to New Haven in 1761, and was a member of the Continental Congress in 1774. He was one of a committee of five, and was associated with Franklin, Jefferson, Livingston and Adams, in the preparation of the Declaration of Independence. He was United States Senator from Connecticut from 1791 until his death, July 23, 1793, and by John Randolph was termed the "Siccus Dentalus" of the United States Senate. The maternal grandfather of James T. Sherman was John Taylor, of Edinburgh, Scotland. He was a merchant in the city of New York, where he died at the age of eighty. He was the father of seven children.

James T. Sherman was reared from early childhood in Suffield, Conn., where he received his common-school education. He attended the academy at Greenwich, and finished his schooling at Westfield, Mass. He began life for himself as a farmer on the old homestead, and engaged in that occupation until he came West. In 1856 Mr. Sherman came to Brodhead, Wis., where he and his brother Henry opened the first dry goods store at that place. They did not remain in the store very long, and Mr. Sherman went to farming in the town of Decatur, a mile from Brodhead, where he bought two tracts of land, an eighty-acre and a fifty-acre piece. He farmed for several years, and then disposed of the larger piece, keeping the homestead and fifty acres.

Mr. Sherman and Miss Abigail Talcott Morgan were married Feb. 9, 1842. She was the daughter of Deacon Joseph and Abigail (Talcott) Morgan, of Windsor, Conn. Ten children were born to this union, James Morgan, Abbie T., Eliza Morgan, Anna Maria, Charles Jasper, John Taylor and Jessie Taylor (twins), Helen Mabel, Edwin D. Morgan, and Fannie Boyington. James Morgan married Miss Mary E. French, and lives in Chicago, where he is a commission merchant on the Board of Trade; they have four children, Edwin M., Roger, Martha E., and Mary F. Abbie T. married Normal Hall, and lives in Chicago; they have two children, Edwin M. and James. Eliza M., at home, is a writer of marked ability, and is a contributor to several of the leading papers and magazines; she has quite a reputation as a writer of hymns,

of which she has composed over three hundred. Anna Maria married A. S. Moore, the cashier of the Green County Bank at Brodhead, and has four children, Sherman, Charles A., Roger Sherman and Eunice. Charles Jasper is a farmer, and lives in Brodhead; he married Miss Kate Rockwood, and has one son, John R. John Taylor died unmarried at the age of thirty years. Jessie Taylor lives at home. Helen married Charles S. French, of Chicago, and had two children, one of whom is now living, Helen; both father and mother died of scarlet fever only about twenty days apart. Edwin D. Morgan died when four weeks old. Fannie B. married George A. Metcalf, of Janesville, and is the mother of three sons, Earl S., Charles Winthrop and George Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. James T. Sherman are members of the Congregational Church, where he has officiated as deacon for many years. Mr. Sherman was a Whig in early life, but on the organization of the Republican party, united with it, and has voted its ticket to the present time.

The parents of Mrs. Sherman had six children, and two of these are now living. Catherine A., the widow of Charles A. Dressback, of Greenwich, Conn., and Mrs. James T. Sherman. The father was a farmer, and died at Windsor, Conn., in 1862, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven. His wife died in 1832, at the age of forty-eight. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Sherman was William Avery Morgan, a native of Georgetown, Conn., and a soldier in the war of the Revolution, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill when he was twenty-one years old. He was the father of seventeen children. The maternal grandfather was Daniel Talcott, of Windsor, Conn., a descendant of that Governor Talcott who presided over the destinies of Connecticut in the old Colonial days. At the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, celebrated in 1892, there were seventeen relatives present. They have a beautiful home in Brodhead, and a winter home in Florida. She is a sister of Governor Morgan, who was governor of New York during the Rebellion.

**WILLIAM BATCHELOR**, a prominent brick and stone mason and one of the leading contractors of Platteville, Grant county, was born in Pittsburg, Penn., in 1844, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Lendon) Batchelor.

The mother died in that city in 1848, and in 1854 the father came to Wisconsin. He lived for some time in Platteville, but now makes his home in Ellenboro, Grant county. By trade he is also a stone mason.

William Batchelor was only four years old when brought to Platteville, and is indebted to its public schools for his educational privileges. In early life he learned the brick and stone mason's trade, which he has since followed, and as a contractor has met with good success, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage.

Mr. Batchelor was among those who went to the defense of his country during the dark days of the Rebellion, enlisting at Platteville Aug. 8, 1862, in Company E, 25th Wis. V. I., for three years or during the war. He was mustered in at La Crosse, Wis., and joined the Army of the Tennessee, taking part in the sieges of Vicksburg and Atlanta, and in Sherman's march to the sea. He was also in the Carolina campaign, and participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C. In June, 1865, he was honorably discharged at Madison, Wis., and returned to his home in Platteville.

Later in that year Mr. Batchelor married Miss Mary Atkinson, a native of England, and a daughter of George and Mary Atkinson, who were also born in England, and came to Grant county, Wis., in 1850. Mr. Atkinson died in Ellenboro in 1888. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor are Fred W., Frank, Lillian and Clyde. Fraternally Mr. Batchelor is a prominent member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., in which he has held office. He is identified with the Republican party, and takes an active interest in politics.

**JOHN ALFRED TROW**. Among the prominent and influential farmers who have done much toward the improvement of Green county, Wis., is John Alfred Trow, the subject of this sketch, who is located on a fine farm of 300 acres in Albany township, where he makes a specialty of the raising of cattle and sheep.

Mr. Trow was born in Albany township, on Dec. 16, 1852, one of the family of children born to John and Ann (Griffiths) Trow, both of whom were natives of England. Other children of the family who yet survive are: Michael, who lives in Albany township; Susanna,

who married Hugh Mason, of Kingsley, Ia.; Mary, who lives in Kingsley, Ia.; Sarah, who married Albert Richardson, of Plymouth county, Ia.; and Evangeline, who married George Evans, of Kingsley, Iowa.

John Trow was born in Beguildy Parish, Radnorshire, Wales, in 1805, and grew to manhood on the farm there known as Llanreese. About 1839 John Trow married Ann Griffiths, a daughter of John and Sarah Griffiths, of Lower House farm, in Radnorshire, and from there came to the United States in 1846, locating first at Burlington, Wis., where they lived until the winter of 1846. In the spring of 1847 John Trow and his family removed to Albany, Wis., where they bought 220 acres, and there lived until the death of the father, in 1880, aged seventy-five. The mother died in 1875, aged about sixty-seven. Both were consistent members of the M. E. Church. The paternal grandfather was named Horatio Trow, and was a native of England. A farmer by occupation, he pursued this calling all his life; had four sons and two daughters, and died in England when about seventy. The maternal grandfather, John Griffiths, was also a native of England, where he died aged about seventy years, having been a farmer all his life. His family consisted of six children.

John A. Trow was reared in Albany township, attending the district schools, and living with his father until he reached the years of maturity. His first venture on his own responsibility was the purchase of eighty acres of fine land in Plymouth county, Ia., where he remained two years. At that time, having received a good offer for his property, he sold out and returned to Wisconsin, there buying 230 acres in Albany township, Green county, which now forms his present home, although he has since purchased additional land until he now has 300 acres. On his well-cultivated fields Mr. Trow carries on general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of breeding fine cattle and sheep, which always command excellent prices.

On Nov. 21, 1880, Mr. Trow married Miss Almira Tilley, daughter of William and Mary Ann (Griffith) Tilley, natives of England, who had four sons and two daughters, five now living: William, John, Mortimer, Mrs. Trow, and Wallace, all of Albany. Mrs. Trow's father died when about thirty-eight years of age, but her mother is still living. Sampson

Tilley, the grandfather of Mrs. Trow, came to America, was a carpenter by trade, and died in Albany township, well advanced in years. In his family there were four sons and three daughters. Mrs. Trow's maternal grandfather, James Griffith, came to America, residing for some years in Green county, Wis., and died in Denver, Colo., aged about sixty-nine. Before coming to America he was a prosperous merchant, but after locating here he engaged in farming. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Trow: Wallace, Vira, Horatio, Don, Delle, and Tressie. Fraternally Mr. Trow is a member of F. & A. M., Albany, No. 36; politically he is a Republican, and has served his party as supervisor for five years, and as school clerk a number of years. He and his family are among the most highly esteemed residents of Green county, where they are well known.

CHARLES WAMSLEY, one of the well-known and prosperous citizens of Waterloo township, Grant county, justice of the peace, clerk of the school board, and an ex-soldier of the war of the Rebellion, was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1837, a son of Charles and Sarah (Malah) Wamsley, also natives of England.

In 1842 the mother and four children came to America, the father following two years later, and they were among the first settlers in Cassville, Grant Co., Wis., where both parents died many years ago. The father was a silk weaver by trade. To Mr. and Mrs. Wamsley four children were born: Ellen, who died in Nebraska; Mary, now Mrs. Wells, of Ozark, Mo.; Charles; and Jeremiah, who enlisted in the 25th Wis. V. I., was mustered out after the siege of Vicksburg, re-enlisted in the 42d Wis. V. I., and died at Cairo, Illinois.

Our subject was reared and educated in Grant county, and has followed the occupation of farming. In 1844 he returned to England, but again crossed the ocean, and has since resided in America. Mr. Wamsley enlisted in Waterloo township, in 1865, in Company D, 42d Wis. V. I., for one year or until the close of the war, being assigned to the Army of the West, was mustered in at Madison, Wis., in February, and joined the regiment at Cairo, Ill. On account of his ability in that direction Mr. Wamsley was detailed at Cairo to look after the sick and wounded, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865, returning



to Cassville township. In 1871 he removed to Waterloo.

In 1860 Mr. Wamsley was married to Mary Brady, who was born in Ireland, daughter of Patrick Brady, an early settler of Waterloo, Wis. To Mr. and Mrs. Wamsley four children have been born: Mary Ann, now wife of Thomas Eversoll, of Waterloo township; Charley, of Waterloo township; Rosa, now Mrs. Welch, of Glen Haven township; and Jeremiah, of Waterloo township. In politics Mr. Wamsley is a Democrat, and he takes an active part in political matters. By his judicial discharge of the duties of his office of justice of the peace he has gained the respect of his fellow townsmen, and he enjoys the confidence of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

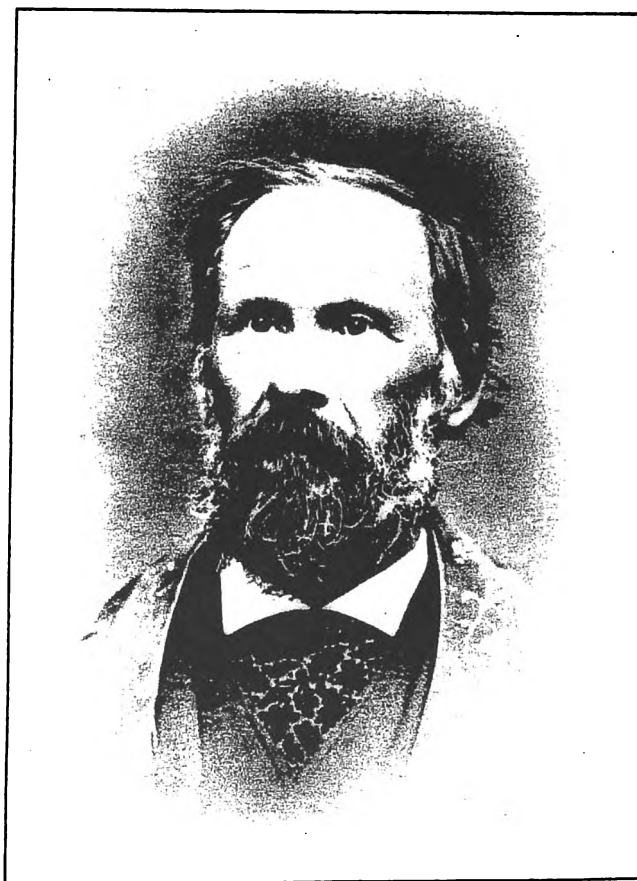
**MRS. MARGARET A. GRINDELL.** widow of William Grindell, late a leading furniture dealer in Platteville. Grant county. was born in Quincy, Ill., in 1830, a daughter of John and Mary McMurray.

**JOHN McMURRAY** was a native of Kentucky, born in Washington county in 1801. He was a young man when he migrated to Illinois, was there married, and located near Springfield, later moving to Quincy, where he purchased several hundred acres of land, and followed farming and stock raising until 1847. He then brought his family to Lafayette county, Wis., where he purchased another farm, on which he resided until his death, in 1858. His widow was left with six children: Valentine, who migrated to California, engaged in mining a few years, then embarked in mercantile trade, and was so engaged when he died, in 1897, leaving a widow and three children, who still reside in the Golden State; Mary is now the widow of Ephraim Fletcher, of Galesburg, Ill., and has had two daughters, Louisa (deceased) and Lizzie (wife of F. Turner, of Quincy, Ill.); Margaret A. is the subject of this biographical review; Caroline is the wife of A. Potter, a leading grocer of Platteville; George is in business at Evansville, Wis.; and Peter is a stockman of Parker, Mo. Mrs. Grindell was educated in the higher schools of Platteville, there followed teaching for eight years. In 1857 she was married to William Grindell, the leading furniture dealer of the city.

**WILLIAM GRINDELL** was born in Ireland in

1819, came to Platteville in 1845, and here at once engaged in cabinet-making and the manufacture of household furniture in general, using the material cut by the local saw-mills. In this business he continued until his death, which occurred in 1895. Mr. Grindell was twice married, and by his first wife had three sons: Wesley, now a business man in Platteville; William, who was killed by the cars when a young man; and Samuel, now a resident of St. Louis, Mo. To his marriage with Miss Margaret A. McMurray were born six children, in the following order: Lydia J., born in 1858, was a teacher in the Platteville schools for about six years, and later a teacher in Nebraska; she is now the wife of William Kepner, of Osceola, Neb., and the mother of one daughter, Marguerite, and one son, William R. J. Fred, born in 1860, married Margaret Eastman, in Montfort, moved to Arkansas, where he followed lumbering until his health failed, and then returned to Platteville, and here died in 1897, leaving a wife, but no family. Clara L., born in 1863, was educated in the State Normal School at Platteville, and has been a teacher in the Milwaukee schools for the past eleven years. Mary, born in 1866, was also educated in the State Normal, taught school one term, later graduated in music at the Dixon (Ill.) College, and for ten years has been a successful music teacher. Thomas, born in 1869, was graduated from the Platteville State Normal in 1890, later attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and was a professor of mathematics in the Territorial Normal School, at Tempe, Ariz., which position he resigned to become one of Roosevelt's "rough riders" in the war with Spain; after being mustered out he was appointed deputy United States marshal of Arizona, and he is now clerk of the supreme court of that Territory; he is unmarried. Edward, the youngest of this family of six, born in 1873, was also educated at the State Normal, but on account of failing health went to Arizona in 1897, and is there living on a ranch; he is unmarried.

William Grindell, the father of the above named family, was a man of sincerely religious convictions, and in early manhood united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was class-leader and Sunday-school superintendent, to which he was a liberal contributor, and in which his work was ever zealous, faithful and active; he was charitable in



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thought and act, and no needy or suffering one sought his aid in vain. In 1848 he became an Odd Fellow, and in 1856 was made a Mason, was ardent in his work in both brotherhoods, and constantly filled some office in each, having served seven years as Worshipful Master in the latter, and many times as Noble Grand in the former. In politics Mr. Grindell was a staunch Republican, and, although he never had ambition for public office, served on the school board thirty years as a matter of public duty. He left behind him a pure and spotless name—a legacy to his estimable widow and her children more precious than his wealth, and one which will be honored as it endures in the memory of the residents of Platteville.

WILLIAM W. CURWEN is a well-known miner and farmer of Shullsburg, Lafayette county, whose undertakings have proved eminently successful. He was born May 27, 1852, a son of John and Ann (Smith) Curwen, who were both born in Manchester, England, the former on May 1, 1826, and the latter on May 12, 1822.

Our subject's parents were married in their native country, and came to America shortly after, reaching Wisconsin in April, 1852. They made the voyage in a sailing vessel, the "Forest King," and were thirteen weeks on the water, landing at New Orleans, whence they came by boat up the Mississippi to Galena, Ill. The trip from Galena to New Diggings, Wis., was made overland, and in the latter town the father secured work as a miner. He was successfully engaged in that pursuit until 1865, when he purchased what was known as the Harker farm, of 200 acres. He greatly improved that place, and made of it a beautiful home, on which he and his family passed many happy, prosperous years. Of late years he has lived retired in Benton, in a modern home which he owns. He and his wife have celebrated their Golden Wedding, and were the recipients of many hearty congratulations. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom James, John and Ellen are deceased. William W. is the eldest. Margaret, born in New Diggings March 10, 1859, married Roland Chamley, of Egan, S. Dak., and has eight children, William, Charles, Roland, Frank, Joseph, Emma, John and Cora. Mary, born Aug. 6, 1856, married Joseph Godfrey, a druggist of Benton, and died Nov. 3, 1893, leaving

four children, Edith S., John R., Joseph Oaks and Ann F.; Mr. Godfrey died in 1888. Emma M., born Aug. 31, 1861, is the deceased wife of John Harker, who died in 1887, and had one son, John C. Elizabeth, born March 3, 1864, married William Richardson, of Mitchell, S. Dak., and died Jan. 18, 1892, leaving three children, Maud, Joseph and Mary. Sarah J., born April 5, 1867, resides on the old home. John H., born Nov. 2, 1871, married Mary Wilkinson, of Galena, Ill., and resides on his farm in New Diggings; they have three children, William J., Howard and Emma O. Benjamin F., born in December, 1874, resides on the old home farm. John Curwen, the father, was a charter member of Lead Mine Lodge, I. O. O. F., was a prominent man among the early settlers, and held a number of local offices. At present he is taking life easy, full of years and honors.

William Curwen, brother of John Curwen, and uncle of William W., came to America and became an engineer on a railroad, working for the Columbus, Cleveland & Cincinnati Railroad Co. for over thirty years. Later in life he made his home in Little Rock, Ark., where he died in 1889, leaving a widow, but no children.

William W. Curwen received his education in the district schools of New Diggings, and early in life learned all the details of farm work through a course of practical instruction on his father's farm. When he started out in life for himself he made his first location in New Diggings, where he was quite successful as a miner, discovering the Crystal Cave Mine and also the Lead Mine Mine. He was the owner of half of the Sally Waters Mine, and made a substantial fortune from his work in that line, all of his mines yielding him large returns. In 1892 he purchased his present fine farm, known as the De Rocher farm, three miles west of Shullsburg, which he has developed into one of the beautiful country homes of the county.

On Oct. 30, 1875, Mr. Curwen was united in marriage with Miss Mary Coulthard, who was born Aug. 26, 1856, in the town of New Diggings, a daughter of John and Ann Coulthard, a pioneer couple of Lafayette county, who came from Durham, England, in the early days. Eight children blessed this union, two of whom, Ann and Emma, died in infancy. Maggie I., born Jan. 18, 1880, was educated

at the Lead Mine and Shullsburg schools, and was left at her mother's death the eldest of six children; although but fifteen at that time, she proved herself a capable little woman, and holds with dignity and grace her position as manager of her father's household. Charles, born June 4, 1882, a student in the Shullsburg high school, has much natural mechanical ability. Eva M. was born Aug. 6, 1887. William Harry, Jan. 17, 1889. Ella N., July 27, 1891. John Fred, born Jan. 10, 1893. The mother, a conscientious Christian woman, died at her home April 28, 1895. She was a consistent member of the Primitive Methodist Church, and ever active in the work of her chosen faith. Politically Mr. Curwen has always been identified with the Republican party, but has never indulged in official aspirations. Socially he belongs to the Knights of the Globe. He is a man of prominence in the town and county, highly respected among his business associates, and greatly esteemed as a friend.

**WILLIAM LOY, M. D.** Prominent among the citizens of Grant county who have witnessed the marvelous development of this section of the State in the past half century, and who have, by their own well-directed efforts, succeeded in acquiring a handsome competence, and are now able to spend the sunset of life in quiet and retirement, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch.

Dr. Loy was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1825, a son of John and Mary Ann (Wesley) Loy, natives of Pennsylvania who at an early day emigrated to the Buckeye State, and spent the remainder of their lives in Trumbull county. They were the parents of the following named children: George; Catherine; Esther; John, a physician of Trumbull county, Ohio; Mildred; Mary; William; Jacob, a physician of Cedar Rapids, Ia., formerly of Platteville, Wis.; and Elizabeth, a resident of Shenandoah, Iowa.

In his native State Dr. William Loy was reared and educated, and after completing his literary training entered the Ohio Medical College, at Cleveland, where he prepared for his chosen profession. On Oct. 16, 1849, he came to Grant county, Wis., first located in Liberty township, afterward practiced several years in the village of Platteville, and in 1854 settled at Annaton, Wis., where he purchased a farm, in connection with its operation successfully engaging in the practice of medicine through-

out that section of the county for forty years. He was also largely engaged in stock raising, and, being a man of good business ability, sound judgment and strict integrity, he prospered in his undertakings, becoming one of the most substantial citizens of his community. In 1890 he moved to Platteville, and has since lived a practically retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

In Liberty township Dr. Loy was married, in 1852, to Miss Susannah E. Wanamaker, a native of Liberty township, Trumbull Co., Ohio. Her parents, Jonas and Esther (Everett) Wanamaker, were born in Pennsylvania, at a very early day moved to Ohio, and in 1838 or 1839 came to Grant county, Wis., locating in Liberty township. This was during Territorial days, when this section of the State was still in its primitive condition, being all wild and unimproved. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wanamaker died in Crawford county, Wis. The Doctor has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who departed this life July 1, 1899. Of the seven children born to them, William and Arthur, the fourth and fifth in order of birth, are now deceased. Those living are as follows: (1) Viola F. is now Mrs. Dennis, of New California, Grant county. (2) Sarah Ellen is Mrs. Mellor, of Clifton, and has seven children, Anna, Frank, William, Clara Bell, John, Flossie and Everett. (3) Clara Estella is Mrs. Rosemeir, of Annaton, Wis., and has two children, Leon and Archibald. (4) L. W. married Frances Sweeney, and has three children, William, Donald and Susannah E. (5) A. W., a graduate in law at the State University of Madison, married Frances A. Burris; he is now serving as city clerk of Platteville.

During the latter part of the Civil war Dr. Loy enlisted, in Clifton township, and was mustered into service at City Point, Va., March 3, 1865, as surgeon of the 6th Wis. V. I.; while in camp, however, he was transferred to the 7th Regiment, which formed a part of the famous Iron Brigade. He was stationed in Virginia during his entire service of four months and twenty-four days, and was honorably discharged at Madison, Wis., in July, 1865. He now holds membership in W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat. During the long years of his residence in Grant county he has championed every movement designed to promote the general welfare, has supported every emer-

prise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social and moral interests. After a useful and honorable career he can well afford to lay aside all business cares and live in ease and retirement.

JOHN F. HEBERLEIN, a worthy and honored citizen of Fennimore, Grant county, was a member of an Ohio regiment in the war for the Union. He was born in Prussia, Germany, Sept. 27, 1843, and in 1852 emigrated to America with his parents, Philip and Margaret (Hoffman) Heberlein. The family located first in Pennsylvania, but in 1857 moved to Lawrence county, Ohio, where the father died in 1861, leaving a widow and nine children, all of whom had attained maturity, John F. being the youngest of the family.

On Aug. 3, 1862, Mr. Heberlein enlisted in Company K, 50th O. V. I., for three years, and was discharged July 21, 1865. His first service was in Kentucky, under Gen. Buell, and then under Gen. Rosecrans, and he was later transferred to the Army of East Tennessee, under Gen. Burnside. In the spring of 1864 he was placed in Gen. Schofield's command, and finished his service under that leader. He took part in the famous battle of Perryville, Oct. 8, 1862; in Sherman's Atlanta campaign; the battle of Dallas; and the fight in front of Atlanta, where Gen. McPherson was killed. He was also in the battles of Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and Jonesboro. After Sherman started on his memorable march through Georgia to the sea, Mr. Heberlein, with his regiment, in the 23d Army Corps, proceeded to Franklin, Tenn., and they were under the command of Gen. Thomas in the battle of Nashville, where the Confederate army met with signal defeat. The Union troops then went in pursuit of Hood to Wilmington, N. C., and thence to Goldsboro, where they rejoined Sherman's army, remaining in North Carolina until the war ended. Mr. Heberlein's regiment was stationed at Salisbury when mustered out.

Our subject then returned to his home in Lawrence county, Ohio, where he was married Oct. 15, 1866, to Miss Mary C. Arnold, and started immediately for Grant county, Wis., being accompanied by his bride and mother, who made her home with him until her death, in 1871. He located on a farm near Lancaster, and in connection with its opera-

tion also followed the trade of a mason for a number of years. Since August, 1894, he has made his home in the village of Fennimore. Mrs. Heberlein died at Fatch Grove, Grant county, in September, 1890, leaving nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: Margaret, Wilhelmina, Frederick C., Jacob, Edward A., Sarah L., Frank, Joseph and Mary C. Edward A. was a member of Company C, 4th Wis. V. I., in the late Spanish-American war.

Mr. Heberlein is a worthy member of Sam Monteith Post, No. 173, G. A. R., of Fennimore. He served faithfully as a soldier for the Union, and during his long service was only absent from his regiment from April 5, 1865, to June 1, same year. During this short period he was confined in hospital by sickness, brought on by long and arduous service and the malaria of North Carolina swamps. He is a patriotic and loyal citizen of his adopted country, and ever stands ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him.

WILLIAM H. ROSS, a retired farmer in the village of Dayton, Green county, was born in the town of Exeter, that county, Sept. 8, 1840, and his entire life has substantially been passed in his native environments.

Mr. Ross is a son of Leonard and Sarah (Burritte) Ross, the former a native of Vermont, and the latter of Indiana. They had eight sons, three of whom are now living: Milton and Leonard, of Belleville, Wis., and William H., of Dayton. The father was a cabinet maker in the East, and in his early life conducted a hotel. He left home when quite young, and came to Wisconsin, working in the lead mines at Wiota for a number of years, and marrying there. After a period of several years he came to the town of Exeter, and there bought a farm, gradually increasing his real estate holdings until he became the proprietor of about 900 acres of land. In 1856 he died at the comparatively early age of fifty years. His widow still survives him, and makes her home with their son, Milton, in Belleville. Mr. Ross was a Universalist, while his widow is a Presbyterian. Mr. Ross came to Wisconsin as early as 1836, and was known as Capt. Ross. His widow remarried, and her second husband, a Mr. Turner, is also deceased.

The paternal grandfather of William H.

Ross also bore the name of Leonard Ross, was a native of Vermont, where he died when he was an old man, after having reared a large family. Mr. Ross's maternal grandfather bore the name of William Burritte, and was a long-time resident of Indiana. In 1828 he came to Wisconsin, and settled in the town of Wiota, Lafayette county, where he became a well-known farmer. He took an active part in restoring confidence against the attacks of the Indians, and became a prosperous farmer, dying in Wiota at an advanced age. He was much interested in public affairs.

William H. Ross has lived all his life in the town of Exeter, with the exception of three years which he spent in the army during the Civil war. His education was secured in the district school, and in the spring of 1899 he moved into Belleville, where he spent a year, but, not liking the condition of things there, moved to Dayton at the expiration of that time, where he is now found exceedingly pleasantly situated. The farm is rented to his oldest son.

In the fall of 1861, on his twenty-first birthday, Mr. Ross ran away from home and enlisted in Company H, 8th Wis. V. I., serving three years in the ranks. He was a participant in both battles at Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg, and, in all, fought in twenty-seven heavy engagements. After the war in which he made a creditable record both as a soldier and as a companion and friend on "the tented field," he returned home and resumed the peaceful occupation of farming, to which he had been trained.

On Dec. 12, 1871, Mr. Ross was married to Miss Margaret Greidenwise, a daughter of Nicholas and Catherine (Dausch) Greidenwise, and by this union became the father of four children: Duane, Eldora, Bertha and Theron. Duane married Miss Stella Parks, and lives on the home farm. Eldora died at the age of seven years. Bertha was killed when four years old by being run over by a wagon. Theron is a student at a business college in Monroe. Mr. Ross is a member of the Joseph Morrow Post, No. 121, G. A. R., and in politics is a Republican. His farm contains 174 acres, and all the improvements found on it represent his own hard and honest labor.

Mrs. Ross's parents were natives of Bavaria, Germany, and had three sons and two daughters, of whom Margaret, the wife of Mr. Ross, and Joseph, of Jennings, La., are

now the only survivors. Mr. and Mrs. Greidenwise came to America, and found a home in the town of Johnstown, Rock county, where they remained three years. They moved after that time into Green county, and settled in the town of Exeter, where he owned at his death 170 acres of land. He was a blacksmith, and always followed his trade. He died July 21, 1856, at the age of thirty-seven years. His widow survived him until June 2, 1857, when she died at the age of thirty-six years. They were both Catholic in their faith.

WILLIAM R. SPEARS, an honored soldier of the Civil war, was born near Cleveland, Ohio, in 1838, son of William and Eunice Spears. In 1842 the family migrated from Ohio to Wisconsin, and made their home in the town of York, later removing to Moscow, Iowa county, where the parents passed the rest of their lives. Of their children, four sons offered their services to their country in the days of the Rebellion, Earl becoming a member of the famous 8th (or Eagle) Regiment of Wisconsin Infantry (he now lives at Eagle Grove, Iowa); Dexter, who resides at Valley, Vernon Co., Wis.; James; and our subject, William R. These four met at Chicago in August, 1900, during the Grand Army Encampment held in that city, it being the first meeting with Earl in thirty years.

William R. Spears bears on his body honorable scars obtained in battles for his country. In the spring of 1864 he became a member of Company C, 37th Wis. V. I., enlisting in the town of Moscow, and joining the regiment at Madison. They were ordered to Arlington Heights, and a few days later were in the front in the vicinity of Cold Harbor, participating in one of the bloodiest battles of the war. Mr. Spears remained with his regiment during Gen. Grant's Virginia campaign, and took part in the many sharp encounters of that part of the war, including the siege of Petersburg. On June 17, 1864, he was badly wounded by a fragment of a shell, and on the 6th of July, following, was present when the noted mine explosion occurred, taking part with his regiment in the charge and battle following the explosion. In this battle his left hand was badly shattered by the explosion of his own gun. He was sent to the hospital at Alexandria, Va., and thence transferred to Fairfax Court House, where he was discharged at the

close of the war. He was practically an invalid for a long time after his return home, in fact has never been able to do any manual labor. He returned to his farm, and made his home there until March, 1897, when he removed with his family to Blanchardville.

Mr. Spears has been twice married. His first wife, Harriet Vanhorman, whom he wedded before the war, died in 1875. She, too, came of a patriotic family, and had three brothers who served in the Union army. For his second wife Mr. Spears married Miss Caroline Nancy Corbin, who was born in Pennsylvania, daughter of Lewis and Jane Corbin, natives of Pennsylvania, who removed to Wisconsin, where they both died, their remains lying at rest in the town of Moscow. Mrs. Spears has three brothers who participated in the Civil war, two of them in the Union army, and one, most unwillingly, in the Confederate. Benjamin served in an Illinois regiment, Ashael in a Wisconsin regiment; Granville, the eldest, was living in Texas at the opening of the war, and his wife was a daughter of the famous Confederate Gen. Morgan. By his first marriage Mr. Spears has three children, Jacob, Polly and George; to the second nine children have been born, Ida, Winnie, Charlotte, Florence, Warner, Charles, John, Bertie and Richard, all of whom are living except Richard. The family are highly esteemed by those who know them best, and very popular in a social way.

THOMAS JEFFERSON BRAGG. The Green county pioneers of sixty years ago are rapidly being numbered among the countless thousands who have lived and suffered, played well their part in life's battle, and been called from the field of action to the rest of the quiet churchyard. Their memory is cherished and revered, and their lives of self-denial will be long remembered; and it is no cause for wonder that the few who yet remain are held in affectionate reverence. Of such is the distinguished citizen of Monroe whose career forms the subject of this biographical sketch.

Thomas J. Bragg comes of Virginia stock. His parents were Doshur and Hannah (Moffatt) Bragg, and at the time of his birth his father was serving as a soldier in the war of 1812. His parents were poor, and the father found it necessary to take the first employment that offered in order to secure a support

for his rapidly increasing family. He was born and reared in a section where slavery was regarded as a divinely appointed institution, and for fifteen years he was a slave overseer. The position was one repugnant alike to his convictions and his inclinations, and both he and his wife resolved, as soon as circumstances and their slender means would permit, to seek a new home in a latitude where the legal equality of all men was recognized. In 1822 they removed with their eight children to Kentucky, and in that State a ninth was born. Their earnest wish, as has been said, was to remove to a free State; and to aid her husband in the accomplishment of this project Mrs. Bragg weaved and did other work suited to her sex and strength. In 1829 they found that by patient industry and strict economy they had accumulated sufficient means to enable them to cross the Ohio from Kentucky to Illinois. The husband and father settled upon public lands first in Clark and then in Edgar county, in that State, and subdued the unbroken prairie soil to subjection. The following year death called from his side the helpmeet of his life, and in 1841 he followed her to the grave, dying on the farm which he had earned and cultivated through so much industry and manly self-denial. Of the nine children born to Doshur and Hannah Bragg only two sons and a daughter survive, although the family may be said to have been noteworthy for its longevity. Those who have died were: Louisa, who married Absalom Pitcher, survived her husband for many years and died, comparatively recently, at the age of ninety; William; Mary, who became the wife of Rev. Stephen R. Goll; Lucy, who was married to Rev. Pettigrew; Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel Milburn); and Catherine, the wife of Frederick Shuey. Of the surviving members of the family—Strother, Thomas Jefferson and Hannah—the first named is the eldest. He was the second child and first son, and was born in 1807, and is yet living, in Edgar county, Ill., at the age of ninety-three. Thomas J. was fifth in the order of birth. Hannah, the youngest daughter, is the widow of George Brown, and also lives in Edgar county, in the Prairie State.

Thomas Jefferson Bragg was born Jan. 15, 1813, in Fauquier county, Virginia. He left the home farm when a young man of twenty-three years, going from Illinois to Wisconsin in May, 1836, making his migration in the



capacity of a teamster for one Jonathan Corey, for whom he drove six yoke of oxen, attached to a wagon bearing the family and all the household goods of his employer. The destination of the party was southern Wisconsin, and the journey, while long and tedious, was by no means uneventful. There were no roads, and the cumbersome vehicle, with its clumsy, heavy method of draught, had to make its way across unbroken prairies, through trackless swamps, and across streams which were at times so swollen as to be scarcely fordable. A rider on horseback was employed as a sort of advance scout, whose movements were closely watched, and whose tracks were as closely followed. The laborious (and often painful) toil attendant upon such an expedition can scarcely be appreciated by the luxuriously accommodated traveler of to-day, but to the pioneers of sixty years ago it counted for little in comparison with their abiding courage and deep-seated hope. Mr. Corey intended to locate just south of the Illinois State line, and nearly three weeks were spent in reaching that point from Grand View, Illinois.

Mr. Bragg remained with his fellow travelers long enough to aid in the erection of a cabin for the shelter of the family; and then set out—with others of the party which had accompanied them—for the locality which is the present site of the city of Monroe. Among these more adventurous explorers was Daniel S. Sutherland, with whom young Bragg made his home for many months. For some two years he worked as an assistant to the early farmers, with their primitive methods of cultivation, and in 1838 bought four yoke of steers, a wagon and a breaking plow for himself. These he used with industry and good judgment during the summer months, although the winter found him at work in the lead mines. He carried on this mode of life for about five years, and in 1841 he felt that he might take to himself a wife. In October of that year he married Emily Jane Nobles, whose father, Peter Nobles, had shortly before settled in what is now Green county. At the time of his wedding the hardy young pioneer was making his home with his prospective father-in-law, but immediately after his marriage he entered a claim to government land, in the present township of Monroe. His industry was unflagging, his energy inexhaustible. His success exceeded his anticipation, and as time went

by he found himself the owner of 700 acres of well-improved land. On this farm he resided for more than forty years, and there were born his five children, one of whom, Alice, has died. Those who yet live are: William F., an influential citizen of Monroe; Emma, wife of R. D. Gorham, of that city; and Thomas J. and Charles, whose homes are in Nebraska. Some two decades ago, his hard work, good judgment and unwavering probity having brought their merited reward, in the shape of a comfortable competence, he abandoned active toil, and he and his wife took up their home in Monroe. In that pleasant city they are passing their declining years, surrounded by every comfort, happy in the mutual love which has weathered many a storm, and serenely awaiting life's termination in the hope of a glorious immortality. Despite his eighty-seven years Mr. Bragg is vigorous in both mind and body. His memory recalls the new country as he first beheld it; and as he views the great advance made by modern civilization, with its handmaids—steam and electricity—he sometimes wonders whether the glories of nature are not more enduring than those of art, and the handiwork of God grander than that of man.

HERMAN J. STEVENS is a well-known citizen of the town of Monticello, Lafayette county, and a representative of one of the pioneer German families of the county.

Casper Stevens, his father, was born in Hessen-Cassel, Germany, in April, 1819, and was early bereft of both of his parents, his mother dying by the time he had reached his sixth year, and his father when he was thirteen. He was one of four children thus early thrust out to shift for themselves. He grew to manhood in his native land, and in 1847 was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Gosman. A year later they sailed for America, hoping to better their condition in the newer country. They had an infant daughter, Anna, but left her in Germany until they had made a home here, when she followed. Like many other emigrants of that day, they were not possessed of any means, but found it necessary immediately upon their arrival to go to work to earn the veriest necessities of life. Their ambition was to own a farm, and with that object in view they rented some land in Monticello township, Lafayette Co., Wis..

which they tilled for a time. They then purchased eighty acres, which they continued to occupy until 1866, when Mr. Stevens found himself able to purchase the farm upon which their son Herman J. now resides. On this farm Mr. Stevens made a comfortable home, and finally retired from active work, purchasing a home in the city of Shullsburg, where he and his wife spent their declining years. Mrs. Stevens passed away April 5, 1882, and Mr. Stevens died suddenly Feb. 15, 1892, at the home of his son Herman, aged nearly seventy-three years. He had been gifted by nature with a powerful frame, and his industrious habits had given him greater physical strength than was ordinarily allotted to one man. When in his prime, it was said of him that he was capable of doing the work of two men of ordinary strength. He was prudent in his investments, and frugal in his habits, and with the faithful assistance of his wife, and also of his children, as each one became old enough to work, was enabled to secure sufficient means to make himself and his wife comfortable. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion he and his entire family were members of the Roman Catholic Church. The family consisted of one son and three daughters: Anna, the eldest, and the only one born in Germany, is now the wife of Amand Hillenburnt, of Newton, Kans.; Lizzie became the wife of Joseph Aurit, and died in Shullsburg June 7, 1875; Herman J. is the third in order of birth; and Mary is the wife of John Hebenstreit, of Shullsburg.

Herman J. Stevens was born in the town of Monticello, within a half mile of his present home, March 7, 1854. He was but twelve years old when his parents removed to his present farm, and there he grew to manhood, assisting in the work on the farm, and attending the district schools, where all of his literary training was received. His father was a careful and systematic farmer, and, being the only son, young Herman was quite well acquainted with all the details of farm work at an age when most boys are still at play.

On May 22, 1877, Mr. Stevens was united in marriage with Miss Cecelia Hebenstreit, who was born in Prussia, Germany, Feb. 3, 1856, daughter of Vincent and Rosa Hebenstreit, who came to America in the early 'sixties, and now live in Shullsburg. To Mr.

and Mrs. Stevens have come two sons: Herman, born Jan. 27, 1879, and John, born Jan. 5, 1881. Mr. Stevens takes much pride in his fine farm, and has greatly improved it with good buildings, modern in every particular. He is highly respected for his fair business dealings and his unswerving integrity.

**ALFRED H. HAWTHORN.** Among the prosperous and substantial farmer citizens of Clarno township, Green county, none is better or more highly esteemed than Alfred H. Hawthorn. The large farm of 322 acres which constitutes the home of Mr. Hawthorn, is located two miles southwest of Monroe, Wis., where fine dwellings, commodious barns and outbuildings of modern style, proclaim it to be one of the most desirable in the neighborhood.

Mr. Hawthorn is a son of James and Mercy (Boyles) Hawthorn, the former of whom was born Oct. 22, 1797, in Orange county, N. Y., of Irish ancestry. In 1817 he decided to visit other states, and with his knapsack in hand started from his home, in time reaching Pittsburg, Penn., where he took passage on an Ohio river boat and made his way to New Orleans, returning to New York by means of a sailing vessel. Soon after this he made his way West, and for a time engaged in mining in Wisconsin, but finally purchased the home where our subject now resides, and in 1833 built thereon a small log cabin. Mr. Hawthorn was of the stuff of which real pioneers are made, possessing the perseverance, industry and courage which have been the means of founding the cities of the world. Amid the rush and strife of modern environment, we too seldom pause to remember the debt we owe to those who have blazed through the wilderness, the path which we so easily follow. Three years later Mr. Hawthorn married Miss Mercy Boyles, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1812, a daughter of William Boyles, one of the early settlers of Green county. She proved a valuable helpmate to the sturdy young pioneer, and her death occurred ten years prior to his, in 1881. Thirteen children were born of this union: Andrew, of Monroe; Mary, who married Hickman Bryant, now deceased; Phebe, who married Aaron Eely, resides in Monroe; Ellen, who married Thomas Millmon, resides in Monroe; William, of Monroe; Matilda, who married Edward Trickel, of

Clarno, and is deceased; Maria, who married Joseph Bender, deceased; James, deceased; Lucinda, deceased; French, a resident of Colorado; Alfred H., our subject; John E., mentioned elsewhere in this work; and Charles, a resident of Monroe.

Alfred H. Hawthorn was born on Jan. 18, 1851, and was reared on the home farm, receiving his education in the public schools. His tastes were different from those of his father, his life having been passed in industry on the old homestead, which he has improved and added to until he owns a very large tract, little resembling the place upon which his parents settled nearly seventy years ago. He is extensively engaged in stock raising and feeds a considerable number of animals for market annually. He raises Durham cattle, Cotswold and Shropshire sheep and Shire and Norman horses.

Mr. Hawthorn was married Sept. 14, 1884, to Miss Nettie A. Connet, who was born June 15, 1851, a daughter of Daniel and Hester Connet, of Green county, and four children have been born of this union: Ida Ellen; Alfred Roy; Wallace C.; and John N. An active member of the Republican party, Mr. Hawthorn has served as school director, and for some time was the efficient road supervisor. He is one of the leading and highly respected citizens of Clarno township.

**HON. JOHN MONTGOMERY SMITH** is one of the leading members of the Bar in southwestern Wisconsin, and for nearly half a century has taken an active part in the development of its business, political and social interests.

Mr. Smith represents a family which, for at least three generations, has been identified with important affairs of the State and nation. His grandfather, William Moore Smith, was a prominent citizen of Philadelphia, and in 1803 was appointed, by the government, one of the commissioners to England to adjust and settle the demands of British claimants under the sixth article of Jay's Treaty. His father, William Rudolph Smith, son of the last named, was born at Trappe, Montgomery Co., Penn., Aug. 31, 1787, five years later removed with his father to Philadelphia, and at the age of sixteen went as his private secretary to England. While there he began a course of legal study which was continued

upon his return to Philadelphia, and in 1809 he began practice at Huntington, in the same State. He served six years as deputy attorney general for Cambria county, and was a member of both houses of the Pennsylvania Legislature. During the war of 1812 he did active duty as colonel of the 62d Regiment of Pennsylvania Reserves, and in 1836 or 1837 he and Henry Dodge (afterward governor of Wisconsin) were appointed commissioners to treat with the Chippewa Indians for the purchase of their Wisconsin lands. After concluding this treaty, which was made at Fort Snelling, Mr. Smith settled at Mineral Point, in 1838. The next year he was appointed by Gov. Dodge as adjutant general, a position which he filled about twelve years. He afterward held various positions of trust and responsibility in the county and State, including those of chief clerk of the State Senate and attorney general. In 1852 he was authorized by the Legislature to prepare a documentary History of Wisconsin, to which he devoted much diligent labor for the next two years, when the first and third volumes were published by the State, the manuscript of the second volume having been lost in some unaccountable manner. He presided over the first Democratic convention held at the seat of government, in 1840, and was a member of the Constitutional convention of 1846. His death occurred while on a visit to a daughter, in Quincy, Ill., Aug. 22, 1868. Mr. Smith was a man of wide experience and noteworthy attainments, commanding the respect of all with whom he came in contact. It had been his good fortune to become acquainted with many of the most distinguished men of the nation, and to participate in many historical events. He had seen every President from Washington to Lincoln, and related many impressive reminiscences of the former, and other statesmen who participated in the formation of our government. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Van Dyke, was born in Alabama.

John Montgomery Smith, whose name heads this article, was born at Bedford Springs, Penn., Feb. 26, 1834, and has been a resident of Mineral Point almost continuously from the age of four years. In 1852 he went by the overland route to California, and spent four years in that famous Eldorado. Upon his return to Mineral Point he studied law in his father's office, and with J. H. Clary and Judge



*J. Montgomery Smith*



Crawford. In 1862 he was formally admitted to practice, and for a time was a partner of the last named jurist, but for many years has carried on an independent business. He has been retained on many of the most important cases in his portion of the State, and holds an enviable position among the members of his profession. A staunch Democrat in political principle, he has always taken a leading part in the councils of the party; was twice a delegate to national conventions, in 1880 and again in 1888; in 1892 was a Presidential elector, and cast his vote for Grover Cleveland. In 1879 he was nominated for attorney general of the State, on the same ticket which was headed by Judge Jenkins, of Milwaukee, for governor, but shared the disaster which befell his party throughout the State in that campaign. The regard in which he is held by the community in which most of his life has been spent is attested by the numerous positions of trust and responsibility which he has filled in the city and county—mayor three terms, superintendent of schools two terms, district attorney two terms, member of the board of supervisors, court commissioner, and other local offices. In 1892 he represented the district in the State Assembly. During President Cleveland's first administration he was appointed a member of the Southern Ute Indian Commission, and during the second term of the same President he served on the Chippewa Indian Commission, a position filled by his father near sixty years earlier. Besides attending to all these interests, Mr. Smith has been a promoter of numerous business enterprises calculated to advance the welfare of the city of Mineral Point and adjacent country.

Mr. Smith was married, in 1862, to Antonia Hildebrand, who died six years later, leaving one son, Richard M. In 1870 he married Jennie M. Crawford, widow of his former preceptor and partner, Judge Crawford, of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. His only daughter, Etta M., is the wife of H. N. Laffin, of Milwaukee. In 1893 he was again bereaved by the death of his wife, whose health was impaired by her arduous duties while acting as a member of the World's Fair Commission.

I. N. BASYE, a retired business man, now living in the village of Arthur, Grant county, was born in Jacksonville, Ill., June 8, 1832,

son of Dr. J. J. and Annie (Watson) Basye. Dr. Basye was born in St. Louis county, Mo., Sept. 24, 1799, and his wife in South Carolina, Dec. 28, of the same year; they were married in Missouri.

Dr. Basye started life as a merchant in a modest way. He practiced medicine for over fifty years, and was a local preacher in the Methodist Church for more than sixty years. In 1836 he came to Grant county, Wis., and purchased 200 acres of land in the town of Clifton, which is now known as the "Wells Farm." There he opened a general store, and while he improved his farm he also dealt in goods which he shipped from St. Louis and hauled over country from Galena, Ill. Mr. Basye had men employed in prospecting for Galena ore during the remainder of his life, in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin, but was unsuccessful in locating any lodes. In 1840 he sold his farm to Francis Merrit, and located in Platteville, where he opened a general store with his son-in-law, J. F. Kirkpatrick. They continued same a few years, when he sold out to his son-in-law, and confined himself to his medical practice, which had become extended, and occupied his whole time. The Doctor was tendered many political positions of honor and trust, all of which he declined, contending that business and politics would not assimilate. In his later years he was an inmate of the home of his daughter, in the town of Lima. Mrs. Basye, who had shared with him all his early hardships, died in Platteville, in October, 1873, and he followed her to the unknown land Jan. 8, 1877. She was a Christian woman, and reared her family in the church to which her life had been devoted. Twelve children were born to them:

(1) Eliza J., born in Illinois in December, 1820, married J. F. Kirkpatrick, who was a merchant in Platteville for some years, and then in Cassville. While living in Cassville his wife died, leaving two children, Julia and Benjamin. Julia grew to noble young womanhood, and died, greatly regretted by a host of friends. Benjamin died when a child. (2) N. M., a farmer, born July 24, 1822, married and settled in Grant county. In 1871 he moved to North Dakota, where he purchased lands, and died, in 1889, leaving a son and a daughter in that State. (3) J. W., born in Illinois in October, 1823, died when a young man. He was an earnest Christian, and very prominent

as an Odd Fellow, and was the first noble grand of Platteville Lodge, I. O. O. F. (4) Frances A., born June 9, 1825, was the wife of William Clifton, of Grant county, a farmer and popular citizen and official. They lived in Lima for some years, and then moved to the village of Arthur, where he died in 1885. Mrs. Clifton died in January, 1900, in Lancaster, and is remembered as a woman of unusual ability and strength of character. Four children are left of this union—Rev. Theodore, of Chicago; Rev. J. J., in the ministry at Omaha; I. N., living in Platteville, a retired farmer and veteran pensioner; and Carrie, Mrs. Arnett, of Fairfield, Iowa. (5) S. T., born Oct. 24, 1826, began life as a farmer in Grant county, and afterward as a merchant in the village of Arthur. He owned two or three farms in the county, and has been a prominent man in public affairs and church work, occupying various offices of trust in his town. He is now living retired with his daughter, at Grinnell, Iowa. Two daughters were born to him—Mrs. Anson Brown, of Grinnell, Iowa; and Mrs. Frank Cushman, of Evansville, Wis. (6) J. J., born in August, 1828, was educated in the old academy at Platteville, and studied medicine with his father. In 1850 he moved to California, where he was engaged in gold mining for six years. Coming back to Grant county, he there married Miss Hannah E. Williams in 1857, and they settled on a farm in the town of Lima, where they remained until 1863, after which he was a merchant and postmaster in the village of Arthur for about a year. In the fall of 1864 he died very suddenly of dysentery, leaving a wife and two daughters—Annie, wife of Mr. Jewet, cashier in a bank at Fergus Falls, Minn.; and Bessie, who is the wife of a Congregational minister in Massachusetts, and with whom Mrs. Basye lives. (7) Eleanor S., born in Illinois April 28, 1830, died in 1846, in the bloom of her early womanhood, greatly beloved. (8) I. N. is the eighth in the family. (9) Mary M. and (10) Martha L., twins, were born in May, 1835. Mary was the wife of John Hamilton, a merchant, who lived in Platteville, where she died in 1864. Martha died in 1843. (11) Maria J., born in 1837, died when six years old. (12) Sarah C., born in June, 1839, died in 1843, the three last named dying of small pox.

I. N. Basye began his early education in 1837, in a little log school house, practically

erected by his father, in the town of Clifton, and attended the old Platteville Academy, under Profs. Carier, Magoon, and Pickard, who in 1852 erected the old stone academy at Platteville, now the State Normal. He finished his schooling at the M. E. Collegiate Institute, under Prof. John Nolan. One of a Latin class of four students, consisting of J. M. Roundtree, Lois Atwood, and J. M. Harlan, of Kentucky, besides himself, Mr. Basye feels that in his early life he had good company.

Mr. Basye left home after his graduation, and went into southwestern Missouri, seeking for Galena ore, and discovered what are known as the "Granby mines," in that State. Remaining there a year, he came back to Platteville, studied law with George W. Lakin, and then taught in the public schools of Grant county. In 1853 he became a photographer, under the instruction of Hesler & Johnson, of Galena and Chicago, Ill., and established the first gallery in Platteville, which is still continued there, by J. L. Nye.

In September, 1857, Mr. Basye married Miss Susan Slater, of Platteville, daughter of Rev. Isaac Slater, of Duquoin, Ill. After his marriage he taught school in Lafayette county, Wis., for two years, and in 1860 came back to Platteville, engaging with G. Hexter & Co. as a salesman and bookkeeper, and later with Pettijohn & Rewey, in the same capacity. In 1863 he took charge of the general store of H. Hoyt, with whom he remained seven months. In 1864 he bought out J. R. Stevens of Platteville, and engaged in the grocery trade, which he continued for some time. At the death of his brother, J. J., who was postmaster and general merchant in the village of Arthur, he administered his estate, and combined his business, continuing at Arthur some two years. Selling out, he became again an employe of G. Hexter & Co., at Platteville, and continued with them until 1870. That year he became manager for Laughton & Sons, general merchants, and was with them some four years. At the end of that time the firm was changed to Laughton Brothers, and a year later Mr. Basye entered again into the grocery business, owning one of the finest stores in the city, and doing a fine trade for some three years. Since 1884 Mr. Basye has lived for the most part retired in the village of Arthur, where he is interested in the poultry business. He

has been commissioner of highways for some six years, and notary public.

Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Basye, four are now living: (1) Katie, born in 1858, was a student of the State Normal at Platteville, and was one of the successful teachers of Grant county for several years. Going to California in 1881, she was for some years a teacher, and contributor to the local press, and then married Oscar De Witte, a fellow teacher. Mrs. De Witte died in 1886, leaving one son and one daughter, Eugene and Susie, who are now with their grandmother in Platteville, attending the Normal School. (2) Cora E., born in Grant county in 1860, obtained her education in the State Normal, and was for some years one of the successful teachers who have gone out from that institution. She is now the wife of J. H. Cushman, of Platteville, and the mother of four children, Nettie, Dora, Katie, and Leon, all students of the Platteville Normal. (3) George T., born in November, 1864, lives at Pipestone, Minn., where he is engaged in the sale of Indian curiosities and jewelry; he is known as "Pipestone George" all over the country. (4) William R., born in Platteville, received his education there. When fifteen years of age he became foreman of the *Platteville Democrat*, and was manager of that paper for a year. Becoming a fine musician, and a composer of music, he was a professor in the musical department of a ladies' college at Galesburg, Ill. Moving to Milwaukee, he studied under a German teacher some two years, and taught for a time at La Crosse, Wis. At Winona, Minn., he established a Conservatory of Music. After some four years of work in Winona he found his health shattered, and went to an infirmary in Chicago. There he remained for a year and a half, and was about to return to Platteville when he took a sudden relapse, and died June 29, 1900. His remains were interred at Platteville. As a composer and publisher of music he had attained considerable prominence, and from his pen had come a popular book of instruction in music which is quite generally used in schools and by private instructors. (5) Helen V., born in Platteville in 1872, had a normal training, and a fine musical schooling, appearing frequently before the public as a prominent soprano. She married George Hughes, and they live in Omaha, where Mr. Hughes is a motor conductor. They have two

children, Lenice and a little son. (6) J. Virgil, born in Platteville, in 1873, the youngest of the family, lives at Owatonna, Minn., where he conducts a temperance billiard hall, tobacco business and news depot. He is married, and has one child.

Mr. Basye has been an independent Republican, and has been active in local affairs. In religion he was reared in the Methodist Church. Mr. Basye studied medicine with his father, and was his prescription and financial clerk for a number of years. He has instructed private and public classes in vocal music for over forty years, and is still active in training children in the Sunday-school and in the church. He established the first choir in the Methodist Church in Platteville, and trained same for eighteen years; he introduced the first organ into a Platteville Church, and organized the first choir in the Episcopal Church.

PETER S. PEDLEY, a successful stock farmer of New Diggings township, Lafayette county, was born in that township Aug. 11, 1853, son of William and Alice (Spensley) Pedley. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, and received such education as the district schools of the day and neighborhood afforded. Early trained to work on the farm, he has made agriculture his life work, and resides on a farm his father had purchased previous to his death. He has made general improvements on his place, and now finds himself the proud possessor of one of the best farms in the township.

On March 20, 1878, Mr. Pedley wedded Miss Elizabeth A. Garth, who was born in 1858, and by this union has become the father of five children, viz.: Walter L., born Jan. 10, 1879, was educated in the home school, called the Leadmine Graded School; Ralph W., born in December, 1880, was graduated from the Shullsburg high school; Alice, born in December, 1882, graduated from the Leadmine Graded School in 1898; Chester A., born in May, 1885, is a graduate of the home school; and George Garth, born in January, 1889, is at home. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are highly respected residents of the community in which they live. In his political connections Mr. Pedley has always been a Republican, and he has been honored by his townsmen with election to a number of offices, among them be-



ing those of school treasurer and clerk; he is treasurer at the present writing.

William Pedley, father of Peter S., was born in Yorkshire, England, April 24, 1817; his wife, Alice Spensley, was born in the same county in 1819, and came with her husband to America in 1848. Mr. Pedley purchased a farm in New Diggings about a quarter of a mile north of Leadmine, which he cleared and improved, this being the first farm cleared up in that section of the town. Mr. Pedley's industry won for him prosperity and comfort for the last days of his life. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in company with Mr. Looney and Mr. Johnston Mr. Pedley founded the church in that district. They were all liberal supporters of the cause of religion, and became prominent members of the community, universally respected. To Mr. and Mrs. Pedley were born four children, three sons and one daughter: (1) John S., born in 1842, was a farmer on the old homestead until his death, Dec. 20, 1896, the result of an accident with a corn shredder. He married Miss Mary A. Harker, daughter of Thomas Harker, and by her had three children, Alice L., William and Eva. (2) Hannah, born in 1844, married Joseph Alderson, who died at his home in Mineral Point in September, 1895, leaving a son, John W., of Mineral Point. Joseph Alderson was born in England in 1833, and in 1859 came to America, where he engaged in mining and shoe-making. (3) James, born in 1846, now farms the Warren Johnson homestead in New Diggings. He married Miss Maggie Alderson, daughter of Joseph Alderson, of Leadmine, and has three children, Wesley, Edward and Nina. (4) Peter S. is the subject proper of these lines.

ROBERT W. DENNIS was born in Missouri April 28, 1843, son of William and Sarah (Sparks) Dennis. The father was born in 1814, in Kentucky, and the mother in 1819 in Missouri. They were married in Missouri, and came to Wisconsin in 1841, at that time making a stay of one year only in this State, then a Territory. They returned to Missouri, making the trip homeward by wagon. In 1847 they came back to Wisconsin, and bought a farm in the town of Clifton, making some improvements, and later Mr. Dennis purchased his present home in the same town, where he

and his wife are passing their last days in peace and comfort. To them were born five children, of whom four are still living. (1) Robert W. is the eldest. (2) Stephen was born in Missouri in March, 1846, married Miss Almira Hake, and is now living in Clifton. Mr. Dennis was a prosperous and well-to-do citizen of the town of Lima. Ora, their daughter, lives in Platteville, and is a stenographer for Sawyer Ellis. (3) Mary J., born in Missouri in 1847, is now the wife of William Kies, of Clear Lake, Iowa, and is the mother of three children, Ethel, Albert and Ray. (4) John J., born in Grant county in September, 1850, married Miss Viola Loy, a daughter of Dr. Loy, of Platteville, and is the father of four children, Eugene, Sarah, William and Stella.

Robert W. Dennis obtained his education in the district schools. In 1865, in company with an expedition for the gold fields of Colorado, he left Omaha, and crossed the Plains. He was a teamster in the West until December, 1867, when he came back to Grant county and bought a farm, and of late years he has been very successful as a general farmer and a stock raiser. In October, 1869, he married Miss Emma Wannamaker, of Grant county, daughter of Jonas and Esther (Everett) Wannamaker, who came to this State from Pennsylvania by way of Trumbull county, Ohio, where Mrs. Dennis was born in 1844. Two years later her parents moved to Liberty, Grant county, where they settled on a farm. They had a family of twelve children, eight of whom are now living.

Mr. Dennis and his wife settled on a farm in Clifton, which was purchased at their marriage, and there they made substantial improvements. In 1881 Mr. Dennis bought the "Sparks Farm," of 280 acres, to which he has added 100 acres, which makes it one of the large farms of the town. Mr. Dennis is a capable farmer, and his land shows in every part the ownership of a practical man. He has at this time one hundred head of cattle and eighty hogs.

To our subject and his wife have been born children as follows: (1) Alta May, born in 1871, is at home. (2) Lee W., born in 1873, married Miss Agnes Bayley, of Lima, and lives on one of his father's farms. (3) Cary J. was born in 1874. (4) John Everett died when sixteen years old. (5) Robert P. was

born in 1878. (6) Jay, in 1880. (7) Roy, in 1882. (8) Clyde, in 1883. (9) Harley died when seven years old. (10) Fern was born in September, 1889. These children have all been students of the Lima schools. In politics Mr. Dennis is a Democrat, and he has held the position of school director for twenty years.

**JOSEPH WITZIG.** one of the prosperous representatives of the agricultural interests of Grant county, residing in Section 6, Clifton township, was born in Prussia, Germany, May 15, 1844, a son of Martin and Annie Witzig, both natives of Prussia.

In August, 1854, the parents left their native land, and after a voyage of five weeks landed in New York. By various means they reached Milwaukee, and thence made their way with ox-teams, the children walking, to Clifton township. Here the father took up 160 acres of government land in Section 13, Liberty township, on which he settled in 1855. Here he resided, improving his property, until his death, which occurred July 30, 1862. The mother survived until May 27, 1900, when she, too, passed away, aged ninety. To these worthy people the following children were born: Adam, who resides in Minnesota; Josephine, now Mrs. Whitish, of Fennimore; Peter, who died in Fennimore in 1874; Mary, Mrs. Stich, who died in Clifton in 1897; John, who died in 1862, on the battlefield, having enlisted in an Illinois regiment; Frank, who resides in Mt. Ida township, Grant county; Joseph; Johana, Mrs. Bunsell, who died in Iowa county, Wis., in 1875; Rose, Mrs. Hufal, who died in Chicago; and Catherine, Mrs. Abram, of Chicago.

Our subject was ten years of age when the family came to Wisconsin, and, small as he was, he bore his part in clearing the land, attending school as chance offered. As soon as he was able to begin life on his own account he purchased eighty acres, in 1869, in Section 13, town of Liberty, to which he added eighty acres in Section 7, Clifton township. To his first purchase in Clifton township, in Section 6, Mr. Witzig has added forty acres. All of the property was heavily timbered, and the work of clearing difficult, but he has accomplished this feat, and has built a good story and a half residence 34 by 26 feet, and a good barn 29 by 29 feet with 16-foot posts, upon his last

purchase. Upon his first farm he also erected a story and a half house, 16 by 26 feet, with an "ell" 14 by 16 feet, as well as a barn 30 by 48, with 16-foot posts and a good basement. The farm is supplied with a windmill, and is all fenced. The land is devoted to grain and stock raising, and the horses, cattle and hogs are bred from excellent strains, therefore commanding good prices.

In 1867 Mr. Witzig married Miss Ruth Bacon, a native of Ohio, a daughter of John and Sally (Kenyon) Bacon, who were natives of Connecticut and Rhode Island, respectively. They came to Clifton township in 1850, and opened up a farm. Here the father died about June, 1880, aged ninety-four; the mother died some years later, in 1889, aged eighty-six. To Mr. and Mrs. John Bacon were born ten children: Mrs. Mary Wanamaker, of Lancaster; Thomas; Mrs. Aurora McLimans, of Fennimore; Joseph, who died in 1884; Janette, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, now of Rewey; Mrs. Sarah Mann, of Dubuque; Mrs. Oral Frye, of Boscobel; Austin, who died in 1842; Mrs. Ruth Witzig; and Miss Ellen, who died in 1894. To Mr. and Mrs. Witzig have been born ten children: Bertha, now Mrs. Scheel, of Clifton; John, of Minnesota; Ben, who is married and on the old homestead; Minnie, now Mrs. Ellis, of Iowa county, Wis.; and Joseph, Cora, Willie, Sallie, Beatrice and Emma.

Having attained his present comfortable circumstances through his own unaided efforts, Mr. Witzig deserves high praise for his industry and thrift, and enjoys the confidence of a large circle of friends, who appreciate his many admirable qualities of heart and mind.

**JACOB REGEZ.** The dairy interests of Wisconsin have redeemed the agriculture of the State, and brought a vast flood of wealth into pockets that would otherwise have been empty. Within the lifetime of this generation the advocates of a bold and progressive system of dairying, in harmony with the times, have wrought incalculable good to the people of the State. Particularly is this true of the southwestern portions. Here the results of the old methods of farming had become doubtful and uncertain. The farmer was threatened with ruin. Conditions were becoming altogether hostile and unfriendly, but the vast and rapid development of the dairy was his salvation. He is rich, and faces a golden future. But-

ter and cheese, and especially cheese, have done it. In this work the gentleman whose name begins this article, and whose home is in the city of Monroe, Green county, has been very efficient. He has helped the farmer, and the farmer has helped him, and both have become wealthy.

Jacob Regez was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, Sept. 18, 1849, and is a son of Jacob and Belle (Lehnherr) Regez, both also natives of Switzerland, and lifelong residents of that country. They had a family of six sons and six daughters, and nine of their children are now living: Jacob; Rudolph, of Monroe; Ernest, of Blanchardville, Wis.; Eliza, wife of Fred Meier, of Darlington, Wis.; Belle, wife of Jacob Roth, of Mineral Point, Wis.; Amelia, wife of Rudolph Lehnherr, of Blanchardville, Wis.; Emma, a widow, who first married Charley Regez, and later Fred Rueggseger; August, of Blanchardville; and Emil, of Wimmis, Switzerland, where he is engaged in the cultivation of the old home farm. The father was a notary and a public man in the home country, was mayor of Wimmis for a period of twenty-one years, and was very highly thought of by those who knew him best. He became a farmer in his later life. He died in 1880, when fifty years old, and his widow in 1888, at the age of fifty-eight. They were Lutherans. Mr. Regez served his time in the army, as captain. His father, Rudolph Regez, was a farmer, and met an early death, by drowning, in middle life. He had only two children. Peter Lehnherr, the father of Mrs. Belle Regez, was a farmer, and died in advanced age. He had a family of two daughters and one son.

Jacob Regez, our subject, came to the United States in 1867, but not long afterward went back to France. In 1871 he again came to this country, with the intention of making a permanent home here, and on this occasion one brother came with him; later four brothers and four sisters came. They spent a year in Iowa, and in 1873 made their first appearance in Monroe. Here they found satisfactory conditions, and here Mr. Regez at once engaged in the manufacture of cheese. He struck the chord of success, knew his business thoroughly, and it rapidly assumed large proportions. At one time he was running twenty factories, and had on his regular payrolls the names of more than fifty employees. He now

has factories in many parts of Wisconsin, and his patronage and business reach into Iowa.

On Jan. 20, 1876, Mr. Regez and Miss Louisa Wittwer, daughter of Gottlieb and Kristina (Itten) Wittwer, were married. They have become the parents of six children, Edith, John Jacob, Louisa, Edward, Robert and George Herman. Edith married John Strahm, and lives in Monroe. John Jacob married Otilie Durst, and is in the employ of his father. Louisa died at the age of one year, Edward when seven years old, and Robert at the age of five. Mr. and Mrs. Regez are members of the St. John Evangelical Association, and he is a member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft. Politically he is a Democrat, but has never been an office seeker, having given his time and thought to his business. He lives in a beautiful home, and owns several fine residences in Monroe.

ALBERT G. HAWLEY, a well known citizen and prominent business man of Argyle, Lafayette county, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of southwestern Wisconsin.

Rev. Aaron Hawley, his grandfather, was a missionary of the Methodist Church and was sent westward from Vermont in 1826. He was in charge of the district in northwestern Illinois, and his earnest efforts were being crowned with success when the Black Hawk war broke out and turned the Indian from every white man, regardless of any previous friendship. In 1832 Rev. Hawley acted in the capacity of mediator between the white men and the Indians. Black Hawk and his band of bloodthirsty savages were raiding northward through Illinois and Wisconsin. Rev. Hawley approached a camp of warriors at Wadham's Grove, near Warren, Ill., on a mission of peace, when he was shot and killed by the savages. A full account of this tragedy is found in the history of the Black Hawk war.

Daniel S. Hawley, son of Rev. Aaron Hawley, was nine years of age when brought by his father to Illinois from the New England home. He married for his first wife Heleann Read, of Brattleboro, Vt., and then settled at Orangeville, Ill. In 1850 he removed to Argyle, Wis., where he was long one of the prominent business men of the town. In 1856 he erected what is known as the Rock hotel, and

owned a half interest in the flourmill. His wife died in 1871, leaving five children, as follows: Albert G., our subject; Henry J., who has resided in Colorado since 1859; Charles A., who died at Worcester, Mass., in 1897; Louisa, who became Mrs. Campbell, and died at Argyle; and Theodore A., the youngest, who was accidentally drowned in Colorado, in 1894. After the death of the mother of this family, Daniel S. Hawley was twice married. Mr. Hawley passed the last years of his life in Evansville, Wis., dying May 18, 1893. His third wife still survives.

Albert G. Hawley was born in Orangeville, Stephenson Co., Ill., in 1845, but has been a resident of Lafayette county, Wis., since childhood. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 31st Wis. V. I., "for three years or during the war," and was mustered out with his regiment at St. Louis, Mo., June 20, 1865. Company E was composed principally of volunteers from the towns of Argyle, Darlington, Fayette and Wiota. Its officers were as follows: Captain, James B. Mason, who died October 17, 1863, and was succeeded by Daniel B. Dipple; First Lieutenant, Daniel B. Dipple, promoted to captain, and succeeded by Hiram Stevens; Second Lieutenant, Hiram Stevens, promoted, and succeeded by Charles R. Bridgman. The company rendezvoused at Prairie du Chien, and thence went to Madison. On leaving the State, the regiment went down the Mississippi to Columbus, Ky., and was assigned to the 6th Division, 16th Army Corps, and was ordered into camp at Fort Halleck. While there it was engaged on picket and guard duty (passing twenty days on guard on the line of the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad), and in reconnoitering the surrounding country. From Fort Halleck they marched to Murfreesboro. On July 3, 1864, the 31st was transferred to the 3d Brigade, 1st Division of the 20th Army Corps, and was actively engaged during the siege of Atlanta, and took part in the famous march to the sea, participating in the battles of Averysboro and Bentonville. After the surrender of the Confederate General Johnson, they marched to Washington, and there took part in the Grand Review. On June 23, 1865, the regiment arrived at Madison, Wis., and on July 8, following, the men departed for their respective homes, veterans of many of the important en-

gagements of the greatest struggle the world has ever known.

After Mr. Hawley returned from the war, he served an apprenticeship to the miller's trade, and then for eighteen years operated the mill at Argyle, being part owner of the same after 1875. His chief occupation for many years has been the rearing, purchasing and selling of live stock. His sons now assist him in the stock business, in which they have been very successful. Mr. Hawley in all his dealings has sustained a high reputation for integrity, and holds the respect of the entire community.

On March 25, 1866, Mr. Hawley was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Osgood, daughter of Warren and Lydia Osgood. Four children have come to bless their union: Dan S., born in 1869; Elbert E., born in 1872; Ellen M., born 1876; and Homer F., born in 1878. While Mr. Hawley escaped the bullets of Confederates, he contracted asthma from the exposure, and is still at times a great sufferer. Fraternally he is a 12th Degree Mason, and a Knight of Pythias.

Warren Osgood was born in Ontario county, N. Y. He, too, was a soldier in the Union Army, enlisting at West Union, Iowa, where the family then resided, in Company G, 38th Iowa V. I., and died in the service at New Orleans, La., in January, 1864. The following year Mrs. Lydia Osgood (who was a native of Virginia) came with her children to Green county, Wis., and her death occurred at Argyle, in 1878. She was the mother of six children, three of whom survive, namely: Lemuel K., of Sac City, Iowa; John A., of Monroe; and Mrs. Hawley, who was born in 1848 in Green county, Wis., subsequently removing with her parents to Iowa. The family is one of the oldest in the State, and has played an important part in the development of the country.

JOHN YARWOOD, who has held a conspicuous position among the successful agriculturists of Green county, is now living retired from active labors in the village of Brooklyn, Wis. He was born in Manchester, England, Jan. 31, 1835, and is a son of William and Maria (Barker) Yarwood, both natives of England. They had four children, two sons and two daughters, and John,

whose name appears above, is the only one of the family now living.

William Yarwood was a weaver and a spinner in his early manhood in England, but in middle life he left the mill, and secured employment in locomotive works. In 1894 he died at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Maria Yarwood died some six years prior to that time. They were both members of the Episcopal Church.

Hugh Yarwood, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a gardener by trade, and the father of four children. His widow survived him many years, making her home with her son, and was over eighty at the time of her demise. The father of Maria (Barker) Yarwood, noted above, was an Englishman, and died in his native country.

John Yarwood passed his early life in his English home, where he grew to manhood, and was educated in the local schools. For a number of years he worked in a warehouse, and in 1856 made his way to the United States, seeking the larger opportunities that waited on thrift and industry. The first work which came to him was that of a farm hand, in the employment of his father-in-law, on the farm which he subsequently purchased. It contained 240 acres, and here he lived until 1898. Another farm of forty acres was also purchased by him, and he is still the owner of both tracts of land.

Mr. Yarwood was married Jan. 24, 1859, to Miss Anna, a daughter of Moses and Alice (Potter) Briggs, and by that marriage he became the father of a large family of children: Mary Ann, William Henry (deceased), James Edward, Alice Maud, Moses (deceased), Moses (2), Walter Frederick, Charles Stewart, John, Frank, and Thomas Richard. William Henry married Roxie Greatsinger, and had twin children, Claude William, who died at the age of three months, and Maud Wilda. James Edward died when about sixteen years old. Alice Maud married Rupert Lewis, and has two children, Mabel Maud and Prentice. The two Moses died in infancy, as did Walter Frederick. Charles Stewart married Lillian West, and they make their home on the old farm, where they are rearing a family of three children, Stanley, Hazel and Archie. John, who married Mary Nelson, also lives on the old farm, where they have one child, Mildred. Frank married Katie Norton and is living on a farm in the town of Brooklyn. Thomas Richard is still single. The

wife of Mr. Yarwood, and the mother of this family, died Jan. 22, 1899, at the age of fifty-seven years. She was a Methodist in faith, and her noble and unselfish life gave a meaning and reality to her religious life. Mr. Yarwood is a believer in Christianity, but has never identified himself with any religious organization.

In politics Mr. Yarwood has been a Republican since 1860, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. For two terms he has served as a member of the board of supervisors, and he has filled the office of school director and also that of road commissioner for many years. Since the death of his wife he has made his home with his children, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, of Brooklyn. For forty-five years he has been a resident of Brooklyn.

**CHESTER STEPHENS** (deceased) long sustained the reputation of a capable farmer and upright man in the town of Jordan, Green county, where he had his home at the time of his death. Born in Missouri, Sept. 15, 1841, he was a son of John and Elizabeth Stephens, who were among the early settlers in Green county.

John Stephens, the father of Chester, was born in New York, and made his way to Missouri in the early days. In 1849 he came to Green county and settled on section 6, in the northwestern part of Jordan township. He and his wife had a family of six children, four of whom are now living: Mary is the wife of Louis Robb, of Nebraska; Chester is our subject; Nancy is deceased; Lamira, of Illinois, is the wife of George Brass; Helen is the wife of Delavin Pickett, of Iowa; Maranda is the wife of Sanford Cluxton, of Omaha, Nebraska.

Chester Stephens was married Nov. 6, 1869, to Miss Rosa E. Hobbs, of Green county, Wis., a daughter of John and Eliza (Proctor) Hobbs, her parents both born and bred near Gloucester, England. They came to America in 1846, and very soon made a location in Lafayette county, Wis. To Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephens came children as follows: (1) Ralph, born Oct. 30, 1873, remains at home, and is unmarried; (2) Lettie May, born May 24, 1877, is the wife of Henry Wieman, of Woodford, Lafayette county; (3) Marble C., born Dec. 30, 1880, is at home, unmarried, as is his younger brother, (4) Clay Irving, who was born May 23, 1882.



CHESTER STEPHENS



MRS. CHESTER STEPHENS



Chester Stephens was one of the pioneer settlers in Jordan township, had made his way to a comfortable and independent position, and owned at the time of his death a splendid farm, comprising 360 acres, well improved; he also had considerable personal property. He passed away May 12, 1896, and is remembered as a man who more than met the expectation of his neighbors in many important particulars.

Mrs. Stephens was born in England Aug. 20, 1842, and is now spending her days on the old home place. A woman of more than ordinary character, she has a good memory, is a wide reader, and is well informed on items of current interest. She is a kind neighbor, and enjoys the esteem of a host of friends. For many years in her younger days she was a teacher in Green county, and she has never allowed her intellectual faculties to dull for want of use. Her judgment is good, her manners genial and hospitable, Mrs. Stephens knowing full well how to entertain those whom she receives in her hospitable home.

**JOHN F. TALMADGE.** Among the many prosperous farmer citizens of Albany, Green county, who have retired to that flourishing town to spend at ease their declining years, is John F. Talmadge, the subject of this sketch, who is also a veteran of the Civil war.

Our subject was born in Morris county, N. J., July 23, 1837, a son of Rudolph and Anna (Ayers) Talmadge, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. Of a family of five children, but three now survive: John F., our subject; Virginia, who is the wife of George W. Winter, of Durand, Ill.; and Samuel V., of Beloit, Wis. Mr. Talmadge's paternal grandfather was of Holland descent, and was a farmer in the State of New Jersey, where he died in 1856, well advanced in years, leaving a family who have all since passed away. The maternal grandfather was a well-known physician in New Jersey, and died in that State. He reared a large family, and had a son in the Mexican war.

Rudolph Talmadge, the father of our subject, was a hatter by trade, following that line for many years in New Jersey. But when he saw a family growing up about him he decided to move to the great West, and secure lands on which to rear them and provide for their future comfort. In 1856 he came to Wisconsin, locating at a small place called Jug

Prairie, in Union township, Rock county, where he bought sixty acres of land, which he farmed for seven years. Selling this farm, which he had improved, he bought 120 acres in Brooklyn township, Green county, which he later sold to his son, our subject, and bought the adjoining 100 acres, in 1866, living on that place for a number of years; his wife died there, at the age of seventy-two. A number of years later his son Samuel became the owner of the place, Mr. Talmadge moving into Belleville, where his death occurred in 1889, when he was aged seventy-six. Although not identified with any church, he was a good and worthy man; his wife belonged to the M. E. Church for many years.

John F. Talmadge, our subject, was reared in Morris county, N. J., and attended the district schools, remaining there until the family removed to Wisconsin. He has been a resident of Green county since 1862. Beginning to make his own way in life, he worked by the month at first, then farmed land on shares for several years, meeting with encouraging success. On Jan. 1, 1864, he enlisted in the Union army, for service in the Civil war, entering Company K, 3d Wis. V. I., and faithfully performed the duties of a private soldier until the close of the struggle. Returning to his home after the end of the strife, Mr. Talmadge exchanged his musket for a plow, and settled down to agricultural life upon the 120-acre farm which he purchased from his father. This he rented in 1891, and in 1892 sold it, having bought a comfortable home in Albany, where he now resides at his ease, enjoying the reward of his early life of toil.

Our subject was married, Sept. 24, 1865, to Miss Sarah J. Carle, a daughter of B. F. and Mary Carle, and five daughters were born to this union: Francena, who married George S. Smout, lives on a farm in Albany township; she has two children, Roscoe and Merl. Hattie, who married Sherman Butts, lives in Green county, and has one child, Wesley. Mary, who married Henry Montgomery, lives in Swea. Iowa, and has two children, William and Blanch. Lota keeps house for her father. Gertrude died in her fourth year. Mr. Talmadge was bereaved by the death of his wife, in 1894, when she was aged forty-eight; she was a devout member of the M. E. Church.

Politically our subject belongs in the ranks of the Republican party, and has been called upon to fill the position of district clerk a



number of times. Socially he is connected with Erastus Hoyt Post, No. 69, G. A. R., and is highly esteemed by his comrades. His position in Albany is considered to be that of a representative citizen, who well typifies the best element of substantial, honest citizenship.

WILLIAM TENNANT, one of the well-known veterans of the war of the Rebellion, who gladly offered his life for the Union, and fought bravely to maintain the government he loved so dearly, was born in Yorkshire, England, May 25, 1844, a son of William and Margaret Tennant, also natives of England. In 1852 the family immigrated to America and located at New Diggings, Wis., in Lafayette county. In 1857 the father and children moved to Mount Ida, the mother having died some time previously, and settled in Section 33. There the father died in 1872. After the death of his first wife he was married again, to a widow with two sons, David and William May, the former of whom is deceased. Our subject was one of a family of seven, three sons and four daughters.

The war record of William Tennant is very interesting. He enlisted Oct. 19, 1864, in Company C, 25th Wis. V. I., commanded by Col. Rusk. The regiment had already been in the field, and our subject joined it at Atlanta, participating in the famous march to the sea, and also up through the Carolinas; he was then taken sick with the terrible Southern fever, and sent to hospital. Later he was taken to convalescent camp, and finally rejoined his regiment and marched to Washington, where the 25th was mustered out. Mr. Tennant, however, was transferred to Company B, 12th Wis. V. I., and sent to Louisville, Ky., where he was honorably discharged on July 16, 1865, participating in the exercises at that city when Gen. Grant reviewed the troops. After the close of the war he returned to Grant county, where he has made his home ever since.

William Tennant was married, in Grant county, to Miss Mary Frances Trapp, daughter of James V. Trapp, a native of Pennsylvania, who removed to New York, where he married Abby Willis, and thence migrated to Wisconsin, locating at Mount Ida. Mr. Trapp enlisted in Company C, 20th Wis. V. I., in Capt. McDermott's company, serving three years and thirteen days. His death occurred Feb. 19, 1892, at his home in Mount Ida township; his

wife died some years before. Mr. and Mrs. Trapp had three children; George, who died at the age of twenty-two; Alphonso; and Mrs. Tennant. Mr. and Mrs. Tennant have two children, James William and Cora.

In politics Mr. Tennant is a Republican, and ardently supports the candidates of that ticket. Upright in all his dealings, he has gained a name for himself throughout the community as a man whose word is never to be doubted, and has many friends.

JAMES EDMUND MCKINNY, for many years a resident of Lancaster, Grant county, represents one of the oldest pioneer families of the county of which he was long one of the most respected and opulent citizens.

Joseph McKinny, father of James E., was born near Nashville, Tenn., in 1802, a son of John McKinny. He first married, in his native county, Miss Susan Overby, and then moved to Kentucky, thence to Sangamon county, Ill., living in the latter county about seven years. Thence, in April, 1835, he came overland with an ox-team and an old-fashioned wagon to Grant county, Wis., and purchased government land in Boyce Prairie, Lancaster township, Andrew Jackson being at that time President of the United States; the land office was at Mineral Point. Mr. McKinny improved his tract, and resided upon it until 1875, when he sold out and moved with his wife to Texas, for climatic reasons. They became homesick, and returned north, but as their youngest daughter had married in Texas and remained there they eventually returned South. Mr. McKinny died in Kaufman, Texas, Jan. 12, 1892, and there his second wife, Mrs. Anna (Robbins) McKinny, whom he married in 1857, is still living, at the age of eighty-one years. Joseph McKinny was a strong man physically, and exceedingly industrious. He joined the Methodist Church at the age of twenty-four years, was faithful to his belief to the last, and his doors were always open to the clergy. By his first marriage he became the father of twelve children, only four of whom survive: Richard, who lives in Pottawattamie county, Iowa; James E., whose name opens this biographical review; Charles Wesley, in Montana; and Joseph Henry, in Pottawattamie county, Iowa. Those who passed away were Nicholas H., the eldest son, who entered the Union service in 1861, and died at the close of the war in hospi-

tal at Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Sarah Jane Borah; Mrs. Mary Jones, who died in California; Mrs. Susan Ann Richards and Mrs. Emily Utt, in the same state; and three who died in childhood. By the second marriage there were born four children: George is in Pennsylvania; Luther died at the age of twelve years; Albert is in Oklahoma; and Mrs. Luella Lyde lives in Texas.

James E. McKinny was born on the homestead in Lancaster township, Aug. 13, 1838, and was the only one of the family to cling to the place of his nativity, where he lived continuously from his birth until 1900, with the exception of three years, when he was first married, during which time he had his residence in Potosi township. His marriage took place in 1861, to Miss Eliza Ellen Reed, daughter of John and Sarah (Foraker) Reed, who came from Ohio to Grant county, Wis., in 1858. To this happy union have been born five children: Laura, Mrs. Fahay, of Lancaster; Ellsworth; Nellie, wife of Mr. Ames, a teacher at River Falls, Wis.; Cora, Mrs. Hoover, of Illinois; and Marie, who is still under the parental roof.

Mr. McKinny was one of the most successful farmers and stock growers in Grant county, owning a splendid tract of land in Sections No. 22 and 23, with a beautiful modern dwelling. On Feb. 28, 1900, he left Grant county and settled in Barron, Barron county, Wis., where he built a nice modern dwelling. He and his son Ellsworth bought out the lumberyard in that place, and are now conducting a retail lumber business. The son has also erected a nice residence in Barron. For twenty-four years Mr. McKinny voted the Democratic ticket, then became a Republican, and is now a strong Prohibitionist. In religion he is a Methodist, and there lives no more highly respected man in his community, his wife fully sharing in the esteem in which he is held.

JACOB MILLER, one of the veterans of the war of the Rebellion, and ex-sheriff of Grant county, is one of the influential factors in the political and social life of Boscobel, Wisconsin.

Mr. Miller was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1845, son of William and Lucinda (Duke) Miller. William Miller was a native of Kentucky, and was married there, his wife also have been born in that State. After

their marriage they migrated to Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1843, while it was still a Territory. About 1849 the family removed to Iowa county, Iowa, where they resided at first on a farm, but later William Miller purchased and operated a sawmill. During the war of the Rebellion he not only served himself, but gladly contributed all of his sons who were old enough to shoulder a musket, David Duke and Solomon J., both of whom were members of Company I, 28th I. V. I., with their father. The latter served about sixteen months, and then was honorably discharged for disability. David D. Miller entered the regiment at its organization, and served faithfully until the close of the war; while Solomon J. Miller, who was too young at the time of organization, enlisted as soon as old enough. David D. Miller now resides near Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and Solomon J. Miller is a resident of South Dakota. Another son, a noted blind musician, resides at Millersburg. Henry Ward Miller, another son, died at the age of fourteen. A daughter, Elizabeth, married George Dedmore, who also served in Company I, 28th I. V. I., and died in the service; she is now the wife of Peter Cardy, who served in the same regiment and is now a resident of Millersburg. Another daughter, Mary Ellen, married Alfred Redmond, a lumber dealer at Missouri Valley Junction. William Miller, the father, died in 1878, and the mother passed away in 1872.

Jacob Miller passed his boyhood days with his parents. Upon the breaking out of the Civil war he was fired with the same spirit of patriotism which animated his father and brothers. Twice he enlisted, only to be rejected on account of his youth, but undaunted, the brave boy enlisted for the third time, and was successful, this last enlistment being at Washington, Iowa. The captain of the company wrote his mother, and she, realizing that he was determined to go, gave her consent, especially as this officer was a friend of the family and an excellent man. Thus, after many struggles, Jacob Miller became a soldier, and a member of Company I, 18th I. V. I. The regiment went direct from Iowa to St. Louis, thence to Sedalia, and from there to Springfield, Mo., where they did garrison duty for a year. When Gen. Marmaduke attacked Springfield the 18th took a prominent part in the conflict, in which the Confederates were defeated and pursued to the Ozark moun-

tains, in Arkansas, where they were overtaken at the foot of Boston Mountain. The 18th then went to Clarksville, Ark., remaining there for a short time; proceeded to Pea Ridge, and then to Van Buren, Ark., doing garrison duty for several months. They were then ordered to Fort Smith; thence to Darden, on the Arkansas river, where they again did garrison duty until Gen. Banks' Red River expedition, when they were sent to Prairie d' Ann. There the Union forces repulsed an attack of Gen. Price's troops, and proceeded to Camden, in the same State, with the expectation of reinforcing Gen. Steel's command at Shreveport. La., but, Gen. Banks suffering defeat, that part of the programme was not carried out. However, the 18th participated in a battle at Poison Springs, about sixteen miles from Camden, with three companies of the 2d Kansas Colored Regiment, against a large force of Confederates. The Union troops were guarding a wagon train which was engaged in foraging. Owing to the superior numbers of the Confederate force the train was captured, but the Union troops escaped, and started for Little Rock. The enemy pursued them, and a battle ensued at Saline river, in which the Confederates were defeated. Crossing the river, the Union troops encountered another force of Confederates, and were thus between two fires, but finally reached Little Rock, and from there proceeded to Van Buren. From this point they marched through the Indian Territory to a place near Fort Scott, Kans., for the purpose of intercepting Gen. Marmaduke. Returning to Van Buren, the regiment remained at that point until the close of the war, going thence to Little Rock, where it was honorably mustered out July 19, 1865.

After the war Jacob Miller engaged in teaching school in Iowa for some time; then worked at the carpenter's trade, which he had learned before the war, and also farmed. In 1877 he became a resident of the town of Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis., where he worked at his trade, removing to Fennimore in 1884. In 1892 Mr. Miller was elected sheriff of Grant county, and proved himself a very conscientious and efficient official. In addition to this office he has served as justice of the peace, town clerk, and trustee in Fennimore, giving unbounded satisfaction.

In 1878 Jacob Miller was married to Mrs. Mary Ellen Lickel, a native of Pennsylvania,

and four children grace their home: Garfield, born Jan. 24, 1880, who, following the example set by his brave father so many years before, enlisted in the 4th Wisconsin Regiment; Vesta, born in 1884; Carrie Anna, born in 1888; and Josephine, born in 1893.

Mr. Miller is a member of John McDermott Post, G. A. R., of Boscobel; is also a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and K. of P. fraternities, and is a Republican in politics. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller are very popular, and justly so, possessing as they do so many admirable qualities, and may be regarded as true representatives of the best interests of the community in which they live.

ALONZO B. TEASDALE, a prominent citizen of Cassville, now retired from active business cares, is a native of Grant county, born in Beetown Jan. 21, 1849, a son of Wilson and Maria S. (Smith) Teasdale, the former a native of New York, the latter of Indiana, where their marriage was celebrated. The father was born in 1810, and in early life came West. In 1844 he moved to Muscatine, Iowa, and a year later came to Cassville, Wis. In 1847 he located in Beetown, where he worked at his trade, that of a blacksmith, for two years. Going overland to California in 1849, he was engaged in blacksmithing in Sacramento for a time, and in 1850 returned to Beetown, Wis., by way of the Isthmus and New York City. In 1853 he moved to Cassville, where he continued to follow his chosen occupation throughout the remainder of his life, dying there in 1879. He was a Democrat in politics, and was widely and favorably known throughout Grant county. His wife also died in Cassville, Jan. 2, 1895. To this worthy couple were born five sons, namely: James L., a resident of Cassville; Theodore, who was killed on the railroad at Cassville, in 1898; Alonzo B.; Frank W., who died in 1898 in Cassville; and Clark, a resident of that place.

The boyhood and youth of Alonzo B. Teasdale were spent in Beetown and Cassville, and in the schools of the latter place he acquired his literary education. On starting out in life for himself he entered the government employ, being connected with surveys and harbor work, and for twenty-three years he was engaged in similar operations on both the upper and lower Mississippi. A man of good busi-

ness and executive ability, industrious, energetic and persevering, he accumulated a handsome competence, and in 1895 was able to lay aside all business cares. He is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He is, however, interested in mining. He owns a fine brick residence in Cassville, where he makes his home, and also has a good brick business block at that place.

Mr. Teasdale was married at Cassville, in 1895, to Miss Clara Voigt, a native of that place, and a daughter of Peter Voigt, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. To this union have been born two children, Charles William and Harold T. In his political views Mr. Teasdale is a Democrat, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests, and he is one of the prominent and influential citizens of his town. His has been an active and useful life, and he well deserves the prosperity that has come to him. Socially he is a member of Cassville Lodge, No. 235, F. & A. M.

ARCHIBALD McKELLAR, M. D., who since 1888 has been engaged in the successful practice of his profession in Blanchardville, Lafayette county, is a young man of fine personal address and high attainments. He was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, in 1862, son of Archibald McKellar, Sr., who still resides in Canada, his family consisting of three children, Archibald and two daughters.

Dr. McKellar was educated at the Western University and Collegiate Institute, in London, Canada, and was graduated in his medical course in 1888, after which he went immediately to New York City, where for six months he pursued a post-graduate course in polyclinics. He then located in Belleville, Wis., but the removal of Dr. K. T. Rostad, who for eleven years had been Blanchardville's popular physician, to a new field of labor at Spring Valley, Wis., caused him to relinquish his office at Belleville, and remove to Blanchardville. Through his Scottish ancestry he inherits careful business qualifications, and has opened a drug store in connection with his practice, which has proven a most successful venture. He has built up a large and lucrative practice in his profession, and is one of the most popular physicians in the county. Out-

side of his profession, Dr. McKellar is highly educated, and is a great student, spending nearly all the time not actually demanded by his business and profession in close study and reading. For five years before entering upon his medical course he engaged in teaching.

Dr. McKellar wedded Miss Jessie Monteith, daughter of William Monteith, who with several brothers settled early in southwestern Wisconsin and became prominent in public affairs. The Doctor's happy home has been brightened by one daughter, Jessie May, and the entire family are very popular.

C. D. BLANCHARD, one of the prosperous farmers and enterprising citizens of Marion township, Grant county, is one of the native sons of that settlement, having been born there April 15, 1851, a son of David L. and Clarissa (Walker) Blanchard, both natives of New York.

The father of our subject was a single man when he came to Grant county, entering land from the government, and settling in Section 36. Here he married, his wife being a daughter of Robert and Lydia Walker, who were also born in New York. The newly-married couple settled down to farm life upon the place our subject now occupies, but in 1862 the father removed to Boscobel, and died the following year. His wife survived until 1865. In politics he was an ardent Republican, and he left an untarnished name to his four children: C. D.; George, a resident of Fennimore; Lydia, now Mrs. Clark, of Fennimore township; and R. D., who enlisted in the Spanish-American war, was located at Anniston, Ala., and is now collector at one of the ports in the Philippines.

Our subject was reared and educated in Boscobel, after which he worked until he accumulated sufficient money to purchase the old homestead. After coming into possession of same Mr. Blanchard made many improvements, erected new buildings, and now has one of the finest farms in the county.

In 1877 Mr. Blanchard married, in Marion township, Mary Ann Reeve, daughter of William and Ann (Feer) Reeve, natives of England, who came to Marion township in the early days of Grant county. Mr. Reeve died in Marion township in 1891, but his wife still survives, living at Elroy, Wis. Six children have been born to our subject and his wife:

Leon Manuel (a resident of Hickory Grove township), Burton, David, Paul, Mattie and Gladys.

Mr. Blanchard is a member of the school board, and has served as school clerk. He is an active Republican in politics. He is highly respected throughout the community, and is justly regarded as one of the representative men of Grant county.

REUBEN T. HOLCOMB, the present popular and efficient clerk of the circuit court of Green county, has been a resident of Monroe, Wis., for a number of years, and is regarded as one of the brightest and most progressive representatives that the younger generation of the State presents. Mr. Holcomb was born in the town of Adams, Green county, Feb. 12, 1864, and is a son of Reuben and Sarah (Wilderman) Holcomb, the father being a native of New York and the mother of Illinois. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters, and four of their children are now living: James A., of Woonsocket, S. Dak.; Ernest H., of Adams township; Reuben T.; and Jennie, the wife of Henry Knowlton, of Canton, S. Dak. The paternal Holcomb was born in Monroe county, New York, May 16, 1816, and was brought by his parents to the town of Hartland, in that State, when a year old. Five years later his father died, and his childhood and youth were passed in the homes of various kinsmen. When he was twenty-five he went west into Michigan, and had homes first in Lapeer county, and afterwards in Oakland county. In 1844 he made a brief visit to what was then the Territory of Wisconsin. He returned to Michigan to spend the summer, and late in the fall of the same year he returned to what was then Iowa county, and entered land near the town of Fayette. He spent several years working at his trade of carpenter and joiner, and in 1849 became the owner of eighty acres of land in the town of Adams, Green county. This was in Section 13, and he soon after entered adjoining land, and was the owner of a very considerable farm. In 1855 Mr. Holcomb and Sarah E. Wilderman were married, and began their domestic life in a small log house that was standing on the farm in Section 13. In 1866 they put up a large and attractive frame house which was their home until they left the farm to live in Mon-

roe, in October, 1897. When Mr. Holcomb retired from active farming he was the owner of three hundred acres of land, and for some years had been actively engaged in cattle breeding. He died May 12, 1899. His father, Apolas Holcomb, died when a young man, leaving three sons and one daughter. James Wilderman, the father of Sarah, whose name appears above, was born in Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent, and all his life was a farmer. He moved to Illinois in the early days, and settled in St. Clair county, near East St. Louis, where he died well advanced in years. He had a numerous family.

Reuben T. Holcomb, the present clerk of the circuit court of Green county, grew to manhood on the farm in Adams township, and received a very fair schooling in the local schools. He became especially proficient in all matters relating to a business and commercial life, and early turned his attention to trade as an appropriate field for his energies. He was clerk in a store at Monticello two years, and in the fall of 1896 was elected clerk of the circuit court, again in 1898, and again in the fall of 1900, and is serving the county in that position to the general satisfaction of all with whom he comes in contact.

Mr. Holcomb was married Nov. 6, 1890, to Miss Amber Fessenden, a daughter of Elliott and Aurilla (Loveland) Fessenden, and two children have been born of this union: Trella May and Ralph Elliott. Mr. Holcomb belongs to the Masonic order, and is a member of Smith Lodge, No. 31, A. F. & A. M. He also holds membership in the Knights of the Globe. He is a Republican, and lives at No. 830 East Russell street. He owns a quarter section of land in Roberts county, South Dakota, and, with his two brothers, holds an undivided interest in the old homestead in the town of Adams.

SAMUEL H. HAMAN is one of the prosperous farmers of Sylvester township, Green county, owning a finely improved farm of 200 acres, located within five miles of the pleasant little city of Monroe.

Frederick W. Haman, his father, was born in Saxony, Germany, June 20, 1808, and came to America in his youth, settling at Reading, Penn. In 1834, in Berks county, that State, he married Mary Edelman, a daughter of Peter Edelman, the latter one of the early

German settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Haman removed to Green county, Wis., in 1852, their family consisting of two children: Margaret C., Mrs. C. Meythaler, died in April, 1899, in her fifty-ninth year; Samuel H. is the only survivor. The death of the father took place in Monroe in 1884, and Mrs. Mary Haman died in July, 1885, aged seventy-five years.

Our subject was born in Berks county, Penn., Aug. 6, 1844, and was reared to manhood on the farm in Green county, where he attended the district schools, and where he has been engaged almost all his life. During the war of the Rebellion he was among those who volunteered to preserve the Union, on Aug. 10, 1862, entering Company H, 3d Wisconsin Cavalry, under Capt. Stout; he was principally connected with the Army of the West as a scout, being honorably discharged on June 10, 1865, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Returning to his home in Sylvester township, Mr. Haman resumed farming, and has attained great success, his fertile land, brought to a perfect state of cultivation, his fine house, and excellent barns and buildings, testifying to the success which has rewarded his efforts. He is quite extensively engaged in dairying, and in 1894 built a cheese factory on his farm, which is still in successful operation, being liberally patronized by many of his neighbors. Although he started in life a poor man, he has by his own efforts accumulated possessions, and at the same time has retained the esteem of the neighbors among whom his life has been passed.

Mr. Haman's first marriage, to Miss Angeline Stauffacher, of Green county, took place on Jan. 6, 1870. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Speich) Stauffacher, of Sylvester, who were born in Canton Glarus, Switzerland, and were among the old settlers of Green county. Seven children were born to this union: Jacob F., born in 1870, is station agent of the Illinois Central railroad at McConnell, Ill.; Mary E., born in 1872, is the wife of Edward Kundert, a hardware merchant of Monroe; John W., born in 1873, is studying theology in the Evangelical College at Naperville, Ill.; Samuel W. was born in 1876; Levi H. was born in 1878; Lydia A., born in 1880, is a teacher in the common schools of Green county; and George L. was born in 1883. Mrs. Haman died Oct. 24,

1885, and our subject was married (second) to Miss Minnie C. Schaffer, of Monroe, Wis., on Feb. 16, 1887. Mrs. Haman is the daughter of Karl G. and Augustina L. (Giese) Schaffer, who were natives of Germany, and came to America about a half century ago, settling in Monroe, where Mr. Schaffer followed the trade of blacksmith for many years. Of this union have been born four children: Karl H., in 1888; Howard M., in 1890; E. Eugene, in 1893; and Theodora L., in 1897.

Mr. Haman is a staunch and ardent Republican, and has been called to serve in many of the local offices of the town, efficiently performing the duties of school director, treasurer and member of the township board. For thirty-seven years he has been a member of the Evangelical Church of Juda, giving freely to every good cause, and by precept and example testifying to the honesty of his professions. His aim has been to thoroughly equip his children with good educations, and he has taken a deep interest in the progress of everything looking to the advancement of his section, being justly regarded as one of the best citizens of Sylvester township.

**WILLIAM HENRY JACQUES.** Prominent among the soldier citizens of Fayette, Lafayette county, whose gallant deeds contributed toward the making of history during the stirring days of the Civil war, is the well-known subject of this sketch.

William Henry Jacques was born in Luzerne county, Penn., in 1846, a son of Lewis V. Jacques, who had a family of four sons and five daughters. One of the brothers of our subject, Isaac Jacques, is well known throughout Lafayette county.

The war record of our subject commenced with his enlistment, in February, 1864, and closed with his honorable discharge, on June 17, 1865. Prior to his enlistment he had gained valuable experience in the Pennsylvania State militia, and he was actively engaged in the field at the battle of Gettysburg. He took part in the siege of Petersburg, as well as Richmond, at which latter city he remained on duty until his discharge, on account of a severe injury received at Petersburg, from which he has never fully recovered. While our subject was engaged in defending his country his parents removed to Wisconsin, settling in Lafayette county, and upon the young man's re-

turn from the scene of battle he also located in Lafayette county.

Mr. Jacques was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Ethridge, and their home has been made happy by the birth of three sons and two daughters. Mr. Jacques is a member of Harvey Post, No. 45, G. A. R., and is very popular in the organization, as well as among the people in the community, where he bears an honored name.

WILLIAM C. MEYER, retired harness merchant of Platteville, Grant county, is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born Sept. 22, 1828, and in that country his parents, Carl and Regina Meyer, passed their entire lives.

Mr. Meyer was quite well educated in his native city, where he also learned harness-making, upholstering and paper-hanging. He was a soldier in the German army in 1849, at the time of the Italian revolution under the leadership of Garibaldi, and in 1852 came to America in a sailing-vessel, landing at New Orleans during a yellow fever epidemic. He started by steamboat up the Mississippi river, and was quarantined two weeks at St. Louis. Eventually, in company with a friend, he reached Galena, Ill., before the expiration of the year, found work as a day laborer, and later at his trade, for a Mr. Miller. At Galena, the same year, he (first) married Miss Fredericka Kohler, who was born in Germany in 1831, and came to America in the same vessel with himself. In the same year, 1852, Mr. Meyer brought his bride to Platteville, which city has ever since been his home. In Platteville Mr. Meyer worked at his trade of harness-maker for a Mr. Lambert, and then purchased a farm near the city, cleared off the superfluous timber, erected a dwelling and other necessary buildings, and in 1861 placed his father-in-law in charge, while he returned to the city and resumed work at his trade. He is interested in the Platteville Canning Factory, and is a member of the board of directors of that concern.

In 1869 our subject had the misfortune of losing his wife, who left him five children, viz.: William, who was born in Platteville, married a Miss Kopp, who has borne him six children, Charles, Paulina, Samuel, Laura, Elsie and Emma; the father now carries on a harness trade in partnership with a brother-in-law, Peter Pitts. Rosie, the wife of Peter

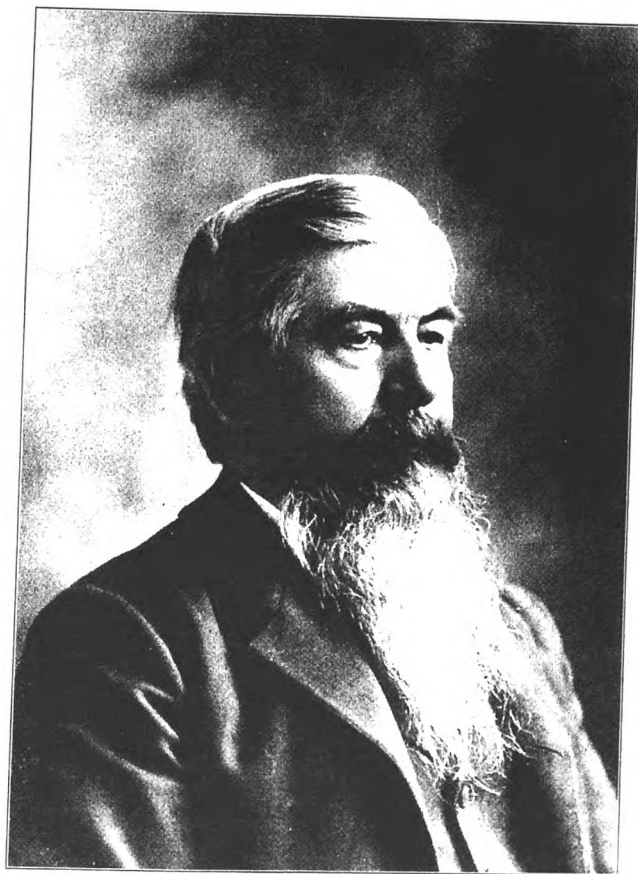
Pitts, is the mother of seven children, Leora, Mabel, Albert, Edward, Ella, Herbert and Wilbur. John, also a harness-maker, lives in Whittemore, Iowa; he has one child, Edna. Samuel, a carriage trimmer at Dodgeville, Iowa Co., Wis., is a married man, and the father of two children, Reuben and Lanette. Martha was educated in the State Normal School in her native city of Platteville, where she is at present a teacher in the graded schools.

In 1871 William C. Meyer married for his second wife Miss Paulina Geyer, a resident of Platteville, but a native of Potosi, born in 1851, and a daughter of George G. Geyer, who came from Germany, settled on a farm in Grant county, and here passed the remainder of his life. To this second union was born, in August, 1872, George F. Meyer, who was educated at the State Normal of Platteville, and is at present engaged in the lumber business with Thomas Metcalf; he married Miss Ida Frederick, daughter of A. B. Frederick, a graduate from the State Normal and a school teacher.

In politics Mr. Meyer is a Republican, and served as alderman from 1880 until 1887; was one of the committee appointed to superintend the erection of the city hall; has also served on the school board twelve years, and for eleven years was treasurer of that board, of which responsible position he is the present incumbent. In religion Mr. Meyer and family are devout Presbyterians, Mr. Meyer having been an ardent worker in his congregation for upward of forty-five years.

Mr. Meyer has seen Platteville grow from a small village to a thriving city of magnificent homes and prosperous business industries, and has been no small factor in promoting that progress. In 1861 he purchased a lot on which he erected his pleasant home, and drew to his neighborhood many others who made similar improvements. Although comparatively poor when he first came to the city, his integrity and excellent management have brought him to the front, and he and his family now stand among the most substantial and most highly esteemed residents of Platteville and Grant county.

REV. H. H. BROCKHAUS. Few historical topics are more replete with interest than the story of the development and growth of the church upon the frontier, when the



Wm C. Meyer <sup>Son</sup>





minds and energies of men and women alike were concentrated chiefly upon material growth, and brawn usurped the place of piety. It was in such soil (far from fertile) that the Evangelical Association first dropped its seed, prayerfully, perhaps fearfully. The primal gatherings of the denomination were held in one of the early school houses, Rev. J. Sill being the first preacher. He was stationed at New Glarus, Green county, but found time to minister, as occasion required, to the spiritual needs of the mission at Monroe. He was succeeded by the Rev. L. Buehler, under whose direction a Sunday school was organized in 1858, the first church edifice being erected two years later. His structure was primitive, alike in its exterior and in its furnishings; its cost exceeding \$160. The sum seems ridiculously small, yet it must be borne in mind that the amount named covered only the cost of material, the labor of erection being cheerfully and gratuitously rendered by willing hands. It was the first church to be erected in Monroe where the truths of the Gospel were proclaimed to the people in the German tongue. The members of the church were liberal in their conception of the niceties of creed, and broad in their treatment of their fellow Christians. They esteemed their brethren of the Lutheran Church, and for a time all dwelt in spiritual harmony, the comparatively small number of German families virtually necessitating a community of religious effort, and a homogeneity of worship. Little by little, however, the numerical strength of the Lutherans increased, and the members of this sect erected their own house of worship, thus virtually separating themselves from their former collaborators in the religious field. The history of the denomination in Green county is, however, full of interest. After Mr. Sill's time services were conducted at the mission by Rev. L. Buehler, and the first resident pastor was the Rev. T. Von Wald, who remained for two years, followed by the Rev. Andrew Taruntzer, and after one year Rev. J. G. Esslinger succeeded him, and he in turn was followed by Rev. W. F. Schneider, whose pastorate extended over one year. He was a man of ripe learning, and subsequently became connected with the publishing house of the denomination, and continued to sustain that relation until his death. During his term of service here a new church

building, costing \$1,800, was erected, which was dedicated by the presiding elder, Rev. C. A. Schake. After Mr. Schneider's departure in 1864, Rev. J. G. Esslinger returned. Succeeding pastors were Revs. C. F. Finger, William Huelster, and J. M. Hammetter. The last named was succeeded by Rev. L. Buehler, in 1871, and he was followed by Rev. J. C. Brendel, in 1876. In the spring of that year the first Conference of the Association was held in Monroe. Rev. H. Uphoff followed, remaining three years, when he gave way to Rev. Peter Held, and he in turn to Rev. C. Gruen, who remained for only one year, being sent by the Conference as a home missionary to California. He was followed by Rev. C. Lahr, who is now living in retirement at Judd, Monroe county. Then came Rev. P. Speich, at present pastor of a church at Milwaukee, and he was succeeded by Rev. N. H. Messerschmidt, the present Presiding Elder of the Illinois Conference. His pastorate began in 1891, and during its continuance the present church (the third built by the congregation at Monroe) was erected, the membership having increased to 232. Rev. C. C. Wellso came after Mr. Messerschmidt. Rev. M. Gaurke followed him, and both these gentlemen are now stationed at Milwaukee. Mr. Gaurke was succeeded by the present pastor, the Rev. H. H. Brockhaus. The present church membership numbers 270, and the church itself, under the devoted zeal and piety of the eloquent clergyman who is its spiritual head, is in a most flourishing condition, and a potent element for good in the community. The congregation owns a commodious house of worship and a good parsonage.

Frederick Brockhaus, the father of Mr. Brockhaus, emigrated from Germany, and settled in Brown Co., Wis., in 1845, and there the reverend gentleman himself was born, in 1860. Both parents are yet living, the father at the age of eighty and the mother, Mary Brockhaus, ten years her husband's junior. Mr. Brockhaus received his early educational training in the schools of Brown county, and was educated for the ministry at the Northwestern College. His first pastoral charge was at Forest Junction in Calumet county, Wisconsin, where he remained for two years. The following year he was pastor at Arlington, in this State, and afterwards spent two years at Ar-

cadia, three at Alma and four at Mauston. From the last named place he came to Monroe, in May, 1899.

On Jan. 6, 1886, Mr. Brockhaus was married to Miss Augusta Barnetzke, daughter of William and Johanna Barnetzke, and seven children have blessed their union—three sons and four daughters.

THOMAS KINSMAN is one of the highly respected citizens of Platteville, Grant county, whose useful and well-spent life has not only gained for him the confidence of his fellow men, but has also secured for him a comfortable competence, which enables him to spend his declining days in ease and retirement.

A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Kinsman was born at Mineral Point Feb. 17, 1843, a son of Thomas and Mary (Wasley) Kinsman, natives of Cornwall, England, who at an early day crossed the Atlantic, taking up their residence in Iowa county, Wis., in 1841. There the father followed mining, but after his removal to Lafayette county, in 1849, he purchased land in Fayette township, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. There he died in 1871. He was one of the first settlers of Iowa county, and was prominently identified with the early development and upbuilding of the State. Mrs. Kinsman also died in Lafayette county, in 1873. To them were born three children: Nicholas, now a resident of Dubuque, Iowa; Joanna, who died in Lafayette county, Wis., in 1869; and Thomas, Jr., our subject.

The boyhood and youth of Thomas Kinsman, Jr., were passed in Lafayette county, and after reaching man's estate he engaged in farming there, still owning a good farm, which he himself improved and placed under cultivation. In March, 1893, he laid aside all business cares, and is now living retired in Platteville. He was one of the gallant soldiers of the Civil war, having enlisted in Fayette township, Lafayette county, Aug. 14, 1862, in Company E, 31st Wis. V. I., for three years or during the war. After being mustered in, at Prairie du Chien, the regiment was assigned to the 20th Corps, Army of the Cumberland, and with that command participated in the battles of Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Averysboro and Bentonville. Mr. Kinsman was all through the Carolina campaign, was in the grand re-

view at Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged at Madison, Wis., July 7, 1865, after three years of faithful and arduous service on Southern battlefields.

In Lafayette county Mr. Kinsman was married, in 1865, to Miss Emma Jerusha Harris, who was born in Cornwall, England, and came to the United States in 1853, with her parents, John and Jerusha (Francis) Harris, also natives of Cornwall. The family located in Lafayette county, Wis., where the father was first engaged in mining, but he later turned his attention to farming, and improved a good farm in Fayette township, where he died in 1888. His widow now makes her home in Mineral Point. Their family numbered eight children, namely: Mrs. Emma Jerusha Kinsman; Mrs. Celia Farell, of Iowa county, Wis.; Mrs. Eliza Reynolds, of Mineral Point; John H., of Fayette township, Lafayette county; Mrs. Jane Cookings, of the same township; Mrs. Anna Dawe, of Mineral Point; George, of Des Moines, Iowa; and Melvina, of Mineral Point. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsman have six children: Delos, Marietta, Mabel, John, Flora and Thomas. Delos is a graduate of the Platteville Normal School, was at one time an instructor in the University of Chicago, and is now a teacher in the Wisconsin State University at Madison. He married Nellie Williams, of Cuba City, Grant county, and has one child, Georgia.

Fraternally Mr. Kinsman is a member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., and religiously both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His political support is always given to the men and measures of the Republican party, and he takes quite an active interest in politics, having served as town treasurer six years, assessor one year, and chairman of the town board one year while a resident of Fayette township, Lafayette county. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him, and has manifested the same loyalty in days of peace as when he followed the old flag to victory in the Union cause.

JACOB HUFFMAN, a thrifty and wealthy farmer, resides on his well improved land, located three and one-half miles west of Monroe, Green county.

Our subject is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Jones) Huffman, who were among the

pioneer settlers of Green county, coming here about 1845. By trade Mr. Huffman was a carder, and he built a carding mill in Jordan township in the early days, and also engaged in farming. He died in 1853. To him and his first wife were born eight children who reached mature years: Absalom, deceased; Solomon, deceased; William, deceased; James, a thrifty farmer of Clarno township; Ellen, who married Isaac Miller, and died in 1862, while on the overland trip to California, to join her husband in that State; Christina, who married John B. Starr, and now resides in Hardin county, Iowa; Elizabeth, who married Andrew Hiserote, of Nebraska; and Jacob. The second wife of Jacob Huffman, Sr., was Barbara Day, by whom he had two children: Daniel, who lives in Nebraska; and Mary, who married Herbert Barnes, of the same State. Mrs. Barbara Huffman, now Mrs. Block, lives near Oakdale, Nebraska.

When only one day old our subject lost his mother, but her place was supplied as nearly as possible by Abner and Anna Drake, close friends and schoolmates of Mrs. Huffman, who took him when a babe and gave him the love and tender care of parents. They were among the estimable and honored citizens of the community. Our subject was born in the town of Cadiz, April 8, 1847, reared on the farm now known as the John E. Hawthorn farm, and received his education in the district schools. Choosing an agricultural life, he is now one of the wealthy farmers of Clarno, his estate aggregating about 400 acres, well improved, with comfortable dwellings and a fine barn—the latter just completed—on the home place. Since 1877 Mr. Huffman has given considerable attention to bee culture, his apiary at one time comprising 225 swarms. He gathered 15,000 pounds of honey one season. On several occasions he has been called upon to prepare and read articles on bee culture at Farmers Institutes held at different points in the State. In recent years he has devoted much of his attention to dairying and the breeding of Poland China swine and Durham cattle.

The marriage of Mr. Huffman to Adelaide Day, a native of Jordan township, Green Co., Wis., was celebrated on April 7, 1871. She is a daughter of John and Maria (Tree) Day, of German origin, who were among the early settlers of Green county. A family of six children has been born of this union: Everett

A., born in 1872, resides at home, on the farm; John L., born in 1873, died in 1890; Annie May was born 1875; William E., in 1877; Cora Ellen, in 1881 (died in 1883); and Florence, in 1884 (died in 1889).

Although his ancestors and brothers are Democrats, our subject is a staunch Republican, and has been active in that party, upholding its principles. For the past twenty-five years he has held the office of school director, has served on the township board, and has been both agent and president of the Clarno Fire Insurance Co. Both he and his wife have long been consistent members of the U. B. Church, in which Mr. Huffman has held many of the offices, and has done much for the interests of the Sunday-school. Mr. Huffman has lived a life above reproach, and takes a just pride in the fact that he has neither sued a neighbor nor been sued, all differences of opinion having been amicably settled. A kind and indulgent man in domestic life, he is known as an honest citizen, and no man has lived for fifty-four years in Green county who enjoys higher regard than does our subject, Jacob Huffman.

ADOLPH LOEWI, the proprietor of a fine clothing and furnishing store in Beloit, Rock county, illustrates in his own career the possibilities of life in this country. He began life with little or nothing save a brave spirit, good natural abilities, and a profound determination to win out; and to-day, while he is by no means an old man, he has already achieved a success that many men fail to reach in a long life.

Mr. Loewi was born in Germany, near Nurnberg, Bavaria, June 2, 1854, and is a son of Jacob and Minnie (Scherer) Loewi, both German born and bred. They were the parents of six sons and six daughters, and six of their children are now living: Louise, wife of Abraham Strauss, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Herman, of Philadelphia; Joseph, of Baltimore; Sigmund, of Adelsdorf, Germany; Adolph; and Fannie, wife of Simon Strauss, of Adelsdorf. The senior Loewi was a dealer in leather, shoemakers' supplies, and crockeries, and afterward in grains and hops, in addition to the other lines. He died in 1878, at the age of seventy-six. His wife died in 1870, when fifty-seven. They were Hebrews, and always held loyally to their ancestral faith. His father lived to be ninety years old, and

reared a family of three sons and five daughters. Mrs. Loewi's father died in Germany after reaching the age of ninety.

Adolph Loewi received his early schooling in Germany, attended business college at Bamberg for a year or more, and was well fitted for a commercial life. In 1868, when he was fourteen, he left home, and emigrated to the United States. He landed in Brooklyn, and secured an engagement as clerk in a clothing store the day after his arrival. He was steadily employed as a clerk until 1881, in March of which year he came to Beloit, and opened his present establishment, which under his efficient management has become a pronounced success. For twelve years Mr. Loewi was a partner with Moses Reitler, under the firm name of M. Reitler & Co. At the end of that time Mr. Loewi bought out his partner, and the style of the firm since the purchase has been A. Loewi & Co. His store is known as the Golden Eagle Clothing House, and he requires the help of four clerks and a lady cashier. Our subject was a director in the Second National Bank of Beloit for three years.

On Oct. 8, 1884, Adolph Loewi and Miss Sarah Cohen were united in matrimony, and they have one son, J. Victor. Mrs. Loewi's mother is Mrs. Rosina Cohen. Mr. and Mrs. Loewi are of the Hebrew faith, and are true to their faith and blood. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen, and is much esteemed as a devoted and reliable member of these fraternities. He is a Republican, and prides himself upon the fact that he votes a straight ticket. His home is at No. 623 Park avenue, where he built a fine residence in 1898.

Mr. Loewi is a prosperous and successful merchant, has an elegant store, and does a large business, which he has very largely developed by his own capacities and business energies. He is a typical self-made man, as he began a poor boy, and has conquered fate unaided, and is a highly respected citizen of the community.

**AUGUST KETTLER**, a retired business man of Platteville, Wis., came from the Fatherland, and the strongest and most creditable characteristics of the Teutonic race have been marked elements in his life, and have enabled him to win success in the face of opposing circumstances. He possesses the energy and

determination which mark the people of Germany, and by the exercise of his powers he has steadily progressed, and has not only won a comfortable competence, but has commanded universal respect by his straightforward business methods.

Mr. Kettler was born in Hanover, Germany, July 3, 1837, a son of Henry and Louise (Kraus) Kettler, also natives of Hanover. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, came to the New World in 1856, taking passage at Bremen on a sailing vessel, and landing in New York after a voyage of six weeks. He came at once to Platteville, Wis., and opened up a farm in Smelser township, Grant county, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his life. His death occurred in 1877, and his wife died in the same township in 1886. They had four sons: Henry, a resident of Platteville; Conrad, who died in that city in December, 1899; August, of this review; and Frederick, a resident of Nebraska.

August Kettler passed his boyhood and youth in his native land, and was there educated. Coming to America in 1856, he has, since November of that year, made his home in Grant county, Wis. He learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed in Platteville until 1863, and then embarked in general merchandising at that place, successfully conducting a store there until 1888. The first building he owned on Second street was destroyed by fire, and he then erected a two-story frame building on the same street, which he occupied until purchasing a building on the corner of Main and Second streets. This building on Second street, and later (in 1873), his building on the corner of Main and Second streets, which he was occupying as a dry-goods store, were also destroyed by fire. Since then he has erected a good two-story brick block on the corner of Main and Second streets, which he still owns and which is now occupied by Henry Sanders as a general store.

In 1860, in Grant county, Mr. Kettler was married to Miss Julia Thompson, a native of Norway. Her father, Thomas Thompson, brought his family to America in 1849, and located on a farm in Green county, Wis., where he continued to make his home until death. Mr. and Mrs. Kettler have two children: Louise, wife of Henry Schambow, of Platteville, by whom she has one child, Clara; and

Carrie, wife of Frank Burg, a clothing merchant of the same place, by whom she has two children, Frankie and Leo. In his political views Mr. Kettler is a Republican, and has faithfully served his fellow citizens as a member of the city council. He has also filled the office of jury commissioner of the county for the past three years, and has ever taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs. Religiously he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran Church. Pleasant and genial in manner, he makes friends of those with whom he has come in contact either in business or social life, and is one of the popular and honored citizens of Platteville.

HENRY RODERICK, one of the old and honored citizens of the village of Juda, Green county, comes from German ancestry, and was born in Pennsylvania Nov. 1, 1816, where his parents, David and Magdalena (Landis) Roderick, were thrifty farming people of Fayette county, Penn. They had a family of seven sons and one daughter, John, Daniel, David, Jacob, Andrew, Samuel, Henry and Elizabeth. All except Henry are now deceased. The daughter married Daniel Smith. The Roderick family came from Germany some generations ago, and the remote ancestors of our subject were all Dunkards.

In 1842 Henry Roderick married Miss Mary Greenlee, of Fayette county, Penn., daughter of Jacob Greenlee, of the same county. They had ten children: Thomas J., deceased; William, of Green county; Samuel, who died in August, 1900; Jacob L., a farmer in the town of Decatur; Charles, deceased; David, a farmer in the town of Spring Grove; Lydia Ann, at home; Oliver, who died in childhood; Albert, a farmer in Sylvester; and Emma, wife of George Hemstreet, of Juda.

Henry Roderick was reared in the country, and obtained his education in the public schools. He grew to manhood on the farm, and removed from Fayette county, Penn., to Green county, Wis., in 1862. He began life a poor boy, and has made his own way in the world, and what he has he owes to his own courage, strength and persistence. Success has crowned his years in this State, and he owns a fine farm, consisting of 425 acres of well-improved land, worth at a low valuation at the present time, on a depressed market, at least sixty dollars an acre, together with much per-

sonal property. Mr. Roderick is now living in Juda, where he is retired from the cares of an active business life. He is a staunch Republican, and a consistent member and deacon of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Roderick was born in 1822, and died Oct. 17, 1900. She was a good Christian woman, and had proved herself a faithful wife and mother through fifty-eight years of married life. Mr. Roderick has a retentive memory, and is well posted on all the topics of the time. An honorable and upright life has been his; he has fashioned a noble character, and will leave behind a name of which his posterity may well be proud. Over sixty years ago he signed the Washingtonian pledge, and all these years has been a total abstainer from the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco. His children have wisely followed in his teachings, and he earnestly advocates abstinence from the use of intoxicating beverages and tobacco for all young people.

ALLEN KIES. It is a well proved fact that the United States has shown above other countries examples of men rising by their own efforts, and also that here the tillers of the soil have had advantages over other professions. Every neighborhood has its worthy examples, and our subject, Allen Kies, of Belmont township, Lafayette county, has shown how successful a man may be when he devotes proper energy and industry to the development of a fertile soil.

Mr. Kies was born in Chenango county, New York, on July 14, 1828, and was a son of Daniel and Celia (Cole) Kies, who were both born in Massachusetts, the grandfather having been a soldier in the war of 1812, a son of Harry Kies, who bravely bore a musket in the Revolutionary war. Daniel Kies removed to the State of New York with his parents when a boy, developed there into manhood, married and remained until 1836, when he moved to Coles county, Ill., where he followed farming for some eight years. In June, 1844, he removed to Smelser, Wis., in which township he bought eighty acres of land and made his permanent home there, his death taking place in 1863, his wife surviving for three years. The family consisted of six members: Daniel, a soldier in the Civil war, married and settled at Fennimore, where he died; Ursula, deceased, married Isaiah Moody; Lucinda, deceased, married James Patterson;

Cynthia, deceased, married Samuel Vanatta; Louisa, the widow of James Ashmore, of Fenimore; our subject and Mrs. Ashmore being the only survivors of the family.

The educational advantages of our subject were limited to a few years while living in the State of New York, the family being in straitened circumstances, when removal was made to the West, and his help was required to assist in the upbuilding of a new home. In 1851 Mr. Kies married Miss Katherine Ashmore, of Belmont, Lafayette county, who belonged to one of the old pioneer families of Lafayette county. Samuel Ashmore, her father, was born in Tennessee in 1800, and married Margaret Loveless, a native of Kentucky. The young couple moved to Coles county, Ill., in 1828, and in 1846 located on a farm near Platteville, where they made a permanent home until late in life, his death occurring at the home of his son, in Dakota. Mrs. Kies was born in Coles county, Ill., attended the district schools and married there. Soon after locating in Smelser our subject entered 160 acres of government land, paying \$1.25 per acre, and upon this he made many improvements, and in the fall of 1865 was able to sell at a very good price. After the sale of his first farm so advantageously, Mr. Kies purchased 400 acres near the Mound, in Lafayette county, this property having a few improvements, a small house and stable being included. Here our subject made preparations to carry on extensive farming and stock-raising, erecting a barn 126 feet in length for his cattle, and also put up other barns and out-buildings. This property remained the family home until 1890, when he bought the place of Thomas Bramley, consisting of 168 acres, near the line of Platteville township, and here he erected a new house and made many substantial improvements which have given him comfort for the declining years of himself and beloved helpmate, to whose cheerful companionship he owes so much.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kies were: Albert, born in 1852, married Alice Vanatta and they reside in Belmont, with six children, Cora, Emily, Walter, Edwin, Lewis and Jennie; Mary, born in 1854; George, born in 1856, married Mary Ganame, of Belmont, and has one daughter, Mary; James, born in 1860, married Etta Trenary, lives on a farm in Belmont township, and has one daughter,

Gladys; David, born in 1863, married Delia King, of South Dakota, and resides on a farm in Clark county, Wis., with two children, Katie and Frederick; Daniel, born in 1865, married Nellie Bazinet and they reside near the Mound, with six children, Allen, Charles, Webster, Gideon, Helen and Frank; Amos, born in 1868, married Edith Nicholas, lives near his father's farm, and has one daughter, Ada; Eliza, born in 1870, was educated in the Platteville Normal school; Bertha, born in 1874, married George Ascott, and resides in Clark county, Wis.; Katie, born in 1878, was educated at the Platteville Normal school, where she was also thoroughly educated in music, and is now a successful teacher of the same. Politically Mr. Kies in his earlier years was a Democrat, but for the past twenty years has affiliated with the Republican party. Both he and wife are valued members of the M. E. Church and possess the esteem of every one in the community. Although Mr. Kies began life with many discouragements, his success is all the more creditable. During the many years he has lived in Wisconsin he has seen many changes and has been an active factor in the development of the township and county, ever ready to encourage any measure for the benefit of either.

SAMPSON UREN TREGONING, for the past fifty-five years a resident of Iowa county, and now living retired in the village of Cobb, is a native of Cornwall, England, born Feb. 21, 1830, in Redruth.

Barnard Tregoning, father of our subject, was also born in Cornwall, coming to the United States in 1845, and settling in the town of Linden, Iowa Co., Wis., where he successfully followed mining and farming. He died there in 1857, aged seventy-five years, a Whig in politics, and member of the M. E. Church, although reared in the Episcopal faith. In Cornwall he had married Frances T. Uren, who died in Linden township, Iowa Co., Wis., in 1860, aged sixty-eight years. This honored couple were the parents of four children: Elizabeth (Mrs. William Harris), who died in Michigan; John, who died at Mineral Point, Wis.; Frances (Mrs. T. Jaffray), who died in Australia; and Sampson U.

Sampson U. Tregoning came to the United States in 1846, and joined his father and brother in Iowa county, Wis. At the age of

about twenty-seven years he bought a 160-acre farm in Eden township, then a part of Highland township, which he still owns, and which at that time was wild land, but under his diligent care became one of the finest and most productive farms in the township. Since 1891 Mr. Tregoning has lived in the village of Cobb.

On March 14, 1857, our subject was married to Mary Hallam, who was born in Great-ham, County of Rutland, England, a daughter of William and Mary (Clark) Hallam, both English people. Mrs. Tregoning came to the United States in 1855. Three children came of this union: William B., living in Nobles county, Minn.; and John C. and Mary Frances (Mrs. George Billings), both residing in Cobb, Wis. All the children have received liberal education, and are capable, useful citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Tregoning have nine grandchildren. In politics he is a lifelong Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife are consistent members of the M. E. Church in Cobb, which they helped to organize.

**WILLIAM F. JOHNSON** holds an enviable position among the prosperous and time-honored citizens of the town of Sylvester, Green county, in which town he owns a fine farm, on which he makes his home. He has become noted for his industrious habits and neighborly spirit.

Mr. Johnson was born in the East, a son of John and Nancy (Leeper) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Lawrence county, Penn., where John Johnson was born Sept. 9, 1797, and where he died Jan. 21, 1837. He was a son of John and Margaret Johnson, both natives of Ireland, from which country they came to America in the days preceding the American Revolution. John Johnson and Nancy Leeper were married about 1820, and to them were born seven children, the eldest of whom, (1) Margaret, became the wife of Harvey Baldwin, and both are now deceased. (2) David C. was married to Mary Cale, of Ohio, and is now living at Johnsonville, in that State. (3) Mary married Arney Biddle, and both are now deceased. (4) Robert was married to Miss Delia Dunn, of Pennsylvania, and both are now deceased. (5) William F. was born Feb. 1, 1830. (6) John is living in Ohio. (7) Martha, the widow of John Hoyette, lives at Newcastle, Pennsylvania.

William F. Johnson wedded Miss Sarah

Catherine Gilson, of Illinois, the marriage taking place at Newcastle, Penn., May 13, 1856. She was the daughter of James Gilson, a tailor by trade. To this union were born five children: (1) Annie M., born Feb. 24, 1857, is now the wife of George H. Pengra, a thrifty farmer of the town of Sylvester. (2) Franklin R., born Aug. 11, 1861, married Miss Fannie Ostrander, of the town of Jefferson, and is a prosperous farmer near Brooking, S. Dak. (3) Mary L., born March 25, 1864, is the wife of Charles Coats, of Juda. (4) Ada M., born Nov. 30, 1867, married Frank Mitchell, of Rock county, Wis. (5) Ira D., born Aug. 23, 1876, is unmarried, and is living at home. Mrs. Sarah Catherine Johnson died May 21, 1899, aged sixty-four years, seven months, one day. She was a consistent Christian, a devout member of the Methodist Church, and a loving wife and mother, and was a great help to her husband during the forty-five years they were together. She was a good woman, a cheerful and inspiring companion, and much of the success our subject has attained may fairly be attributed to her co-operation.

In the fall of 1856 Mr. Johnson came to the town of Sylvester and effected a settlement on section 14, and here he has followed farming for the last forty-five years. When he entered Wisconsin he was a poor man, but in the intervening years, by industry, thrift and wise management, he has become the owner of a fine farm of 210 acres, well equipped with everything that makes modern agriculture successful and attractive. He occupies a comfortable and cosy residence, and has erected farm buildings suited to all the needs of his work. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a Methodist. His character and standing in the community are above question, and his long and useful life merits and receives the good will of the people of the town.

**ALEXANDER MORTON** is one of the highly esteemed citizens of Green county, and enjoys the distinction of being the oldest pioneer settler of the county, having located there in 1836. Mr. Morton's grandfather, Thomas Morton, was a colonel in the war of 1812, serving at the battle of New Orleans with Andrew Jackson, in 1815. The father of our subject, James Morton, was a native of Tennessee, and married Mary Montgomery. They became the parents of twelve children: Elizabeth,



Mary, Alexander (our subject), Thomas, William, Jane, James, Nancy, Francis, Sarah, Susan and Lottie.

Alexander Morton was born Nov. 29, 1814, in Spencer county, Ind., and spent the early part of his life on the frontier, in early life learning to swing an ax, drive a plow and fight both Indians and the wild beasts of the forests. Little of what we now deem an education was afforded the youth of that time in the frontier schools. Mr. Morton possessed an active mind, and his knowledge is that of experience, which is often of much more value than all the learning of books to a poor man struggling to conquer the hard conditions of pioneer life. The present home farm, consisting of 200 acres of fine land, worth \$100 per acre, has been won by his own energy and honest toil, and he deserves credit for it, and the ease of life it enables him to enjoy.

The marriage of Mr. Morton took place in 1848, to Amy Kelley, of Green county, who was born May 3, 1829, in Vermilion county, Ind., her parents being among the first settlers there. The family came to Green county, Wis., in 1836. The marriage has been blessed with children as follows: Joseph, born in 1850; James, in 1852; Mary, in 1854; Olive, in 1859; Elizabeth C., in 1861; Laura Ellen, in 1863; and Charlie, in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Morton have twenty-seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. During his early years Mr. Morton was a strong Whig, but ever since the formation of the Republican party has advocated its teachings. Since residing in Green county he has been a witness to its wonderful development, and has always taken an active part in whatever seemed to promise benefit to his neighborhood. With his neighbors he has lived in peace and amity, and as an honorable citizen he well represents the prosperous township of Clarno.

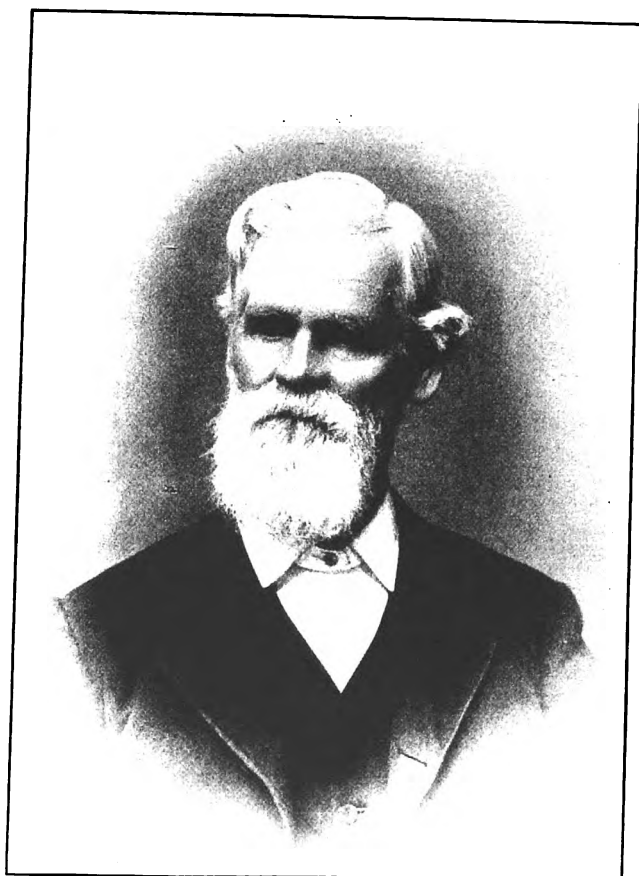
**WILLIAM MONROE, M. D.**, a member of the medical firm of Monroe & Monroe, is an old settler of Monroe, and has a host of friends throughout Green county and southern Wisconsin.

Dr. Monroe was born July 30, 1818, near Cincinnati, Ohio, son of William and Harriet (Thurston) Monroe, both natives of New York. They had two children, Lucy Ann and William, the former of whom married Major Robert W. Gray, of South Carolina, and is

now deceased. The father was a student from boyhood, and when he became a man took up the practice of medicine, which was his calling throughout life. He prepared for his professional career in New York, and practiced in Ohio, dying near Cincinnati, when his son William was an infant of two months. His widow married, in 1831, Dr. John Loofbourow, and died in 1835, when forty-six years old. She and her first husband were members of the Baptist Church. Lemuel Monroe, the grandfather of our subject, was a veteran of two wars, the Revolution and the war of 1812. He lived to old age, was twice married, and had children by both wives. Daniel Green Thurston, the Doctor's maternal grandfather, was of English descent, and was a relative of Gen. Green, of Revolutionary fame. By occupation he was a farmer. He reached the age of eighty-two, and was the father of fourteen children.

Dr. William Monroe, whose name introduces this article, came to Mineral Point, Wis., in 1831, with his mother, sister and stepfather, and grew to manhood under their fostering care. He attended the Mineral Point school, and when he had completed the course of instruction there went back to Blenden, Ohio, that he might attend Washburn's College, then a celebrated Ohio institution. When a young man he followed lead mining near Mineral Point for several years, in the meantime reading for the medical profession, his preceptor being Dr. O. E. Strong, and later his stepfather, Dr. Loofbourow. He began the practice of medicine in the village of Fayette, twelve miles from Mineral Point, having an office there from 1844 to 1868, in which latter year he came to Monroe, where he has since remained, a diligent student of the more abstruse phases of his profession, and a faithful practitioner in the city and adjoining country.

Dr. Monroe and Miss Mary Jane, daughter of Zera and Caroline Beebe, were united in marriage Nov. 28, 1841, and five sons and five daughters have been born of this union. Six died in infancy and early childhood, four living to maturity, namely: Harriet L., Mettie Jane, William B. and Zera W. Harriet L. married Rev. M. B. Balch, a Methodist minister, now deceased, and she is living at Minneapolis; they had one child, William B. Mettie Jane lives at home. William is a physician, associated with his father; he is a



*William Howler M.D.*



graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College. Zera W. is also a practicing physician, associated with his father and brother, and is a graduate of Rush Medical, of Chicago; he married Miss Annie Benson, lives at Argyle, Wis., and has four children, Marie, Helen, Frances and Catharine.

Dr. and Mrs. Monroe are members of the Christian Church at Monroe, and he is one of its trustees. He is a member of Smith Lodge, No. 31, A. F. & A. M., Palestine Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., and Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; also belongs to the I. O. O. F., and the Knights of Pythias. He is a valued member of the State Medical Society, and at an early day was associated with the physicians in the southern part of Wisconsin in what was known as the Southwestern Medical Society. Politically he is a Republican, and he was treasurer of Fayette township, Lafayette county, two terms. In 1867 Dr. Monroe was a member of the State Assembly, and made a good record in that body. He was a private in the Black Hawk war, and now draws a pension for his services in that struggle. He has made his home in Monroe thirty-two years, now living on West Washington street, and has been a resident of Lafayette and Green counties for over seventy years.

WILLIAM BEEBE MONROE, M. D., a representative of a family in which the practice of the healing art seems a kind of heredity, is now associated with his father and brother at Monroe, Green county, as a partner in the medical firm of Monroe & Monroe, and has built up a wide and flattering practice.

Our subject was born at Fayette, Wis., Oct. 5, 1861, a son of Dr. William and Mary J. (Beebe) Monroe, whose biographical history appears elsewhere. He was about nine years old when his parents removed to Monroe, and here he has since resided, with the exception of his school days abroad, and the time he was engaged in practice at Brooklyn. The elder Monroe believed in laying broad and deep the foundations for any career, and young William B. was kept in the Monroe schools until he had completed the high-school course, in 1877. He went from home to matriculate at Madison as a student of the ancient classical course in the State University. This was completed with honor in 1884, and the young collegian became a student of medicine at Belle-

vue Hospital Medical College, New York, in the same year. He graduated in 1887, and returned to Monroe to open an office and practice his profession, after one year going to Brooklyn, Wis., and building up a general practice there, remaining eight years. At the expiration of that time his father began to feel the need of assistance, and Dr. William B. returned to Monroe and formed a partnership with his father, under the name of Dr. William Monroe & Son, taking the brunt of the hard work off his father's shoulders. In 1901 Dr. Z. W. Monroe moved to Monroe, and formed a partnership with his father and elder brother under the firm name of Monroe & Monroe.

Faternally our subject is a member of Smith Lodge, No. 31, A. F. & A. M., and also of the Knights of Pythias, and he was a member of the Wisconsin National Guard for some five years. He is a member of the State Medical Society, and is the present health officer of the city of Monroe. Politically he is a Republican.

THOMAS BUTSON (deceased) during his life time was closely identified with the agricultural interests of Grant county, where he was known as a representative stockman and farmer; and, in the town of Lima, where he made his home, he had a large circle of warm friends, who admired his sterling worth, and appreciated at its true value his genuine character.

Mr. Butson was born in Cornwall, England, Aug. 29, 1839, and was the son of Thomas Butson, Sr., and Susan (Richards) Butson, both English born and bred. The marriage of this worthy couple occurred in their native land, and they came to this country as early as 1840, settling on a farm in the town of Platteville, and then moving to a tract of wild land in the town of Lima, which he had purchased from the government. There Mr. Butson erected a substantial log house, and made many improvements, making his home on this farm until his death in 1871. Mrs. Butson died five years previously. Eight children constituted their family circle: Thomas, whose name appears above, was their oldest son; Marv A., born in Grant county, married Thomas Dobson, of the town of Lima, and is now deceased; Isaac is a resident of Pomeroy, Iowa; James, born in Grant county, is a resi-

dent of Marshall, Minn., where he has a family; Susan is the wife of George Lee, whose biography appears elsewhere; John married Miss Jennie Bratton, of this county, and is now a farmer in Franklin county, Iowa; Elizabeth married George Smith, and lives in Colorado; Eliza is the wife of Thomas Smith, of Colorado.

Mr. Butson reached his manhood on the farm of his parents, and had the benefits of a common-school education. On March 30, 1865, he married Miss Mary M. Gill, the worthy and estimable daughter of Isaiah and Jane (Bonson) Gill, long settled in Lafayette county, Wis., where they were well and favorably known. Mr. Gill and his wife were both born in England, and came to this country where they were married. Mr. Gill found a home for his family at Elk Grove, Lafayette county, and was for many years the honored and useful local minister of the Plymouth Methodist Church, working in Grant and Lafayette counties, where he was much esteemed for his sincere convictions and fine character. Mr. Gill died at his home Feb. 1, 1892, and the wife, who had shared with him the privations of their early life, passed away Feb. 16, 1894, the mother of twelve children: (1) Abel married Miss Sarah Chapel, and resides at Corning, Iowa, where he has a family of eight children. (2) Mary M., born in December, 1848, had her education in the public schools, and married Thomas Butson. (3) Robert married Miss Carrie Pierce, of Elmo, and settled in Iowa. While attending his mother's funeral he was taken sick, and died in a very short time. His widow and their three children, Nettie, Roy and Walter, still live on the home farm in Iowa. (4) Thomas, born in Lafayette county, married Miss Ollie Mace, and located at Lemars, Iowa. Both husband and wife are now dead, leaving four children, Jessie, Hattie, Roy and Mirtie, and the two oldest are now adopted in the family of John Kittoe, of Benton. (5) Richard married Miss Dunbar, and lives in Iowa, where they have a family. (6) Jane died when a young lady. (7) James married Miss Mary Bell, of this county, and lives in Platteville, where two children were born to him, Percy and Donald. (8) Isaiah is now the teller in the First National Bank of Platteville. (9) Rose is single, and lives in Platteville. (10) Frank lives in Iowa. (11) Maggie died when twenty-two years old.

(12) Sarah is the wife of Ally Chapel, and lives in Iowa, where they have four children.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Butson settled on a rented farm in the town of Smelser, and then moved to the town of Platteville, where they lived a year. Here Mr. Butson rented a farm and they lived on it four years, when he moved to Darlington, Iowa county. In 1872 Mr. Butson bought a farm of 140 acres in the town of Lima, and improved it with a new residence and many other necessities and conveniences, and, closely cultivating it, made a fine country home, in which he lived until his death, July 11, 1898. This sad event cast a gloom on the community, which had come to highly appreciate his unaffected manliness and genuine goodness. A good Christian, he was a member and worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he was a Republican, and had held the office of school treasurer for a number of years. Mr. Butson left his wife with seven children: (1) Jennie, born in Smelser township in April, 1866, married Henry Manny, of the town of Lima, and is the mother of three children, Arthur, Mary and Clarence. (2) Susan, born Feb. 10, 1868, is the deceased wife of Dewane Hall, of Lima, and had one daughter, Jessie. (3) Isaiah, born Feb. 23, 1870, married Miss Fannie Johnson, resides on his farm in the town of Lima, and has three children, Susan, Warren and Ina. (4) Mary A., born Nov. 8, 1872, is the wife of Benjamin Edge, lives on his farm in the town of Lima, and has one son, Raymond. (5) Thomas A., born May 27, 1875, educated in the district school, remained at home until his marriage, in February, 1897, to Miss Emma Edge, a member of a well-known Grant county family, and is now living on a rented farm, where he is the father of two children, May and Jennie. (6) Charles W., born Oct. 3, 1877, married Miss Annie Edge, daughter of William and Sarah Edge, an honored couple in the town of Lima, and lives at home, where he has charge of its cultivation. (7) Sarah L., born Aug. 11, 1880, married J. W. Edge, who owns and lives on a farm in Lima. (8) Harry G., born Sept. 30, 1882, is the youngest son of his parents, and assists his brother Charles in the cultivation of the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Butson reared a family of honorable and useful men, who have a work to do in the world, and are a comfort to the mother in her declining years.

ALBERT POOLE, of the town of Darlington, Lafayette county, is a son of John Poole, Jr., who was born in Johnstown, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1803, and a grandson of John and Esther (Van Antwerp) Poole, both of whom were native to New York, and descendants of old Holland-Dutch stock. The grandfather was born in 1783, and died Dec. 23, 1861. The grandmother was born Oct. 18, 1784, and died March 1, 1836. They were married Nov. 9, 1802. At its introduction to this country the family name was Vanderpool, but in time became shortened to its present form.

John Poole, Jr., was one of a family of seven children, and was the eldest child of his parents. (2) Maria, born Feb. 17, 1805, became Mrs. Knight, and died in her native State, New York. (3) Eleanor, who became Mrs. Grout, was born Feb. 21, 1807, moved to Wisconsin with her husband, and settled at Fall River, where she died in 1870. (4) Rachel, born Dec. 25, 1808, married Daniel Grems, and they located with their family in the town of Wiota, Lafayette county. In 1857 they moved to Minnesota, and settled near Mantorville, Dodge county, where she died in 1866. (5) Abram, born July 25, 1819, came West, locating in Delaware county, Iowa, and afterward moved to Kansas, settling near Lovewell, where he died Feb. 15, 1901. (6) David, born March 7, 1821, is still living in New York. (7) Catherine, born Aug. 5, 1823, married Stephen Cowan, and came to Wisconsin with her husband and family in 1855. They lived in Lafayette county until the spring of 1857, when they moved to Minnesota, living near Mantorville in that state for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Cowan afterward moved to Luverne, Rock Co., Minn., where she died in 1898. About 1820 John Poole, Sr., transferred his family from Montgomery county to Jefferson county, New York.

John Poole, Jr., as did the other children of the family, attained adult years in his native State, where he was married, March 2, 1826, to Miss Elizabeth Coates. This union was but a brief one, as it was broken June 5, 1826, by the death of the wife. On April 5, 1828, he was again married, to Miss Barbara Crowner, who was the mother of all his children. In 1854 they made their first appearance in Lafayette county, and for a short time were located in Wiota township, later in the

same year settling in the town of Darlington, where they passed their remaining years. The wife and mother was the first to go, her death occurring Jan. 9, 1885. The husband and father died June 29, 1890, in the eighty-seventh year of his age. The story of his life is interesting, as it shows the power of energy and industry, when united with a good character and laudable ambition to carve success out of most unpromising material. Mr. Poole began life with but little money, and reared his family well, leaving an ample competence at his death. He possessed native ability of a high order. In early life he was a Democrat, but later became a Republican, and at one time he was a member of the New York State Legislature. Both husband and wife belonged to the Methodist Church.

Of the four sons born to this estimable couple, Albert is the only one now living. John C., the eldest son, born Jan. 5, 1829, was a soldier in the war for the Union, belonging to Company D, 21st Iowa V. I., and died July 17, 1863, when coming home on sick leave. George, the second son, who was born Aug. 28, 1837, also wore the Union blue in the Civil war, as a member of Company I, 16th Wis. V. I.; his death occurred May 14, 1862. The similarity attending the death of these two brothers is noteworthy. Both started for home on sick furlough, and both died on the way, between Cairo and St. Louis, while ascending the Mississippi river on steamboats. Ambrose, a third son, died in 1839, while yet a child.

Albert Poole, the only surviving member of his father's family, was born at the paternal home in Jefferson county, N. Y., June 23, 1843, and was about eleven years of age when he came to Wisconsin with his father's family. His Wisconsin or western home has always been where he is now living, or in its immediate vicinity. His education was obtained in the public schools of Darlington, and in his youth he gave special attention to surveying. In 1876 he was elected surveyor of Lafayette county, and re-elected in 1878. Mr. Poole has given his attention chiefly to farming and dairying, and owned and operated a creamery for a number of years, but converted it into a cheese factory in 1899, and is now quite extensively engaged in the cheese business.

Mr. Poole was married, Feb. 24, 1876, to Miss Sarah Ann Colebeck, who was born in the town of Darlington July 10, 1855, a daugh-

ter of Henry and Jane (Tyson) Colebeck. Her father was a well-known citizen of Lafayette county, coming here from England (where he was born May 3, 1821) in company with several of his friends, in 1843. For a little time he lived in New York State, and later near Kirkland, Ill., but in 1846 he located in Darlington, which was the home of his family until death. In 1850 he went to California, where he spent two years in the gold fields, returning to Wisconsin in 1852. On Jan. 1, 1853, he was married to Miss Jane Tyson. Mr. Colebeck became in later years a prominent citizen. He carried on extensive farming operations, dealt in stock, and imported fine sheep. He died Dec. 3, 1891, in his seventy-first year. His first wife died June 29, 1873, and on March 15, 1877, he was married to Mrs. Jane Davis. By the first union he was the father of twelve children, of whom eight died in early life. Of the four who reached maturity, Sarah Ann married Albert Poole; Emily Jane became the wife of Richard Thomas; George married Jane Hanning April 10, 1890; Julia Ella married William Chapman, of Darlington, Oct. 10, 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Poole have three children: Ambrose C., born July 3, 1878; Arthur G., Aug. 14, 1880; and Beulah B., Aug. 27, 1884. Blanche, who was born Dec. 31, 1887, died Nov. 23, 1895.

GEORGE JAMES SMITH, a well-known citizen of Linden, Iowa county, is with one exception the oldest living native of that place. He was born May 28, 1836, a son of Mark and Mary (Stephens) Smith, natives of Cambridge, England.

Mark Smith followed tin mining in England, and in 1836 came to the United States, making his way at once to Wisconsin and locating in what is now the village of Linden, but which then consisted of a few rude log cabins. His own first home was in a "dug-out." He combined mining and farming until 1850, when he went to California, by way of the isthmus. During his four years' sojourn in the gold fields of the Far West he met with fair success, and at the end of that time returned to Linden, and began making improvements on the land he had secured from the United States government. His death occurred May 14, 1876, when he was aged sixty-eight years. His wife, Mary (Stephens), passed

away in February, 1887, at the age of seventy-two years. Her mother, Mary Stephens, came from England, and made her home with her daughter for some time, dying at the venerable age of fourscore years. Of the children born to Mark and Mary (Stephens) Smith, three died in childhood. The others were: George J.; Mark, who served three years as a member of Company E, 7th Wis. V. I., in the Civil war, and now resides in Madison, Wis.; James S., who was a member of the 30th Wis. V. I. during the Rebellion, and died at Linden Dec. 24, 1889, at the age of forty-nine, leaving a widow and family; Richard, born June 22, 1842, who died in Linden Nov. 18, 1884; Caroline M., who married James Smith, and died in Dodgeville April 11, 1872, aged twenty-eight years; Elizabeth Jane, married to James J. Rule, of Linden; Samuel, born in March, 1848, who resides in Linden; and Lavinia, born in September, 1850, the widow of John Quilleh, living in Sanborn, Iowa.

George J. Smith had but little opportunity for schooling in his boyhood, but after he was grown took advantage of night instructions. At the age of twenty-one he began mining, and in 1865 went to Virginia City, Nev., thence to Idaho, and Helena, Mont., passing in all four years in gold mining. Upon his return to his native county, in company with his brother Richard, he engaged in general merchandising for a time. His next venture was in farming, in which he was very successful, and he now lives in practical retirement in a substantial home built in 1892. He has taken a prominent part in public affairs, and has served as a member of the village council. In politics he is a lifelong Republican.

On Jan. 8, 1863, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Mary Ann Heathcock, daughter of William and Mary (Thomas) Heathcock. She was born April 12, 1837, and died Jan. 26, 1901. In religious connection she was a member of the Methodist Church, with which she had been united for forty-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born seven children, of whom five survive: Minnie Edith, born July 6, 1867, married Eli H. Horsch, of Corwith, Iowa; Mary Jane, born June 9, 1868, married John W. Batten, of Midway, Kans.; Ida Lavinia, born Dec. 3, 1870, married H. J. Hicks, of Linden; George Albert, born Nov. 10, 1875, resides in Linden; and Susie Evalena, born Dec. 18, 1877, is at home. All of the children

have been highly educated, and are cultured, refined members of society. Mr. Smith has been a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternally is a Mason, identified with the local lodge, Iowa Chapter, and Mineral Point Commandery, Knights Templar.

William and Mary Heathcock, parents of Mrs. Smith, were the first couple married in Linden. Mr. Heathcock came to Wisconsin from Staffordshire, England, during the Black Hawk war, and settled at Linden in 1833. He was successfully engaged in mining for the greater part of his life. In religious work he was most enthusiastic, and was a member of the Methodist Church, the first service of that church in this place having been held in his home. He died March 4, 1891, aged seventy-one years. His wife, Mary (Thomas), was born in Cambridge, South Wales, and died Dec. 8, 1868, aged fifty-six years.

ENOCH J. BLACKFORD, a retired farmer and business man, as well as the former postmaster of Juda, has been for many years a prominent figure in the business and commercial activities of Green county, and is now one of the time-honored and venerable residents of Juda.

Mr. Blackford is the son of William and Rachel (Johns) Blackford, both natives of Fayette county, Penn., who came of Welsh ancestry. They were married in 1822, and to their union were born seven children, of whom Enoch J., the eldest, was born May 12, 1824, in Fayette county, Penn. Thomas died in Nodaway county, Mo. William lives in Monroe, Wis. Samuel is a resident of Louisiana. Rebecca is the wife of Stephen Mann, and has her home in Page county, Iowa. Lavina was the wife of Samuel Hutzel, of Juda, Wis. Rachel married Peter Roub, and is a resident of Chickasaw county, Mississippi.

Mr. Blackford was married to Miss Margaret Chryst in 1848, and to this union were born seven children: John W., of Albany, Wis.; Rebecca R., wife of James Stull, a farmer in Missouri; James E., who died in Hampton, Iowa; Martin, who died in childhood; Franklin, who died in childhood; Thomas J., of Juda; and Clella May, who died in Page county, Iowa. Mr. Blackford's wife died while they were returning from Iowa to his native State, in 1869. In 1870 he married Mrs. Jane

Clemmer, of Green county, Wis., who died in 1891. Mr. Blackford married Miss Harriet Mitchell, of Green county, Aug. 3, 1893. She is the daughter of Washington Mitchell, and was born in the town of Decatur, Green county, where her father was one of the pioneers.

Mr. Blackford came to Wisconsin in 1845, and was rich only in courage and the resources of an honorable and upright manhood. Hiring out to work on the farm of Rev. G. R. Patton, he gained a standing for himself. Afterward he taught school on the Sugar river, and began farming for himself in Green county while yet a young man. In 1867 he moved to Iowa, and in 1870 located at Juda, where he engaged in carpentering, and where his home has been to the present time. Mr. Blackford has been justice of the peace for ten years, and was made postmaster at Juda under the second administration of President Cleveland. He was the first town clerk in the town of Jefferson, in which he has also served as chairman, and filled all the principal offices, and was several times nominated by his party for the position of county clerk. Mr. Blackford is a member of the Baptist Church, and is a man highly esteemed by the community in which he has lived for so many years. His life has been honorable and upright, and he is a good neighbor and an honorable citizen.

HON. JOHN HAWKINS ROUNTREE, Platteville. The ancestral record of this eminent and venerable pioneer settler of Grant county is as follows: Randall Rountree, his great-grandfather, emigrated from Ireland in 1720, settling in Virginia, where he resided until his death. His grandfather, Thomas Rountree, in 1795, moved with his family from Virginia to the vicinity of the Mammoth Cave, Warren Co., Ky., where he remained until he died. John Rountree, his father, also settled in the same place, and there resided until his decease. In the same locality John H. Rountree was born, March 24, 1805. The education received by "the Major" at this period he himself described as "very common-school," the school house being one of those primitive affairs so common in earlier times, constructed of unhewn logs, with holes cut for windows, while a broad fireplace, with its huge open chimney, furnished the heat for the room in frosty weather. Major Rountree moved from Kentucky to Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., Ill.,



in February, 1824, was there appointed deputy sheriff, and served as such until he reached his twenty-first year, when he was elected sheriff, an office that he held until his resignation, upon his return trip to Wisconsin, in 1827. On May 24 of that year he reached New Diggings (now a portion of Lafayette county), and afterward came to Platteville, then just coming into notice; there he ever after resided. On Aug. 7, 1828, Major Rountree was married to Mary Grace Mitchell, of Galena, Ill., and the next day, with his bride, moved to his log cabin in Wisconsin. Mrs. Rountree died in 1837. On Sept. 3, 1839, he was again married, to Miss Lydia H. Southworth, of Platteville, who after a long and pleasant companionship, extending over nearly a half-century, passed on to her reward, her death occurring June 16, 1881.

The numerous positions held by Major Rountree are the best evidence of his high standing among his neighbors for the numerous decades hidden beneath the swiftly-revolving wheel of Time. In May, 1826, he was commissioned major of Illinois militia, and the same year elected sheriff of Montgomery county, in the same State. In 1829 he was appointed postmaster at Platteville, and was several times re-appointed; also, the same year, appointed and commissioned justice of the peace for Iowa county, Michigan Territory, of which Wisconsin then formed a part. In 1832 he was elected captain of a company of mounted volunteers enlisted by him to serve in the Black Hawk war. In 1834 he was appointed Chief Justice of the County Court of Iowa County by the governor of Michigan, which position he held until the Territory of Wisconsin was organized, in 1836. In 1837 he was appointed Judge of Probate of Grant county, which was organized that year. In 1839 he was commissioned as aid to the governor, with the rank of colonel. In 1838 he was elected a member of the Territorial Council for four years, with the rank of colonel, and in 1842 was re-elected to that position. In 1847 he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention, serving in that body on the committee on General Provisions (which embraced a large number of the most important articles under consideration), as well as upon several select committees. In 1850 Major Rountree was elected to the State Senate, and the following year was appointed a

Regent of the State University. In 1853 he was appointed major-general of militia of the Second District of Wisconsin. In 1857 he was appointed postmaster of Platteville. In 1863 he was elected member of Assembly, and in 1866 was again elected to the State Senate—thus serving in the Territorial and State Legislature longer than any other citizen.

From early life Major Rountree was a leader in church affairs, and his judgment and counsel were always sought and trusted. It is recorded that, as early as 1832, he with his wife and two others met in the Rountree log cabin and took the preliminary steps towards organizing a Methodist Episcopal Church, which is claimed to have been the first organized church of that denomination in Wisconsin. Through the vicissitudes of church life he was loyal and constant in his affections for the church, which he loved and revered as a dutiful son would his mother. Time and again, as the church edifice grew old and became too contracted for the needs of the growing congregation, Major Rountree was one of the chief planners and most liberal contributors in devising for the new and greater edifice.

Major Rountree had a notable Masonic record, covering a period of sixty-two years. He received the Master's degree in Far West Lodge, Galena, Ill., in 1828. As soon as there were a sufficient number of representatives of the order in Platteville and vicinity he took an active part in organizing a lodge, and became a charter member of Melody Lodge, No. 2, which received its first charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri. In 1844, there being three lodges in Wisconsin, delegates from these met, and organized the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, in which organization Major Rountree took an active and prominent part; he served as Grand Treasurer in 1846, and Grand Junior Warden in 1847. He was one of the founders of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin, which was organized in 1850, and at this organization was elected Grand King, serving one year; the next five years he was Grand Treasurer, and in 1861 was elected Grand High Priest—the highest honor in the State within the gift of his brethren. He became a member of the order of Knights Templars at Madison in 1869. For over sixty years he was an ardent and zealous member of the different orders of Masonry, and until the infirmities of age weighed down upon him he

took an active part in the work, through which he could see an avenue of dispensing charity without heralding it to the world. He was a Knight Templar, and Knight Templarism points to the end. The cross and crown constitute one of the most interesting and instructive emblems—the cross of trial surmounted by the crown of victory; the cross of struggle and the crown of triumph; the cross of earth and the crown of heaven; and in the golden halo which surrounds these emblems is the legend, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

This lengthy recital of honors and official positions bears upon its face the highest testimonial that could be furnished of the unbounded esteem and confidence of the communities in which the Major lived in the sterling worth, integrity and ability of this veteran representative of pioneer times. When he first entered the present State it was divided into two counties, and contained but a few thousand inhabitants, scattered over the vast territory; to-day it numbers its inhabitants by hundreds of thousands. Major Rountree was the witness of the growth of a new empire; took part in an Indian war; saw the aboriginal inhabitants pushed back, foot by foot, until they now possess hardly a rood of land which they can call their own. He saw the commencement, growth and prosperity or obliteration of every city and village, with the exception of two or three military posts, in the State—all the improvements, indeed, that in fifty years have converted a great and uncivilized wilderness into a series of powerful States. In the immediate vicinity of his own home the change has been no less great; in place of the rude miner's cabin is seen the stately mansion; the few hundred seekers after mineral have been swallowed up in the many thousands whose cozy farm houses dot the landscape in every direction. To but a few has such an experience been vouchsafed; Gen. Rountree may well have been regarded as a landmark between the past and the present, one who lived over the whole term of our local history, and served as a prominent factor in making it.

The end of life came to this venerable pioneer June 30, 1890. The funeral service was held under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, of which he had so long been an honored member. Brethren of the order and many friends from different parts of the State as-

sembled to pay tribute to his memory, the crowd being so great that the services were held in the beautiful park which surrounds the Rountree home. Six of his children survive him: Mrs. Ellen R. Jewett, of Chicago; Mrs. Laura R. Smith, who with her two daughters lives in the old homestead; Mrs. Cora Hathaway, of New York; and Miss Lilly T. Rountree, Philip S. Rountree and Harrison H. Rountree, who all live in Chicago.

SAMUEL R. AUSTIN is one of the highly respected and prominent farmers of Belmont township, Lafayette county, who have retired from the active duties of an agricultural life to enjoy the fruits of their honest labor.

Mr. Austin was born in Sumner county, Tenn., Jan. 31, 1825, his parents being William and Edith (Dickinson) Austin, both of whom were natives of Maryland. William Austin moved to Tennessee, where for twenty years he followed farming and conducted a large tobacco plantation, in 1828 removing to Coles county, Ill., where he purchased an improved farm and passed the balance of his life. The mother of our subject dying when he was a little child, his father later married Rebecca Woodhall, and many children were born to this union, seven daughters and five sons. Of this large family only our subject and his brother James B., of Oklahoma, are living.

Our subject grew up on the farm in Illinois, where he became the manager of a large estate while he was quite young. In 1845 he married Maggie M. Ashmore, who was born in Illinois in 1826, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret Ashmore, who were born in Kentucky, and settled in Illinois. In 1846 Mr. Austin, with his wife and one child, came to Wisconsin, and lived for a short time in Lima, Grant county, but in 1847 he bought a quarter-section of land from the government, in Lafayette county, where settlement was made, and the home in the new country instituted. The early days of his pioneer life were full of hardship, but toil and energy accomplished wonders. Mr. Austin has been one of the men who have made Wisconsin what it is, for the tillers of the soil have been the real elements in the progress of this great State. While there was much that was picturesque and exciting in the new life to those who had come from a thoroughly civilized community there

were also many elements of danger, and the deprivations which only heroic spirits can endure. The first desire of Mr. Austin was to complete buildings to make his family and stock and cattle comfortable, and these in time were erected, some of them still standing, in good repair. When the Civil war broke out our subject made three applications for enlistment before he was accepted, finally joining Company K, 44th Wis. V. I., but his discharge followed, on account of disability, and he returned to his farm, where he has lived ever since.

The children born to our subject and wife are among the esteemed residents of this locality, and, as he has always taken a deep interest in their welfare, it is with pleasure that he can see their worldly prosperity, many of them settled around him. William is a resident of Belmont; Elizabeth is the widow of Elijah Eushnell; John is a resident of Platteville; Eliza, who married Sidney Stephens, resides in Lima, Grant county; Margaret is deceased; Samuel is a resident of Dubuque, Iowa; Frank resides in Platteville; Ellen, who married William Shepherd, lives in Platteville; Edith (deceased) married William Thomas; Emma is the widow of Eldred Trenary, and lives in Platteville; James resides on a part of his father's homestead. The grandchildren which gather around Mr. and Mrs. Austin are happy and healthy, and give fair promise that the good old name will not soon die out in Wisconsin.

For some twelve years Mr. Austin has been retained on the school board, an evidence of the confidence and esteem in which this worthy citizen is held in an intelligent community. His connection with the Republican party has been long and active, as he fully believes in the principles he professes. Both Mr. and Mrs. Austin are highly valued in their connection with the M. E. Church, and socially he is connected with Sherman Post, G. A. R., of Platteville. Mr. Austin has always been a hard-working man, and thoroughly believes in the value of toil, having proven its worth, as by it he has been able to accomplish so much.

**RUFUS M. DAY**, a leading business man of Mount Hope, Grant county, ex-soldier, ex-legislator, is a native of the State of Kentucky, having been born near West Liberty, Morgan Co., that State, Nov. 18, 1835, a son

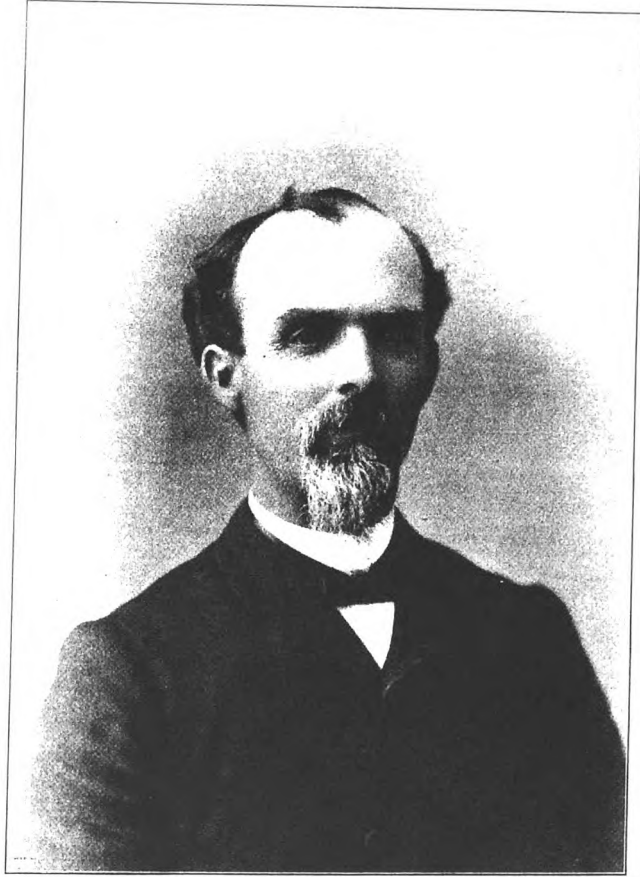
of John and Elizabeth (McKinnie) Day, natives of Virginia.

About 1840 John Day and his family migrated to Wisconsin, coming directly to Grant county, and settling on land near Lancaster. Here Mr. Day died April 1, 1846. Mrs. Day survived many years, dying in the same township, but not upon the original land taken by her husband. Of the three children in this family, Jemima, the eldest, became the wife of Antone Bailey, and now resides in Kansas; Theodore enlisted, at the outbreak of the Civil war, in Company C, 2d Wis. V. I., took part in the first battle of Bull Run, in July, 1861, and after his three months' term expired re-enlisted, and served through the war, now residing in the State of Oregon; Rufus M. is our subject. All are highly respected.

Rufus M. Day enlisted, Aug. 14, 1862, in Company I, 20th Wis. V. I., and participated in many of the important events of the war, taking part in the battle of Prairie Grove and the siege of Vicksburg. He was subsequently on detail duty at Gen. Herron's headquarters for about a year; was then transferred to the corps headquarters of Gen. Granger, where he remained until the end of the war, on duty constantly as orderly; and was mustered out of the service at Galveston, Texas, when the war closed.

Upon his return from the army Mr. Day resumed farming in Mount Hope, but later retired from farm life, and engaged in mercantile pursuits in the same town, being very successful. In political matters Mr. Day has always been a Republican, and he was honored by election to the State Legislature in 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888. While in the Legislature Mr. Day proved himself worthy of representing his constituents, and may well be proud of his record in that body. Taking an active interest in town affairs, he is an important factor in the conduct of the affairs of the municipality, and has served most acceptably as chairman of the town for eleven years, and was a member of the board for many years prior to his occupancy of the head position.

In September, 1866, Mr. Day was married to Miss Almira Whiteside, daughter of William Whiteside, and two daughters have been born of this union: Jennie E., widow of Augustus Milner; and Alta, wife of W. J. Lambert. Socially Mr. Day is a member of



*Rufus M. Day*



the Odd Fellows and Masonic fraternities, and is very popular in the lodges. Being by nature genial, and possessing the faculty of gaining friends, he may well be regarded as one of the most popular as well as representative men of Mount Hope and the surrounding country.

EVAN ARTHUR, a well-known and esteemed pioneer of Grant county, was born in Tredegar, South Wales, England, about the year 1815. At an early age he was apprenticed to the trade of tool turner in a rolling mill, and before his term of service was over his father was killed in the mill, leaving a wife and four children, of whom Evan was the youngest. However, the family was left in fair circumstances, and all of the children were given a common-school education, in Welsh.

At the age of eighteen Evan Arthur left his native land for America, and after a voyage of nine weeks landed in New York City, where he secured a position as master workman in the iron works. Attending night school, he soon perfected himself in the English language. Some years later he was sent to the Pennsylvania rolling mills, and a year and a half later to the rolling mills at Richmond, Va., where he remained about two years. His next removal was to Nashville, Tenn., where he took charge of a rolling mill, and remained until the gold fever broke out and he migrated to Iowa, settling upon a farm about thirty miles below Dubuque. Later Mr. Arthur sold this farm and bought another, about four and one-half miles from Dubuque, at Table Mound. The excitement over the discovery of lead soon induced him to sell his farm and engage in mining, which pursuit he followed until a few years before his death, March 21, 1881, at the old homestead, at Muscalonge, Grant county. In 1850 Mr. Arthur and his eldest son, David, bought a mine at Cassville, Wis., to which place he removed his family in 1851. Later they removed to Beetown, and then to Muscalonge, where a son, Christmas E. Arthur, still resides.

About 1835 Mr. Arthur married Martha Bivan, who bore him eleven children, seven of whom are still living. Mrs. Arthur died at Cassville with her infant son, in 1852. Of a happy, jovial disposition, Mr. Arthur made many friends, and was a man of deeds as well as words. Early in life he became a devoted

Christian, and his first thought in settling in a new home was to organize a church and Sunday-school. When he came to Cassville there were four stores and two saloons, but no school house or church, in the town of 350 souls. Soon after his arrival rooms were secured, a Sunday-school organized, and a minister engaged to come occasionally from Beetown; thus a church was commenced. When it was impossible for the clergyman to be present "Father" Arthur, as he was usually called, preached in his stead, and he was afterward ordained as elder, with the privilege of administering the sacraments, burying the dead, and performing the marriage ceremony. The illness of this good man was very short, and his last words were: "I am ready to go. My peace was made with God many years ago."

GOTTLIEB HARTWICH, an old and highly respected citizen of Green county, was born in Germany March 23, 1831, and for many years has been a resident of the village of Juda. Christian and Sophia (Zimmermann) Hartwich, his parents, were honorable and industrious people of Danzig, Prussia, where the father followed cattle herding and farm labor. Soon after coming to this country, in 1870, he died at the town of Sylvester, Green Co., Wisconsin.

Gottlieb Hartwich married Miss Frezeka Reasa in 1855, and the following year the newly-married couple came to this country, where they have had a family named as follows: (1) Wilhelmina, born Sept. 22, 1855, died Feb. 15, 1865. (2) Herman, born May 16, 1857, is now a farmer in South Dakota. (3) Carl, born Oct. 22, 1858, is a farmer in Lafayette county, Wis. (4) Julia, born July 11, 1860, is the wife of William Bronco, of Green county, Wis. (5) Louisa, born Sept. 23, 1861, married Ferdinand Miller, of Green county, Wis. (6) Elizabeth, born Oct. 1, 1867, married John Fox, of Nebraska. (7) Henry, born Feb. 28, 1873, is a farmer at Brodhead. (8) Martha, born Oct. 24, 1871, died in 1873. Mr. Hartwich lost his wife June 16, 1896. She was born Aug. 3, 1832, and through her useful life proved herself a faithful wife and a true Christian woman. Mr. Hartwich and his devoted wife came to this country very poor people, but before she died their circumstances had greatly changed, and their last years together were very comfortable. Mr. Hartwich

recently sold a half-section of good farming land in South Dakota, and has recently disposed of two farms in Green county. He is now spending his last years in a very comfortable home in Juda. Mr. Hartwich has always been a staunch Republican, and for forty years was a consistent member of the Evangelical Church.

ROBERT MCBRIDE, late of Platteville, Grant county, a skillful mechanic, prosperous farmer and highly respected citizen, was a native of the State, born Jan. 20, 1833.

John and Rosa McBride, parents of Robert, were born and married in Ireland, and early came to the United States, landing in New York City. John McBride for some time worked on the Erie canal, aiding in its construction, and later went to Philadelphia, Penn., where he worked as a linen weaver. After a short sojourn there he came to Wisconsin, purchasing a farm in Lafayette county, on which he spent the remainder of his life. He raised a family of ten children, of whom two live in Platteville, John and Mrs. Robert Brown. The children were all well educated in the old Academy of Platteville.

When a young man Robert McBride purchased a farm near Platteville. In December, 1861, he married Miss Sabina Robinson, of Platteville, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Bratton) Robinson, natives of England, who were prominent pioneers of Grant county. On coming to Wisconsin, in 1841, Mr. Robinson settled on the farm near Platteville on which he died in 1888. He was three times married, and Mrs. McBride, who is the eldest child of the first wife, was born in 1841, and was educated in the schools of Platteville. At his marriage Mr. McBride located on a farm, and there lived until 1889, when he removed to Platteville, where he had purchased a beautiful residence and other real estate. Here he died May 20, 1890, and here his estimable widow still has her home.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. McBride was blessed with four children, viz.: Jesse, who was born in Lafayette county, Wis., in 1862, was graduated from the State Normal School of Platteville, and married Miss Georgia Meeley, of Kansas, who has borne him three children, Robert B., Eunice and Douglas; the family now reside in Minneapolis, Minn., where Jesse is bookkeeper for a milling firm. Lucina,

born in 1865, was likewise graduated from the State Normal, is a stenographer, and has an office in the Bailey block. Robert Lester, born on the home farm in September, 1869, also graduated from the State Normal, married Miss Lillie Eastman, of Platteville, and is at present stenographer for the Minneapolis Implement Machine Co. Lillian R., born in 1872, graduated from the State Normal and the State University, and is now principal of the graded schools of Plymouth, Wisconsin.

In religion Mr. McBride was a devout Methodist, and Mrs. McBride, a lady of strong religious convictions, has always taken an active part in the work of the church, in the faith of which she has carefully reared her children. In politics Mr. McBride was a staunch Republican, held several local offices when living on his farm, and in 1880 was census enumerator of his district. He was a loving and devoted husband, a fond and indulgent father, a sincere friend, and his death was truly mourned by all who knew him. His widow, than whom no more estimable lady resides in Platteville, is passing her days in ease and comfort, esteemed and beloved by a large circle of true friends.

DANIEL B. BECHTOLT, whose residence in Jordan township, Green county, covers half a century, is a native of Ohio, born Feb. 22, 1837, in Licking county, where he passed his early years.

Mathias Bechtolt, Sr., his grandfather, was a native of Germany, whence he emigrated to America before the Revolutionary war, settling in Berks county, Penn. His family consisted of eleven children, namely: Isaac, George (who was a minister), Frederick, Daniel, Mathias, Jr., William, Elizabeth, Catherine, and three who died young. Of these, Mathias, Jr., father of Daniel B. Bechtolt, was born July 6, 1788, in Berks county, Penn., and in 1813 married Miss Christina Epler, of Berks county, born June 10, 1795, who bore him eight children: Christina, Catherine, Mathias, Lydia, Peter, Pernelia, Elizabeth and Daniel B., all deceased except Mrs. Pernelia Dewit, of Iowa, and Daniel B. The family came to Wisconsin when our subject was fourteen years of age, settling in Jordan township, Green county, where the father homesteaded forty acres of government land. He died Nov. 19, 1872, the mother on Sept. 21, 1856.

Daniel B. Bechtolt received his education in his native State, and was trained to agricultural pursuits on his present farm, which he has continued to carry on most profitably, having a well-improved farm, now comprising 160 acres, equipped with good barns, etc. When he commenced life on his own account he had not a dollar to his name, but he has succeeded by dint of perseverance in acquiring a comfortable competence, and at the same time has made for himself an honorable name among the best citizens of his community. As one of the leading farmers of the township his influence in local affairs is strong, and always exercised in the cause of right. His political support is given to principle and not to party, and he may always be depended upon to aid by his ballot the best men and the best measures, regardless of their political sponsors. In religion he is inclined toward the faith of the United Brethren.

On March 12, 1857, Mr. Bechtolt was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Wagner, who was born Feb. 19, 1839, in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Charles and Lydia (Shultz) Wagner, and eight children blessed this union, namely: Maria, who died Feb. 3, 1861; Albert B., who is a minister and farmer, residing in Cadiz township, Green county; Lydia, wife of Charles Blain, of Jordan; Samuel, of Iowa, who married Ettie Lafever; George, of Monroe township, Green county, who married Ina Wells; Ervin, who remains on the old home place, and is married to Isa Wells; Ida Elmedia, wife of Walter Kessler, of Jordan; and Orpha Lois, who died in infancy, Feb. 19, 1879. Mrs. Bechtolt passed away June 19, 1880. She was a true Christian woman, sharing in the high esteem in which her husband has always been held, and was deeply mourned by her neighbors and friends throughout the township.

PHILLIP GERHART, a retired farmer of Harrison township, Grant county, richly deserves the rest and peace that have come to him in his last and declining years. He has been all his life an industrious and hard-working man, has kept close to the soil, and wrought a good work in the oft-recurring sowing and reaping. Now that the sun is casting the long shadows, it is fitting and proper that he should surround himself with those things that he has accumulated by honest toil, to comfort the afternoon of his day on earth.

Mr. Gerhart was born on the river Rhine, in Germany, in 1837, and is a son of Valentine and Mary (Post) Gerhart, who lived and died in the Fatherland. His father followed the work of a weaver, and in his time served as a soldier in the German army. Phillip Gerhart, with one brother and one sister, came to this country in 1855, and worked in the coal mines at Pottsville, Penn., for a year. He then came West to Grant county, Wis. The brother, Valentine, settled on a farm near Platteville, and married Miss Mary J. Lory, who was born in England. They have had six children: Susan, who married Rev. Mr. Farnsworth, of Grant county, and is now deceased; Jane, of Iowa; Mary, who married Rev. Richard Carns, of Iowa; Miss Louisa; and Carrie and Jessie, also unmarried. Charlotte Gerhart, sister of Phillip, married Lewis Hable in Germany; they came to Wisconsin, and settled on a farm in Harrison township, where he died in May, 1900, leaving a widow and six children: Mary, wife of Charles Brunton, of Harrison township; Lewis; Lizzie, Mrs. Eslip; and Carrie, Mrs. Edward Ivan—all of Harrison township; Frank, of Platteville; and Nettie, who died at the dawn of womanhood.

Phillip Gerhart was eighteen years old when he came to America, and though he had been thoroughly educated in the German schools his English education was mostly acquired after coming to this country. He did farm work by the month in Grant county until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company B, 43d Wis. V. I., and served mainly in the Army of the Tennessee, under Gen. Thomas. His regiment was badly cut up at Nashville, and throughout the war he saw many hard-fought battles, and made many long and dreary marches. He was mustered out in November, 1865, and, coming back to Grant county, married Miss Mary Lawrence, the estimable daughter of Henry and Sophia (Faacier) Lawrence, both of whom were German born and bred. After coming to America they spent some years in the hard coal region near Pottsville, Penn., where they were married. In 1845 they came to Grant county, Wis., and settled on the farm near Platteville which was their home until death. Four of their children are still living: Charles, of Grant county; Maggie, Mrs. Peter Cabley, of Harrison township; Carrie, Mrs. John Lory, of Crawford county, Wis.; and Mary, Mrs. Phillip Gerhart. The last named



was born in Pennsylvania in March, 1845, and came to Wisconsin when a child.

After their marriage Mr. Gerhart and his wife settled at Platteville, where he went into business as a general merchant. He did well, and displayed good business habits, but his health so failed that he was compelled to seek out-of-door work, and he rented a farm near Platteville, which he continued to cultivate until he purchased it, in 1896. He has erected a new home, and made extensive improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Gerhart have reared a family of seven children: Henry was born in Platteville in 1870, married Miss Ida Burkholder, of the town of Harrison, and resides on a part of the present homestead; they have two sons, Arche and Earle, Edith, (deceased), married Edward Morshead, of Grant county, and bore him two sons, John and Roy. Hannah, born in 1875, married Jefferson Rice, and resides in the town of Platteville, on a farm; they have six sons, Frank, Alvin, Charles, Ornie, Samuel and Harry. Carrie died when eleven years old. Charles, born in 1878, married Ollie Lauthain, and lives in the town of Harrison. Frank, born in 1880, married Rena Burkholder. Mabel, born in 1882, is now the wife of Charles Moses, and lives on a farm in Grant county.

Mr. Gerhart has always been a member of the Republican party, and he and his wife were brought up in the Lutheran Church. They are honorable and upright people, and are highly respected by all who know them.

EDWIN L. MCNETT, deceased. Among the sturdy pioneer families of Wisconsin, who as early as 1836 located on what was then the remote northwest frontier of civilization, that of McNett was well known as one of the most prominent; and during the succeeding years, as the wild country has been subdued and changed into one of the best cultivated and most desirable regions of that part of the Union, the same family is known as honest and energetic, still displaying those qualities which assisted in the founding of the social and commercial life of those early days.

A worthy representative of the McNett family was to be found in the lamented subject of this sketch, Edwin L. McNett, who passed out of life, in the old homestead where he was born, June 12, 1897. His birth occurred Nov. 24, 1836, in Elk Grove, Lafay-

ette Co., Wis. The parents of our subject were Lorenzo and Roxie (McCumber) McNett, the former of whom was a son of Capt. Samuel McNett, a native of Massachusetts, who located in Otsego county, N. Y., early in the last century, for we learn that he was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was appointed light-keeper on Horse Island, near his home in Smithfield. His official position was conferred upon him by Gen. Brown, for gallant conduct at the battle of Sackett's Harbor, where his last days were spent, his death occurring at the age of eighty-nine.

Lorenzo McNett was born Aug. 11, 1807, and in 1833 married Roxie McCumber, of the State of New York, soon after migrating to Lafayette county, Wis., and locating upon government land near the line of Grant county, in Elk Grove township. Here Mr. McNett made his home in a log house, where his family lived and thrived until 1841, when he erected one of the first frame houses built in the section. He added to his purchase of land, which he cleared and improved until he made it one of the best farms in Elk Grove. Here his wife died March 30, 1870, he surviving her thirteen years. Two sons and two daughters were born to them, the eldest being Edwin L., our subject; Frank, born in 1838, married Elizabeth Curkeet, of Elk Grove, and after the death of his wife, in Elk Grove, he removed to New York; Mary married John McBride, of Platteville; Julia, born in 1842, married Evan Barnes, of Platteville.

Our subject received the major part of his education in the little district school house located on the farm which he owned at the time of his death, later being given one term in the Platteville Academy. The usual occupation of the young men of the locality was farming, and our subject entered into it in all its branches, making an innovation in the methods of some of the laborious work by the purchase of a thresher, his being among the first in the neighborhood.

The marriage of our subject was celebrated in 1863, to Miss Amanda Whitham, a daughter of Emanuel and Isabel (Cameron) Whitham. Mr. Whitham was born in Yorkshire, England, March 22, 1797, and came to America as early as 1819, although he returned to England, coming again to America in 1829. Then settling in Pennsylvania, he engaged in business there until 1846, when he moved to

Elk Grove, and later to the village of Elmo, where he afterward resided, with the exception of some years spent in Galena. The death of Mr. Whitnam took place in January, 1887. He was twice married, the children of the first union being Mrs. Sophie Wade, of England, and Mrs. Mary Hilt, of Philadelphia. In the spring of 1829 he married Isabel Cameron, a native of England, the children of this union being: Mrs. Jane Beebe, of Cherokee, Iowa; Caroline, of Elmo, Wis.; William, of Elk Grove; John, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Emanuel, of Platteville, Wis.; Wesley, of Webster City, Iowa; Mrs. McNett; Annie, of Platteville; and Mrs. Martha Hahn, of Philadelphia. Mrs. McNett was born in Doylestown, Penn., in December, 1839, and was educated in the schools of Grant and Lafayette counties.

After marriage our subject and wife settled on the farm which his father owned, following farming there some four years, when he purchased the old Capt. Leslie homestead, where the old fort once stood. In this home the family lived for fifteen years, and then Mr. McNett bought the old family homestead, joining the two farms. Many improvements were being continually made on both places, our subject being a man who thoroughly understood farming, and the value of substantial buildings, good implements and careful cultivation of the land.

The family left by our subject is well known through the neighborhood: Mary, born in 1864, married Lewis Bunt, resides in Elk Grove and has children, Hazel, Edna and Lenys. Lewis, born in 1866, married Amy Bunt, and lives near Elmo; he has two children, Ethel and Velma. Julia, born in 1868, is residing at home. Howard, born in 1870, married Bessie Webster, and resides on a farm near the old home; they have three children, Odessa, Lois and Dow. Frank, born in 1872, assists in the management of the home farm. Cameron, born in 1874, married Lizzie Fox, of Big Patch, and resides in Kendall township; they have one son, George. Caroline, born in 1879, is a student. George was born in 1876; Elmer, in 1882; and Harry, in 1885.

In politics Mr. McNett was a Republican, and efficiently filled the greater number of the local offices of his town. The whole family has been reared in the M. E. Church, where they are held in high esteem. The affectionate name of "Grandmother" is given Mrs. Mc-

Nett in the community, her kind and benevolent nature making her beloved by all. Many interesting tales are told by her of the early pioneer days, when she and her late husband struggled through many difficulties, but she is now surrounded by the loving care of children and grandchildren, with every comfort of life.

PHILIP KOLB, a highly respected citizen of Platteville, Grant county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1827, and came to America with his parents, John and Amelia (Junge) Kolb, the family locating in Mercer county, Penn., in which State the father died in 1849. The mother's death occurred in Platteville, Wis. In their family were six sons and three daughters, of whom are named: Elizabeth; Philip; Henry, who died en route to California, in 1850; Jacob, a resident of St. Paul, Minn.; William, of Platteville; John, also a resident of Platteville, who was in the Union army during the Rebellion; George, of Vermilion, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Frances Elgar, of Platteville.

Philip Kolb began his education in the schools of his native land, and during the residence of the family in Mercer county, Penn., he attended school to some extent. In 1850, at the age of twenty-three years, he came to Platteville, Wis., where he at first worked on a farm, and later engaged in carpentering. In that city he was married, in 1853, to Miss Barbara Leibert, a native of Bavaria, Germany, and a daughter of Chrisman and Mary (Samson) Leibert, who were also born in that kingdom, and on coming to America, in 1856, located at Galena, Ill. There the family lived on a farm for some time, and then moved to Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wis., where Mr. Leibert died in 1869, his wife in 1868. Their children were Andrew, a resident of Nebraska; Mary, deceased; Amelia; Mary; Margaret; Nicholas; Frederick; Eva. Mrs. Oettiker; and Barbara, Mrs. Kolb. Mr. and Mrs. Kolb have six children, namely: (1) John makes his home in Chicago, Ill. (2) Joseph, a resident of Lewistown, Ill., married a Miss Hillyer, and they have four children, Earl, Flo, Beulah and Anna. (3) Flo, also of Lewistown, Ill., married a Miss Hoffman, and has one son, Percy. (4) Philip is a teacher of music in the Platteville State Normal. (5) Mary is

the wife of Thomas Brooking, of Macomb, Ill., and they have four children, Melvin, Philip, Flo and Vivian. (6) Christine, Mrs. Harris, of Platteville township, Grant county, has one child, Bertie.

At Platteville, in 1865, Mr. Kolb enlisted in Company K, 44th Wis. V. I., for one year or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Madison, Wis. He was on regular duty at Nashville, and later at Paducah, Ky., where he was honorably discharged in September, 1865, the war having ended and his services being no longer needed. He is now an honored member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., and is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, in the welfare of which he takes an active interest. Mr. Kolb and his wife both hold membership in the Congregational Church, and are among the prominent representative citizens of Grant county.

JOHN M. COTTINGHAM is a son of Timothy Cottingham (deceased), who was born in Yorkshire, England, Feb. 18, 1829, and for some years before his death lived retired in the town of Benton, Lafayette county. He had been an active miner and a miller, and was favorably known as a good workman and an honest man. His parents were Anthony and Jane Cottingham, the former of whom died in England, and years afterward the widow came to her son in Wisconsin, where she died Jan. 18, 1858.

Timothy Cottingham was reared in England, where he married Miss Jane Metcalf, daughter of John and Sarah Metcalf, both of whom were born in England, where they lived and died. Of their children, ten in number, Mrs. Cottingham is the only one in this country. In 1853 Mr. and Mrs. Cottingham came to New York in a sailing vessel, being five weeks on the way. They made the journey to Buffalo by rail, and from that city to Big Patch, Grant county, they made the journey by wagon. There they lived a short time, and then moved into the town of Benton, where he was engaged in mining for several years before he took up the milling business. For many years he was an extensive shipper of grain and flour, investing very largely in good farm lands in this State and in Iowa. Mr. Cottingham was an active business man almost to the time of his death, which occurred

Aug. 6, 1898. He was an active worker in the Methodist Church, frequently filling pulpits in Cuba, Hazel Green, Benton, and other stations for many years. An ardent Republican, he took an enlightened interest in public affairs. Previous to his death he had purchased a building lot and begun the erection of a beautiful home, which has been carried on to completion. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cottingham, seven attained mature years: (1) Anthony H. is living on his father's old farm near Lead Mine; he married Miss Lizzie Caton, and is the father of seven children, of whom are named Lona M., Jay T., Russell A., Ethel J., and Irwin. (2) Sarah M., born in England, married William Natrass, and settled in Aurelia, Iowa, where he is engaged in the hardware business. She died in March, 1893, leaving the following children—Zella (who is the wife of Bertram E. Lloyd, of Aurelia, the editor of the *Sentinel* of that place, and has one daughter, Dorothy), Marietta, Olliver, Alma, Josephine, Sadie E., and Cedric. (3) Jane E., born in Grant county, became the wife of William Harker, who settled in Aurelia, Iowa, where Mrs. Harker died in 1885, leaving five children, Walter (deceased), Willie (of Billings, Mont.), Joseph H., Mamie (with her father at Preston, Wis.), and Jennie E. The last named, adopted by her grandparents, lives in Benton, where she attends the high school. (4) John M. is mentioned more fully below. (5) Joseph H., who was educated in the State Normal at Platteville, married Miss Josie L. Bratton, and they are the parents of three children, Aletha, Claude and Lucile. They are living in Oklahoma. (6) May A., who remains at the family home with her mother, was educated in the State Normal at Platteville, making a good reputation as a student and a musician of marked ability. She leads the church choir. (7) Timothy J. is now a traveling salesman for the H. B. Glover Co., Dubuque, Iowa. He married Miss Minnie Clarkson. Mrs. Cottingham and the family are members of the Methodist Church, in which all are known as devoted and faithful workers.

John M. Cottingham was born in Benton, and was educated in the Lead Mine schools. On reaching manhood he engaged in farming, and learned the miller's trade with his father, and for a number of years previous to the death of that gentleman the milling interests

of the family were in his hands. He married Miss Mary M. Side, who was born in 1859, and whose parents, John and Mary Side, were old and respected citizens of Lafayette county, locating here at an early day. Mrs. Cottingham obtained her education in the Lead Mine schools. Mr. and Mrs. Cottingham have had the following named children: Rupert N. (born in June, 1880), George, Mary, Mamie, and Bessie (born in 1896).

After his marriage John M. Cottingham moved to the milling property, which he purchased in company with Thomas Miller, under the firm name of Cottingham & Miller, and is now engaged in grain dealing and milling. They have one of the largest roller mills in Lafayette county, and are doing an extensive business. Politically Mr. Cottingham is a Republican. His wife and children are members of the Methodist Church. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 268, F. & A. M., of Benton; Lodge No. 134, K. of P.; Lodge No. 21, I. O. O. F., and with his wife belongs to the Order of Rebekahs.

**SAMUEL JENKIN** enjoys the distinction of having been actively engaged in mercantile life in Mineral Point, Iowa county, longer than any other citizen of that thriving municipality. In the course of his long business career he has acquired an enviable reputation both as a man and as a citizen.

Mr. Jenkin was born in Redruth, Cornwall, England, Oct. 28, 1824, a son of Samuel and Jenny (Repper) Jenkin, both also natives of Cornwall, where the ancestors of the Jenkin family have lived for many generations. John Jenkin, the grandfather of our subject, was an assayer by profession, and was employed in tin, copper and lead mines. The elder Samuel Jenkin was born in Redruth, where he learned the stone-mason's trade. In 1841 he came to the United States, reaching Mineral Point in July of that year, and immediately entered upon the work of his trade, building upon an extensive scale, and having in charge the construction of a number of the most important business blocks in Mineral Point; he became widely known as an upright and thoroughly reliable contractor and builder. He died in 1880, at the advanced age of eighty years. Mrs. Jenkin passed away some years previously, and she was about seventy when called away. She was born near St. Austell, Corn-

wall, where her mother lived to reach a great age. Samuel and Jenny Jenkin were the parents of three sons and eight daughters, of whom one daughter, Mrs. Catherine Collins (a widow, and now a resident of Waukesha), and Samuel are the only survivors. Only one of these eleven children died before reaching maturity.

Samuel Jenkin attended school up to the age of twelve years, when he began to learn the stone-mason's trade. In his seventeenth year he came to Mineral Point, and took a place in the lead mines, where he spent the ensuing five years. At the expiration of that time he set himself to the learning of the tinner's trade, which to a very large degree has been his occupation up to the present time. In 1851 Mr. Jenkin made the journey to the California gold fields, overland, being six months on the way, and spent one year prospecting and mining in that distant State. He then returned to his home by way of the Isthmus and the city of New York. Coming back to Mineral Point, he was for a time in the grocery and dry goods line, and in 1861 went to Leavenworth, Kans., but did not make a prolonged stay in that frontier town. Coming back to Mineral Point, he resumed his trade, and since 1866 has dealt continuously in hardware. In 1876 he took up several new lines, adding agricultural implements, wagons, carriages and sleighs, in which he has dealt up to the present time. Mr. Jenkin also does all kinds of plumbing and tinning work, and has built up a very extensive trade.

Our subject was married, in March, 1853, to Miss Elizabeth Waters, of New York City, and of the children born to this union nine are living, all of whom have enjoyed excellent social and educational advantages. (1) Martha died when fifteen years old. (2) One child died in infancy. (3) Nettie, who married Christian Weiber, lives in Chicago. (4) Samuel is also a resident of Chicago. (5) Agnes, who married Dr. H. P. Mix, lives in Highland, Wis. (6) Sally is in Chicago. (7) John and (8) Edward are interested in business with their father. (9) Gertrude, who married Frank De Volt, lives in Chicago, as does (10) Anna, who married James Green. (11) Amy is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin have nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Jenkin is a member of the Methodist Church, but others of the family belong to the

Episcopal Church. Mr. Jenkin has been repeatedly elected city treasurer, and for a number of years was supervisor, during which time he supported the measure to erect a county asylum. As alderman of Mineral Point he did much to promote the general interests of the city, and he has always been classed among the enlightened and progressive residents of that place.

DAYTON D. TYLER, the prosperous proprietor of a sawmill in Cadiz township, Green county, and one of the foremost citizens of his community, was born in Chenango county, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1843, son of Simeon and Martha Jane (Card) Tyler, natives of New York State, who were wedded in 1830.

Simeon Tyler was a son of Broadstreet Tyler, who was born in Connecticut, and after the close of the Revolution located in New York. He was of English parentage, and served with great bravery throughout the war for independence, enduring the hardships of the terrible winter at Valley Forge, and serving under George Washington. He lost an eye at the battle of Brandywine. Thrice married, he became the father of twenty-one children. His death occurred when he was aged ninety-eight years. Simeon Tyler, father of Dayton D., was the father of six children, as follows: Martha J., deceased; Dolphus, who resides in Tennessee; Aurelia, wife of H. B. Mack, of California; Nathan C., of Martin, Wis.; Lucian D., who died at the age of twenty; and Dayton D.

Dayton D. Tyler came with his parents from New York to Stephenson county, Ill., when he was but six years of age, and two years later was left an orphan by the death of both his parents, and, when a little past seventeen, was thrown out in the world to depend entirely upon his own resources. On Sept. 10, 1861, he became a member of Company B, 46th Ill. V. I., and served four years and twelve days. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, siege of Vicksburg, Hatchie, siege of Jackson, Miss., and was taken prisoner while moving on Mobile, Ala., in March, 1865. He received an honorable discharge Sept. 22, 1865. His brother Dolphus served in the 92d Ill. V. I., and his brother Nathan was a member of Company A, 92d Ill. Mounted Infantry, was taken prisoner, and passed eleven and one-half months in An-

dersonville. Mr. Tyler now conducts his sawmill on the old Saucerman farm, and is meeting with well-deserved success. He has ever been active in all that tended toward the welfare of his town and county, and is one of its most influential citizens. In politics he is a Democrat, has filled the office of justice of the peace at Browntown, Winslow, Ill., and Blanchardville, Wis., and was deputy sheriff of Green county for six years under S. Morse and Edward Reuger. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, becoming a member of that great order in 1866, and being a charter member of Winslow Lodge, No. 564; he now belongs to Smith Lodge, No. 31, Monroe, Wisconsin.

On Oct. 5, 1865, Mr. Tyler was married to Miss Mary A. Rodebaugh, daughter of Thomas and Luvina (Ferguson) Rodebaugh, early settlers of Stephenson county, Ill. Five children have come to bless their marriage, namely: Jennie L., wife of W. P. Steer, of Winslow, Ill.; Mary M., wife of Simon P. Lynch, a farmer of Cadiz township; Charles D., in partnership with his father (he married Kate Kelley, and has two children, Mary and Retha); Annie V., wife of William Clarno, of South Wayne, Wis.; and Florence E., a dress maker at home. The family are highly esteemed socially, and their friends are all assured of a hearty welcome in the hospitable Tyler home.

BURR SPRAGUE, a lawyer at Brodhead, Green county, is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of that place. His thorough knowledge of the principles of law, and his wide familiarity with business forms and proceedings, give his counsel high value. He is an excellent pleader, and presents a case to the court and jury in a calm and dispassionate manner, which carries conviction by its sincerity and candor.

Mr. Sprague was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., April 30, 1836, a son of Almerin and Asenath (Noyes) Sprague, both also natives of New York. Seven children were born to our subject's parents, of whom three are now living: Edwin R., of DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; Burr; and Sylvia A., wife of Dr. L. B. Beebe, of Evansville, Wisconsin.

Almerin Sprague, an old and experienced school teacher, having a record of thirty terms in the school room, was also a cabinet maker



*Currier Sprague*



and wood worker. He was town school superintendent and justice of the peace in New York, and also served as justice of the peace several years in Wisconsin. In an early day he served as an appraiser of Wisconsin University lands. Moving to Wisconsin in 1846, he located in the township of Spring Valley, Rock county. Here he took up a farm of 160 acres, and afterward bought more land from time to time. He was one of the first Free Soilers, a Republican at the organization of that party, a radical opponent of the Fugitive Slave Law, and always an influential and leading citizen. In October, 1868, he moved to Brodhead, where he died in 1887, in his eighty-sixth year.

Asenath (Noyes) Sprague was a daughter of John B. Noyes, a descendant of one of the early settlers of Massachusetts. She was a woman of rare strength of character. Ambitious and hard-working, amid all the toil and privations of pioneer life she yet kept the strength and sweetness of a generous and loving nature, and her memory still lives in the hearts of all who knew her. She died in November, 1893, in her ninetyeth year. She and her husband were Unitarians.

Burr Sprague was ten years old when he came with his parents to Rock county, Wis., and he lived with them until he was seventeen, attending the district school at Spring Valley Corners. In 1853 he began teaching, and followed that profession, in connection with other occupations, for nine terms, also conducting an evening writing school for several terms. In 1854 he bought out the general store at Spring Valley Corners, and took charge of the post office, remaining there from 1854 to 1861, excepting one year, in 1857-58, when he attended a business college in Rockford, Ill. He then moved his store to Orfordville, in the same township, where he sold goods for six years, was postmaster five years, and served as justice of the peace and assessor. He was clerk of the town of Spring Valley ten years. It was during these early years of business contact and association with the people of Rock county that he laid the foundations of the confidence and esteem in which he is held in that county, and which are so marked a feature of his later years. Mr. Sprague moved to Brodhead, Green county, in 1868, and went into a general store as salesman. In 1871 he established a book

store, and was appointed postmaster under President Grant. He was postmaster eight years, and served as justice of the peace ten years. For six years he also held the position of school superintendent, and identified himself closely with the educational interests of the growing town.

On Nov. 14, 1859, Mr. Sprague was married to Miss Vina B. Abbott, of Monroe, Wis. Mrs. Sprague is the daughter of Luke and Tamar (Davis) Lanphear, who were natives of Massachusetts, and early settlers near Milton, Wis. After the death of her mother, Mrs. Sprague was adopted by Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Abbott, then of Spring Valley Corners. To her excellent womanly qualities, literary attainments, love of home, genuine home-making and cheerful encouragement, Mr. Sprague is largely indebted for the measure of success and enjoyment that has fallen to his lot. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague are the parents of three children: Louis A., Jessie E. and Wilson Abbott. Louis A. Sprague married Miss Martha E. Barber, of Brodhead, and lives in Elgin, Ill., where for eight years he was the foreman of the printing department at the Elgin Watch Factory, and is now with the Willson Printing Co., of that city; he has two daughters, Leila and Gladys. Wilson A. Sprague married Miss Marguerite K. Brice, of Brodhead, and is employed in his father's office; he has two children, Jessie Brice and Burr Sprague, Junior.

Mr. Sprague and his wife are Unitarians. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, but is best known fraternally in the Masonic order, of which he has been an active member for over thirty years. He has been six times elected master of Bicknell Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having joined Evansville Chapter, No. 35, in 1867, and is thoroughly versed in the mystic lore of the craft. Many brother Masons have requested him to conduct the ceremonies of the order at their burial, and in response to such requests Mr. Sprague has officiated at nearly forty Masonic funerals in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Mr. Sprague has been identified with the Republican party ever since its organization, and for many years has been a leader in local and county politics. The last year of his residence in Orfordville he represented his district in the State Legislature, being the youngest



member, but one, of that body. In 1879 he was again chosen to represent his district in the State Legislature, and at the following election he was a third time made a member of that body. During these winters at Madison he formed valuable and lasting associations with men of prominence throughout the State, and has always remained a well-known figure at the Capitol. In the winters of 1880 and 1881 he served on the Judiciary committee, and was one of the leaders of the Capital Punishment debate, which was the most hotly contested matter before the House in 1880.

Mr. Sprague began the study of law in 1867, but did not devote his entire time to his profession until about 1879. During the years 1889 and 1890 he served as district attorney for Green county, removing temporarily to Monroe during his term of office. In 1890 he returned to Brodhead. During nearly the whole of Mr. Sprague's active business life he has conducted a real-estate and loan business, which has been carried on with such quiet care and uniform reliability that few, if any, of his clients realize the extent of his operations in this line alone. For many years his annual loans have amounted to fifty thousand dollars, and the sums safely entrusted to his direct care by non-resident parties have aggregated hundreds of thousands of dollars. Always taking cheerfully upon himself more than his full share of the duties and cares of good citizenship, he has yet given to these multitudinous business cares such unfailing personal attention, such keenness of judgment and strict integrity of conduct, as to establish himself unassailably in the confidence and respect of all who know him. So well known is his character that never, even in the heat of political campaigns, is the question of his honor raised.

His ancestry reaches back through successive generations of American citizens, through the Revolutionary period, to the early Colonial history of our country. Bred upon American soil, and thoroughly imbued with American principles, stanch, patriotic and reliable, Burr Sprague presents an example of good citizenship which the rising generation may well emulate.

JOHN STEPHENS, one of the organizers and most prominent men of Cuba City, Grant county, is the well-known and popular station agent for the Chicago & Northwestern

Railroad at that point, which position he has held since the establishment of the station, twenty-eight years ago.

Mr. Stephens was born in Cornwall, England, in June, 1843, being a son of William and Catherine (Dadow) Stephens, who were born and married in England. Later these two came to Wisconsin, with their family, settled at Benton, Lafayette county, and engaged in farming, and here they died, the father in 1888, the mother in 1894. They had a family of five boys and three girls: Alexander, born in England, is now married and a resident of Bremer county; William, born in England, married Miss Harriet Pascoe, of Grant county, and settled at Cuba City, where he died, in 1895, leaving a widow and four children, Francis, Ada, Everett and George; Richard M., born in England, married Mary Pascoe, and is a prominent clergyman of Perry, Iowa; Agnes, born in Wisconsin, is now the wife of William Goldsworthy, of Cuba City, and has four children, John, Roscoe, Kate and Eva; Samuel, born in Wisconsin, married Mary Hannah Rowe, is a resident of Lafayette county, and has six children, Lillie (now Mrs. Buchan, of Benton), Minnie (married to a prominent merchant of Benton), Nellie, Annie, Pearl and Roy; Mary J., sixth child of William and Catherine Stephens, married Rev. James Barnett, a prominent divine of Wisconsin, but is now deceased, having been called away in 1889, leaving no family; Martha, born in Lafayette county, married William Tarrell, and moved to McCook county, S. Dak., where Mrs. Tarrell died in 1896, leaving a family of five children, who still reside in South Dakota; John is our subject.

John Stephens grew to manhood in Benton, Lafayette county, where he pursued the ordinary life of a country boy, attending school during the winter months, and working on the farm in the summer. When the war broke out Mr. Stephens was fired with patriotism, although still a boy, and in 1863 he enlisted in Company C, 2d Wis. Vol. Cavalry, joining his regiment at Memphis, Tenn. He was in active service for two years, until the close of the war, participating in a number of engagements, including Bentonville, New Madrid, the noted Grierson raid into Louisiana, and siege of Vicksburg, and was always at his post of duty. At the close of the war Mr. Stephens was honorably discharged at St. Louis as first

sergeant, but afterward detailed for special duty. The climate so affected Mr. Stephens that he was taken sick, was sent to a hospital, where he remained two months, and it was three years after his return home before he in any way recovered.

After the war Mr. Stephens settled in Smelser township, Grant county, Wis., where he opened a country store, and was appointed postmaster of the Saint Rose postoffice. In October, 1874, the Chicago & Northwestern railroad was built, established a station, calling it Cuba City, and appointed Mr. Stephens station agent, he also retaining the postoffice for twelve years after. The position of station agent he still holds, to the entire satisfaction of the railroad company, as well as the patrons of the road. For twenty-four years Mr. Stephens served most acceptably as postmaster, and has been chairman of the council board since the town was incorporated, for six different times, has been justice of the peace continuously for twenty-eight years, as well as holding various other local offices, his fellow townsmen feeling that Mr. Stephens is the man to represent them in almost any capacity which requires honesty, ability and uprightness of purpose. Upon coming to Cuba City Mr. Stephens invested largely in real estate, a portion of which he has sold, and owns two large farms, well improved, in Lafayette county.

In 1864 Mr. Stephens came home on a furlough and married Miss Elizabeth Read, of Wisconsin, daughter of Samuel Read, a native of Missouri, whose strong Union sentiments forced him to remove to Wisconsin. Mrs. Stephens was born in Missouri in 1844, and was well educated in her native State. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephens: (1) Samuel W., born in Cuba City in 1868, entered his father's office when thirteen years old, learned to be a telegraph operator and became his father's assistant, and now has charge of the office, on account of Mr. Stephens' health. In 1889 Samuel married Miss Laura Clemens, of Cuba City, her father being one of the pioneers and a prominent merchant of the town. Samuel and his wife have two children: Fred C., born in Cuba City in 1894, and Dwight, born in September, 1899. (2) Charles, born in Cuba City in 1875, was for eight years station agent at Layton Park, Milwaukee, for the Chicago & North-

western, and is now holding a very lucrative and responsible position in the cashier's office of that road at Chicago. (3) Frank H., born in Cuba City in 1878, learned railroad work in his father's office, and is now one of the trusted employes of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, serving as relief agent and operator of the Madison division.

Politically Mr. Stephens has for many years been a Republican, but late issues have made an independent of him, and he now votes as his conscience dictates. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stephens are earnest members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Stephens is a member of the G. A. R. Post of Hazel Green, and also the one at Cuba City. The home of these estimable people is one of the finest residences in the town, and Mr. Stephens is constantly improving it. So closely is Mr. Stephens identified with the growth of Cuba City that the history of one is but the account of the progress of the other. During all the years of his steady advancement Mr. Stephens has made few, if any, enemies, while he can scarcely count all his friends, their number being legion. Kind, genial, hospitable, faithful in the discharge of his duties, both as a private citizen and as a public official, Mr. Stephens is one of the best types of the veteran in private life, under his own "vine and fig tree," surrounded by "olive branches."

GEORGE TUFFLEY, a retired farmer living at Lancaster, Grant county, and an ex-soldier of the United States volunteer army, was born in Warwickshire, England, April 10, 1818. His parents, John and Margaret (Hopkins) Tuffley, removed when George was about six years old to Birmingham, where at the age of eight he began to work at making pearl buttons, and so continued two years. Dissatisfied with this trade, he tried several others, and at the age of fourteen years was apprenticed to a gunmaker, learned the trade thoroughly, and followed it in both England and America.

When twenty-three years of age Mr. Tuffley married Miss Mary Ann Darby, a native of Birmingham. Having already decided to sail for America, Mr. Tuffley, in February, 1850, with his wife and three children, embarked on board the sailing vessel "Camillius" for the port of New Orleans, and after a voyage lasting seven weeks and four days arrived

in safety. He had early formed a high opinion of American institutions, and longed to become a citizen of the country in which every voter had a voice in shaping the laws, and within thirty minutes after landing in the Crescent City he had sought out a justice of the peace, and had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States government.

From New Orleans Mr. Tuffley and his family went on a large steamer to St. Louis, and there transferred themselves and their baggage to a smaller one, bound for Galena, Ill., at which place Mr. Tuffley worked three weeks at his trade. He then came to Grant county, Wis., April 10, 1850, for five years worked at gunsmithing in Platteville, then abandoned it for farming, buying government land in Marion township for fifty cents an acre. Within two years from the time of his first purchase he was the owner of 400 acres of fine woodland, and although he had no experience in farm life, or as a woodman, he acquired the necessary knowledge quite rapidly, and eventually became one of the best and most prosperous farmers of the county. As time passed on, however, the clouds of war began to lower, and soon the cry of secession rang throughout the land. Mr. Tuffley, as a patriotic American citizen, almost at once responded to the call to arms, although the day was fast approaching when he would be exempt from military service. But a desire to preserve the integrity of the flag of his adopted country filled his heart, and he enlisted in October, 1861, in Company K, 12th Wis. V. I., and served three years and twenty days, his discharge papers being dated Oct. 30, 1864. For nearly a year and a half Mr. Tuffley was with his regiment in Kansas, engaged in active operations, but the first severe fighting in which he took part was at the siege of Vicksburg, Miss., in which the gallant 12th Wisconsin held a prominent and conspicuous position. Mr. Tuffley also served with his regiment in the Atlanta campaign, participating in its most deadly battles, including the battle of Atlanta itself—the deadliest of all—on July 22, 1864. He also fought at Kenesaw Mountain, and in many other important engagements. About the time that Gen. Sherman was prepared to start on the famous march to the sea the term of enlistment of the 12th Wisconsin expired, and it was honorably discharged and mustered out. Thomas Tuffley, eldest son of George,

enlisted at the same time with his father, served until the end of the war, and is now a resident of Boscobel, Grant county.

Mr. Tuffley, although he resumed farming on his return from the war, and calls the old farm his home, passed much of his time, together with his son Thomas, in the city of Lancaster. To the marriage of George and Mary Ann (Darby) Tuffley came twelve children, of whom seven were left with their mother when the father started off for the war, and two were born during his term of service. Five are still living, viz.: Thomas, mentioned above; Margaret, wife of Joseph Frazier, who resides near Mount Hood, Oregon; Clara, wife of Matthew Lambert, of Marion township, Grant county; George, the present recorder of deeds of Grant county; and Lincoln, the youngest, who resides on the old home farm in Marion. Mr. Tuffley has had his share of family afflictions. While in the service of his adopted country five of his children were called away, between the ages of eight months and seventeen years. His lamented and estimable wife, who was three years younger than himself, died in April, 1886, most deeply mourned by her husband and surviving children.

In politics Mr. Tuffley has been a Republican from the time he became entitled to a vote, and exercised his first Presidential franchise for John C. Fremont, in 1856. He has himself been honored with election to several offices, having served as chairman of the Marion town board two years, as town clerk for five years, and for many years as justice of the peace, and he has proven himself to be at heart a true and patriotic American. His record is one in which his descendants may well take pride in years after he has, in due course of nature, succumbed to the inevitable. His religion is governed by the Golden Rule of the Master, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," and no man in need ever passed unaided from his door.

WALTER LITTLE, one of the prominent representative farmers of Janesville township, Rock county, residing in section 19, was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, Aug. 12, 1839, a son of John and Elizabeth (Blythe) Little, also natives of Scotland. His paternal grandfather died in Scotland. The father of our subject was an only son. The maternal grandfather,

Thomas Blythe, who also died in Scotland, when about eighty-six, was by occupation a farmer. He had two children, one son and one daughter.

John Little, father of Walter Little, was a contractor, and also operated a limekiln in Scotland. Coming to America in 1853, and locating in Janesville, Wis., he died there in 1865, aged seventy-six. John Little was married twice, and his first wife, mother of our subject, died in Scotland in 1841; both were stanch Presbyterians. Nine children were born to them, eight sons and one daughter, five now living: Thomas, John, James and Walter, all of Janesville township; and Andrew, of Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Coming to America with his father when fourteen years of age, Walter Little worked upon the home farm until old enough to start out in life for himself. In order to gain necessary funds to carry out his plans, he hired himself to his father for two years; then bought a yoke of oxen and broke ground. In time he came to have six yoke of oxen, and also ran a threshing machine for a number of years. "All things come to him who waits," as the saying goes, and, after some years of patient, persistent endeavor, Walter Little had sufficient money to purchase, in 1864, a fine farm of 260 acres in Janesville township, in section 19, where he has since resided, and which he has greatly improved.

On Dec. 31, 1864, Walter Little was married to Miss Lizzie Spence, daughter of Bartholomew Walker and Elizabeth (Dixon) Spence, and five children have been born of this union: Joseph W., George Dixon, Harvey Henry, Ellen Elizabeth and Walter Blythe, all of whom are still unmarried and residing at home.

Mr. Little's life is a good example of what can be accomplished by hard work and careful management, and his success is something to be justly proud of, as it has been won by his own efforts, and in the face of business adversities which would have overwhelmed many a man. In the early part of his business career he had a partner in the buying, selling and shipping of stock, to the Eastern markets, and when they ceased to do business together, unfortunately for Mr. Little, no settlement was made. Taking advantage of this, the former partner took the matter to the courts, and, after many years of litigation, Mr. Little was

left, as he says, "With \$25,000 less than nothing." However, his credit was good, and he was trusted for a few Short Horn cattle and Clydesdale horses, which enabled him to begin again, with what success his present position amply testifies. He makes a specialty of breeding blooded stock, of the best strains only, among which are Short Horn cattle, Clydesdale horses, and blooded hogs of several varieties. Although he had but little time to devote to educational purposes after coming to this country, he had been thoroughly grounded in the common branches in Scotland, and his own native intelligence supplied the rest. Politically Mr. Little is independent in his ideas, with a leaning toward the Democratic party, and has served most acceptably as town supervisor, township assessor, and chairman of the school board. Mr. and Mrs. Little have a very pleasant home, on their highly cultivated farm, and are highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

FORDYCE R. MELVIN, who is spending the last years of his honorable and upright life in Brooklyn, Green county, in a well-earned freedom from the cares of active life, was born in Geauga county, Ohio, July 23, 1832, a son of Alonzo and Roenna (Lyman) Melvin, both natives of Massachusetts. They were the parents of a family of thirteen children, six of whom are now living, viz.: Fordyce R.; Sarah E., wife of J. G. Rowley; Elihu Oliver, of Washington; Austin A., of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Crisilda R.; and Edward P., of Sanborn, Iowa. The father was always a farmer, and when he came to Coshocton county, Ohio, about 1817, located on a farm. A few years later he went to near Natchez, Miss., where he stayed five years, and then went to Massachusetts, soon after moving with his father to Geauga county, Ohio, as early as 1823, and there he made his home until 1848, in which year he went to Cattaraugus county, N. Y. In 1851 he came to the town of Brooklyn, and settled on what is now the Alsop place, where he owned 500 acres. Here he died in 1873, at the age of seventy-eight; his widow survived until the spring of 1880, when she died at the age of seventy-five. They were both members of the Congregational Church, and their worthy lives reflected no discredit on their faith. In Ohio Mr. Melvin was town supervisor, and there he also filled other positions. Reuben

Melvin, his father, was a native of Massachusetts, and of Scotch-Irish descent. He was the only son of an only son, and moved from Massachusetts to Ohio, where he settled, and died in Geauga county at the age of seventy-eight years. When a boy he was old enough at the closing of the Revolutionary war to bear arms, and had started for the seat of war with his gun on his shoulder when he heard that peace had been concluded. By occupation he was a farmer. The maternal grandfather of F. R. Melvin was Azariah Lyman, a farmer and a native of Massachusetts. He was of English descent, and could trace the Lyman ancestry back to the time of William the Conqueror. The Lymans were among the early settlers of New England.

Fordyce R. Melvin lived, until he was sixteen years of age, in Ohio, where he was reared on a farm. He was instructed in the district schools, and in Geauga Seminary, at Chester, Ohio. In the spring of 1851 he came to Wisconsin with his parents, and settled on a farm, which is now a part of the present village of Brooklyn. He remained under the parental roof until he reached adult years, when he went to farming on rented land. In May, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, 2d Wis. V. I., serving until the following August, when he was discharged on account of sickness. Recovering his health, he again entered the service as a member of Company K, 24th N. Y. V. I., where he continued until October of the following year, when he was again discharged for disability, on account of being shot through both arms in the second battle of Bull Run. During this time he had been promoted to corporal. While in the 2d Wisconsin he fought in the first battle at Bull Run. Mr. Melvin was under fire in several other smaller engagements, and always bore himself as a gallant soldier. After his discharge from the service he spent some time canvassing, and doing other work, such as his wounded arms would permit.

In politics Mr. Melvin is a stanch Republican. In 1868 he was elected county commissioner, and was filling that office in 1869, when the law creating it was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Mr. Melvin was elected county treasurer in 1870 and filed the office six years, during which time he lived at Monroe, but always claimed Brooklyn as his home. When Mr. Melvin retired from office at Monroe he came back to Brooklyn, and for

two years carried on the farm belonging to his father's estate. He was elected to the General Assembly in 1879, and served one term. For ten years following this he was agent for the American Express Company, at the same time doing fire insurance and public conveyancing. He is still a notary public, insurance agent and conveyancer.

On May 27, 1874, Mr. Melvin married Miss Emily Bartlett, a daughter of Joseph and Ann P. (Willetts) Bartlett. Mrs. Melvin holds to a faith that is both of the Quaker and Presbyterian persuasion. Mr. Melvin belongs to Brooklyn Lodge, No. 251, F. & A. M. As might well be expected from his devoted and loyal service, he is a member of T. L. Sutphan Post, G. A. R., of Evansville, Wis. For fifty years Mr. Melvin has been a resident of this town, and here he erected a fine home in 1881.

E. D. PEAKE, Esq., the popular and genial postmaster at Jamestown, Grant county, is one of the representative men of his part of the county, and well deserves mention in a volume like this, devoted as it is to the earnest and capable men who have brought Southwestern Wisconsin to its present position.

'Squire Peake, as he is commonly called, was born in Delaware county, N. Y., in July, 1836, son of Warren L. and Amy (Chase) Peake, both natives of Delaware county, where the father was born in 1814, and the mother two years later. Their marriage was celebrated in their native county, and there they settled. Mr. Peake was a lumberman and farmer during the greater part of his life, and died in Delaware county in 1862. Mrs. Peake is still living, in Greene county, N. Y., and has a home near the Hudson river. Two of their four children are still living: George, born in 1845, died when a young man. Adaline was drowned when a child, in 1862. Matilda, born in 1837, is the wife of Donald B. Smith, of Greene county, N. Y., and is the mother of three children, Amy, Edward and James B.

E. D. Peake was the eldest of his father's children, and grew up under the parental roof, receiving unusually good educational advantages, both in the public schools and in Walton Academy, a somewhat celebrated school of Delaware county. When he was eighteen years of age he engaged in school teaching, which he followed with considerable success until 1865. During the Civil war, however,

he was a lumber contractor for a time at Jacksonville, Fla., dealing with the Quartermaster's Department, and acting therefor.

In 1865 Mr. Peake came West to Illinois, and settling in the northwestern part of the State followed mining during the summer and public-school teaching during the winter. In April, 1866, he came to Grant county, Wis., and opened a school at Georgetown, where he spent some months teaching. This did not seem to be a satisfactory location, and he later came to Jamestown, where he followed the same lines, mining and teaching.

Mr. Peake and Miss Martha E. Judd were married in 1871, in Varysburg, Wyoming Co., N. Y. Mrs. Peake is the daughter of Jefferson and Amy (Nichols) Judd, both born in Vermont, and both died when Mrs. Peake was a child. They located in Genesee county, N. Y., where she was born in 1844, and she was well educated, being for a time a teacher in the public schools of her native State. Mrs. Peake has three brothers living: (1) Harvey C. Judd, born in Genesee county, N. Y., lives at Detroit City, Minn. (2) Henry C., a resident of Bloomington, Wis., is a prosperous farmer. (3) Jefferson D. lives at Monticello, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Peake settled on a farm in Jamestown, Grant Co., Wis., where they have lived to the present time. They have no children, but their kindly disposition is felt throughout the community. In politics Mr. Peake has always been a Republican, and he cast his first vote for John C. Fremont. For about eight years he has been justice of the peace, and for a long time has been notary public. He has been comparing clerk for the State Senate. Under President Harrison he was appointed postmaster, and holds the position to the present time. In religion Mr. Peake and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and they are among the best people of the community.

JOHN BUNT, deceased. Ever since its settlement Lafayette county, Wis., has been noted for its fertile land and attractive inducements to settlers, but for many years the farming was so conducted as to bring no great measure of success to the resident. A change was wrought when a number of English agriculturists settled upon this beautiful rolling country, and began to practice those thrifty and

thorough methods of cultivating the soil which make of their own country a garden spot the world delights to see. Among those who made here an attractive home and almost revolutionized farming methods in his immediate locality was John Bunt, the subject of this sketch.

John Bunt was born in Cornwall, England, May 8, 1825, a son of Nicholas and Mary (Kay) Bunt, both of whom died in England, where John grew to manhood. In 1848 he there married Miss Elizabeth Sowden, a native of Cornwall also, born June 24, 1826, daughter of William and Elizabeth Sowden, both of whom lived out their honorable lives in their native country. Not long after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bunt came to America, and soon settled in the locality where they continued to make their home. Attracted to California by the tales of the riches of that country, Mr. Bunt went there in 1852, and remained until 1854, when he returned and bought the farm which he afterward converted into one of the finest in the county. Many of those who came to Wisconsin had been miners in England, but Mr. Bunt had been a farmer, and thoroughly understood the business in a scientific way, which was soon evidenced in the improvement which took place in the land he owned and operated. These methods of farming have since been adopted by many others in the locality, resulting in a state of perfection in agricultural activities which may well call forth words of admiration. This is conceded to be one of the richest agricultural districts in the whole State, and the farmers live as do the landed gentry of other countries, with their blooded cattle and stock, their handsome, modern residences, and all the culture and refinements of life.

Children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bunt as follows: Mary J., born in Elk Grove, Lafayette Co., Wis., married John Reed, a farmer near Galena, Ill., and has two children, Charles W. and Myrtle; Anna E. married James Nicholas, who resides at Cuba City, and has one son, John E.; William S. married a Mrs. Slater, of Pennsylvania, and resides on his farm in Ipswich, Wis.; John H. married Dorothy Clayton, of Elk Grove, and they reside on the old homestead at Elk Grove, with one son, John C.; Delia, a cultured, educated lady, has devoted her life to the care of her aged mother; Lewis M. married Mary McNett, and they reside on a part of the old homestead, it being

divided into two farms (they have three daughters, Hazel, Edna and Louise); Amy L. married Lewis McNett, who resides on a farm near Elmo, and they have two children, Ethel and Velma; Richard, after finishing a district-school education, graduated at the Platteville Business College, and then entered the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., but on account of ill health gave this up, and with his brother Charles located for a time on a ranch in Iowa; Charles, who was educated in the State Normal School, conducts the Iowa farm.

The death of Mr. Bunt took place on June 8, 1888. He left his family two large farms at Elk Grove, comprising several hundred acres of land under a high state of cultivation. As a stock raiser he had been very successful, his products in this line being always the best in the market. The home of Mr. Bunt had been made by him one of the most attractive in this part of the State, a beautiful lawn surrounding the elegant brick mansion, giving it an air of seclusion and refinement seldom observed in the ordinary country home.

For some time previous to his death Mr. Bunt had been troubled by a serious affection of the kidneys, but a naturally robust constitution prolonged his life. When the time of his release came he was sincerely mourned by the whole community, as he was universally respected and esteemed. Many in his vicinity had reason to know of his generosity and liberality, and, although he was never formally connected with any religious denomination, he was a liberal supporter of the M. E. Church, and his influence was always in the direction of morality. In 1897 Mrs. Bunt and her daughter Delia removed to Platteville, where they have rented a beautiful home, and they are among the most highly esteemed residents of that city.

EDWARD MACDONALD, M. D., one of the leading representatives of the medical profession at Cuba City, Grant county, has been very successful and built up a large and constantly increasing practice. Being a native of Grant county, the people of Cuba City feel especially proud of his distinction, recognizing in him a son of the county who is a credit to his birthplace.

Edward MacDonald was born at Rockville, Grant county, in July, 1851, a son of Henry

and Mary (Hall) MacDonald, of Scottish parentage, who married in the East and came to Wisconsin in the early days of this section of the country, settling in Grant county, where the mother died in 1878. Later Henry MacDonald married again, and moved to Wausau, Wis., where he died in June, 1898, deeply mourned by all who knew him. By his first marriage he had two sons, Edward (our subject) and William, the latter born in Harrison, Grant county, where he received a good common-school education; he is now a railroad man, residing in Tomahawk, Wis., is married to a native of the State, and has two daughters.

Our subject received his early education at the Platteville Normal, attending that institution of learning from 1869 to 1874, after which he taught school in Iowa and Lafayette counties for several terms. He then entered the Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, and later Rush Medical College, Chicago, graduating from the latter in the class of 1879, with honors. After his graduation Dr. MacDonald located at Hawkeye and New Albin, Iowa, where he followed his profession until his removal, in 1891, to Cuba City, where he purchased a beautiful home on Main street; he has since resided in the city, engaged in very successful practice. Keeping fully abreast of all the new discoveries in his profession, Dr. MacDonald brings to bear in his practice not only skill, but knowledge, and wisely treats his cases according to the latest scientific methods.

In 1881 Dr. MacDonald married Miss Maggie Gunand, of Belmont, Lafayette county, daughter of Justin and Margaret Gunand, old pioneers, of French extraction, of Lafayette county. Mrs. MacDonald was born in Lafayette county, where she grew to womanhood, and received her education. To this union one daughter has been born, Emily, a member of the class of 1902, Cuba City high school.

Politically Dr. MacDonald is a staunch Republican, but has never aspired to office. Fraternally he is a member of the F. & A. M., Lodge No. 185, Georgetown, Wis.; of the order of K. of P., Benton Lodge, No. 134; and of the Modern Woodmen, of Georgetown, Lodge No. 6084. Although Dr. MacDonald has been forced to rely upon his own efforts in the struggle of life, he has already succeeded wonderfully well, and is destined to secure still greater honors in his profession, as well



*Ed Mac Donald. M.A.*





as in private life, for he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen, and the regard of a large circle of friends.

SAMUEL ARTHUR is one of the prominent stock raisers and influential farmer citizens of Elk Grove township, Lafayette county. He was born in Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wis., Nov. 30, 1851, and his parents were John and Mary A. (Rolins) Arthur, both of whom were born in England. They came to this country and settled at Hazel Green as early as 1845, later moving to Platteville, where Mr. Arthur successfully followed mining for a number of years. His trade was that of a plasterer, which occupation he followed for some years prior to his retirement from active life, and he is now one of the respected residents of Platteville. The mother died in 1853, two sons surviving her, James and our subject.

James Arthur was born in Elk Grove township, grew to manhood in that locality, and learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed during his younger years. He married Emma Phillips, of Elk Grove, and they removed to Sioux City, Iowa, where he became a contractor, and then moved to Oto, Iowa, where he still resides, and is one of the prominent citizens of that town.

Our subject was educated in the Platteville schools and learned the trade of plasterer with his father, following same for some years. On account of ill health he was obliged to give up that work, and commenced to farm. In 1873 he was married to Miss Lydia Bennett, a daughter of Anson and Elvira Bennett, who was a graduate of the Platteville Normal School, and taught for a number of years in Lafayette and Grant counties. Our subject settled on the George Huntingdon farm, and there Mrs. Arthur died in June, 1876. In January, 1878, Mr. Arthur married Miss Sadie Robinson, who was born in Grant county in July, 1853, a daughter of Winthrop and Mary A. (Umpstead) Robinson, and received a fair education in East Dubuque and in Grant county. After this marriage our subject settled on his father's farm for the following three years, and then, in 1881, rented the Henry Scheel farm, near the Grant county line, in Elk Grove, which he still continues to occupy. It is a 400-acre farm, and Mr. Arthur's case in this respect is probably without a parallel in his section, he having paid Mr. Scheel over \$26,-

000, in cash, for rental. On this place he has erected good, substantial buildings, and he has one of the best cultivated farms in his locality. He owns a farm of 334 acres near Lancaster, which he rents.

The children of our subject's second union are: Samuel Willie, born in 1880, a bright young man, now taking a course in the Platteville Business College; Charles, born in 1884; Eva May, in 1886; Jennie, in 1889; John Lester, in 1890; Nelson, in 1892; and Clarence, in 1894. All of them are students in school.

Politically Mr. Arthur has been identified with the Republican party, and for a long time has held the office of road commissioner. He is one of the largest and most successful stock raisers of the locality, and is considered an authority on many agricultural matters. The esteem in which he and his refined and cultivated wife are held in the community is very genuine, and they may be justly regarded in the light of representative people of Elk Grove township.

FRANKLIN R. DERRICK is engaged in the fire insurance business in Brodhead, Green county, and is one of the leading men of the place in regard to general character, standing and personal integrity. He is a genial and courteous gentleman, and enjoys a wide circle of personal friends.

Mr. Derrick was born in Spring Grove, Green county, Wis., May 25, 1850, and is a son of Franklin H. and Harriet A. (Boslow) Derrick, natives of New York and Canada, respectively. A sketch of his father appears elsewhere in this work, to which the reader is referred for fuller information as to family history and ancestral data. It is said that the grandfather of Franklin R. walked from Illinois to New York guided by his compass. His maternal grandfather was John Boslow, was a native of Canada, and of German descent. He moved into Ohio, and early in the '40s came to Wisconsin, and followed farming in Green county, where he died well advanced in years. He was the father of a numerous family.

Franklin R. Derrick grew to manhood under the parental roof in the town of Spring Grove, and secured his education at the district school, and at the high school in Brodhead. He studied dentistry in this city, and was engaged in its practice about fifteen years. Tiring of

office practice he went on the road, and sold specialties for five years. In 1898 he bought the fire insurance business of Joseph Thompson, and is devoting himself to its expansion. Mr. Derrick was married, August 22, 1876, to Miss Arabella N. Moore, daughter of William H. and Susan (Moore) Mocre. To their union was born one daughter, who died in infancy. Mr. Derrick was formerly a Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist, and is a candidate on the State ticket of that party for the office of railroad commissioner.

BENJAMIN SHINOE (deceased) was a farmer in the town of Paris, Grant county, where he long sustained an enviable reputation as an honorable and upright man, a good citizen and an industrious and successful farmer.

Mr. Shinoe was born in Virginia Jan. 26, 1817, a son of Jeremiah and Deborah (Reed) Shinoe. The father was born in Rouen, France, and came to this country in 1806, settling first in Virginia, and then moving to Ohio. In 1853 he moved to Wisconsin, and made this State his home until his death. With his wife he is buried near Platteville. They had a large family, all of whom are deceased except four: (1) Oliver resides in the town of Waterloo, Grant county. (2) Jane is the wife of W. H. Cooper, of Cuba City. (3) Margaret is the widow of Joseph Head, of Platteville. (4) Annie is the wife of James Crisop, of Ohio.

Benjamin Shinoe reached his majority in Ohio, and there received part of his education in the public schools; he was also for a time in attendance upon a school in Virginia. When a young man, in Illinois, he married Miss Elizabeth McClees, daughter of William and Diana (Wells) McClees. William McClees was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and his wife was a native of Columbus, Ky. They married in Kentucky, but very soon afterward removed to Tazewell county, Ill., where he followed farming and died in 1841, his wife surviving him many years, and passing away in 1875, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Shinoe, who is the only one of the family now living. She obtained her education in the public schools of Tazewell county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shinoe found a home in the town of Paris, Grant county, in 1847, while it was still a part of the territory. Mr. Shinoe secured a quarter section of good farm land one and a half miles east of Dickeyville, and here he

cleared up a fine farm, making his home there until 1883. That year he purchased the "Big Platte Ferry Farm," a magnificent estate of 260 acres, where he made his home until his death, in 1899. Mr. Shinoe was a Republican, and long took an active part in political work.

To our subject and wife were born twelve children: (1) Lewis, the eldest son, born in Grant county, grew up at home, married Miss Nancy Rister, and is now residing on his farm in the town of Paris. His family consists of two children, William H. and Cora, the latter now the wife of Martin Bolan, of Paris. (2) Mary, born in February, 1849, is now the widow of Cyrus A. Hornbeck, a veteran of the Civil war: she has had six children, Melvin H., Albert, Orvil L., George, Minnie E., and Earl. (3) Josephine, born in Paris in 1850, married Henry Harvey, and moved to Farley, Iowa, where he died, leaving a wife and five children, Alfred, Mortimer, Guy E., Viola and Walter. (4) Albert, born Oct. 24, 1852, has had an extensive and varied experience. He obtained his education in the public schools. When a boy of seventeen years he lost his right hand by accident, in a threshing machine. During his early manhood he was engaged in railroading, and had a situation on the barges on the Mississippi river. As a homesteader he located near Lake Superior, in Wisconsin, where he remained three years, and in 1894 went to Montana, spending some months as a prospector in that region. On the death of his father he came back to Wisconsin, and has remained with his widowed mother to the present time, never having married. (5) Sophia, born in January, 1855, is the wife of George Rich, of Dubuque, Iowa, where he is engaged as a ship carpenter. They have a family of four children, Florence, Lottie, Jessie and Raymond. (6) Dianna D., born in Paris Feb. 28, 1857, is the wife of Henry Miller, a machinist of Minneapolis. (7) Viola, born Nov. 18, 1859, is the wife of Capt. L. Brenen, of West Superior, Wis., where he has a good standing as one of the leading steamboat captains on the Lakes. They have two children, Olive and Ethel. (8) Margaret J., born in November, 1861, married William Sheffield, and is now living in Dubuque, Iowa, where their two sons, Claude and Clarence, are attending the city schools. (9) Elizabeth, born in April, 1864, married Fred Johns and lived in Cuba City, where he died, leaving one daughter, Huldah.

Mrs. Johns later married Benjamin Magner, and now resides in Minneapolis. To this union one son has been born. (10) Benjamin, born in September, 1866, married Miss Catherine Jungles, and they have one daughter, Maud S. He is now a ship builder in West Superior, Wis. (11) Charles H., born June 9, 1869, grew up on the homestead, where he is still living with his mother. (12) Minnie died in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Shinoe celebrated their Golden Wedding, and she now holds her badge as one of the members of the Wisconsin State Centennial.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shince is a member of the Christian Church, with which she united when a young girl. She is a lady of character and ability, is the present health officer of the town of Paris, and is now vice-president of the Union Church Society. She was elected president of the Soldiers Aid Society, serving during the Civil war. Mrs. Shinoe comes of old patriotic stock, and her grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. She is well versed in national affairs, is a strong advocate of prohibition, and is a cultured lady, engaging in her manners, and of charming conversational ability.

GEORGE ZIMMERMANN, one of the well-known veterans of the war of the Rebellion located in Grant county, is a native of Bavaria, Germany, where he was born, May 28, 1836, a son of Joseph and Mary Ann Zimmermann. When the subject of this sketch was still a boy his parents decided to leave their native land and seek a new home across the ocean. Severing the ties of a lifetime, these worthy people made the long and dangerous journey, and after landing in the United States located at Buffalo, where they remained until their death.

The spirit of emigration burned, however, in the breast of their son, and in 1854 George Zimmermann left the parental roof-tree, and setting his face westward, journeyed throughout the West, and finally, in 1858, settled in Prairie du Chien, Wis., the next year locating in Elgin, Fayette county, Iowa. In his native land this young man had learned the trade of wagonmaker, and he has followed it all his life. When the Civil war broke out, like so many German-Americans, George Zimmermann entered the service of the United States army, being enrolled in 1862 as a member of

Company H, 38th Reg., I. V. I., for three years. Mr. Zimmermann was mustered in at Dubuque, Iowa, and soon after left for the seat of war, participating in many important engagements, including the siege of Vicksburg, under Gen. Grant; capture of Forts Morgan and Blakely, and many others. At Houston, Texas, Mr. Zimmermann received an honorable discharge, in 1865, and obtained his final pay, from the government, at Davenport, Iowa. Shortly after the war Mr. Zimmermann located at Prairie du Chien, Wis., where he successfully followed his trade, and remained until 1873, removing then to Mount Hope, and two years later to the neighboring village of Patch Grove, where he lived about eight years, and then returned to Mt. Hope, where he has since made his home, and is now engaged in the repairing and making of wagons.

In 1859 Mr. Zimmermann was married to Miss Henrietta Koepp, a native of Germany, and seven children have been born to this worthy couple: A. G., an attorney of Madison, Wis., recently elected county judge; Mary, now Mrs. U. T. Schneyer, of Mount Hope; Oscar S., who displayed the same patriotic spirit that so many years ago animated his good father by enlisting at Tomah, Wis., and going to Porto Rico, as a member of Company K, 3d Wis. Regt., in the late war with Spain, and his family mourn his death, which occurred in Porto Rico in 1898; George J., principal of the Mt. Hope high schools; Fred J., cashier and stockholder in a mercantile establishment at Fennimore, Wis.; Edwin L., a journalist at Fargo, N. Dak.; and Miss Lou, a teacher.

Few men have better demonstrated their love for their country than has this brave old soldier, who not only risked his own life, but offered up his young son on the altar of his country's honor; and during the long years of peaceful citizenship has done his duty as a man, a husband and a father, and therefore justly enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen.

JOHN R. MUFFLEY is one of the earliest residents of Boscobel, and among the pioneers of the State, having emigrated to Wisconsin in 1846, two years before it was admitted to the Union.

Mr. Muffley was born in Westmoreland

county, about thirty miles from Pittsburg. Penn., Jan. 22, 1824, son of Joseph and Eliza (Echols) Muffley, both natives of Pennsylvania. Joseph Muffley was a son of John Muffley, a soldier of the Revolution, who fought in that war for six years, was a school teacher, and when the subject of this sketch was ten years old, removed his family from the old homestead of the grandfather to a new home, a few miles from Greensburg, the county seat, where he continued teaching, both English and German. When he died he was buried in the old cemetery where his father was interred, not far from the old homestead. The mother made her home with her children after his death, finally passing away at the age of eighty-nine, in 1894, while residing with her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Houghtatalling, in Martin county, Minn. There were eight sons and two daughters in this family, and six of the sons and one daughter are still living at this writing, in 1900.

John R. Muffley grew to manhood in his native State, learning the trade of cabinet-maker, but as soon as he had served his apprenticeship he decided to come West, and started with a young man named John Fritz, who had been a fellow apprentice, and the latter's brother, Conrad Fritz. These three started from home March 17, 1846, and reached Galena, Ill., April 3 following, making the trip from Pittsburg by water, down the Ohio to St. Louis, and thence to Galena, on a boat named "La Clede." From Galena they went directly to Fairplay, town of Jamestown, Grant Co., Wis., where our subject made his home, has worked for a short time at his trade, but soon engaged in carpenter work, and followed that occupation for many years. Among other things, John R. Muffley also tried mining, meeting with considerable success, and in 1854 entered a half section of land in the town of Watterstown, about two miles east of Boscobel. Two years later, a few months before the completion of the railroad to this point, Mr. Muffley removed to Boscobel and purchased two lots in anticipation of the growth of the place, erecting a residence on his lots. The winter following was so severe that but little work of any kind was done, but the following spring he found plenty of employment as a carpenter and also throughout the season. In the fall of the same year Mr. Muffley purchased a carload of furniture and embarked in

the furniture business, which he has successfully pursued ever since. In 1858 Mr. Muffley erected the building he has since occupied as a place of business.

On May 18, 1851, John Muffley was married to Miss Mary Jane McCormic, a native of Ohio, born April 20, 1833, a daughter of Ezekiel McCormic, one of the pioneers of Grant county. Seven children have been born of this union, four sons and three daughters, of which three sons and two daughters are living in 1901: Eliza J., born April 11, 1852, on Easter Day, married Morris Wells, of Northfield, Minn.; William A., born July 17, 1856, a resident of Kansas City, Mo.; Charles E., born in the building which has been occupied so many years, Aug. 12, 1863, and associated with his father in business; John R., born Sept. 8, 1872, a resident of Boscobel; Harriet P., born Jan. 11, 1854, widow of H. P. Hackney, who died in Nebraska in December, 1899. Those deceased are: Franklin J., born May 17, 1858, died July, 1891, and Luella May, who died at the age of two.

John R. Muffley has seen Boscobel grow from a hamlet to its present size, and has been an important factor in its material welfare. For fifty-four years he has been in business here, and is still hearty and active, notwithstanding his age. Although reared in the Democratic school, Mr. Muffley entered the ranks of the newly formed Republican party, voted for John C. Fremont, and has ever since supported the candidates of that organization. For thirty-six years Mr. and Mrs. Muffley have been consistent members of the Congregational Church, and both are worthy and highly esteemed people.

**THOMAS MAHER.** Coming from his native Ireland to America when a young man, our subject, by energy and economy, combined with the honest qualities which have gained him friends all through life, has conquered the disadvantages which limited means entailed, and is now one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of Sylvester township, Green county.

Thomas Maher was born June 28, 1827, in Kilkenny, Ireland, where he grew to manhood. He became anxious to make a home and competency under more favorable conditions than were offered in his own locality, and, leaving his parents, Dennis and Honor (Whalen)

Maher, in the old country, he set sail Feb. 25, 1852, and reached New York on the 28th of the following month. He remained in that State, engaged at various kinds of work, until 1857, when he came to Milwaukee, soon afterward—about 1858—locating in Green county, and settling on the fine farm he now owns in 1890. Mr. Maher has been one of the most energetic and industrious farmers of his locality.

Our subject was united in marriage in 1862 to Miss Julia McDonall, a native of Oswego, Ill., born Sept. 27, 1846, and this union has been blessed with a most excellent and interesting family, who have become esteemed citizens of the neighborhood, viz.: Dennis, born in 1863; James, in 1864; Nora, in 1866; Catherine, in 1867; Michael, in 1869; Margaret, in 1871; John, in 1873; Charles, in 1875; Thomas, Jr., in 1876; Julia Ann, in 1878; Ellen, in 1882; Mary, in 1885; Edmond, in 1887.

Born in the faith of the Catholic Church, Mr. Maher has continued an earnest advocate of its principles. The views of the Democratic party are those best suited to his own, and he has voted the ticket of that organization since he obtained the rights of a citizen of this country. By sheer pluck Mr. Maher has worked his way to his present position among his neighbors, and receives from them well-deserved esteem for his many excellent traits of character.

JOHN McCLAIN is a well-known farmer in the town of Paris, Grant county, who has lived a long and useful life, devoted to honest industry and manly purposes, and is still alert and vigorous.

Mr. McClain was born in Warren county, Tenn., Sept. 15, 1827, and is a son of Matthew and Mary (Holland) McClain. The father was born in South Carolina in 1797, and the mother came from North Carolina. They were married in Tennessee, and lived in that State until 1830, the time of her death, when father and son journeyed westward to Jefferson county, Ill., where they found a home for some two years, and in June, 1843, came into Wisconsin to work in the lead mines near Potosi.

In the spring of 1850 John McClain crossed the Plains to seek a fortune in the gold fields of California. Four months were required to

make the journey. The Indians were numerous and dangerous, and the little company in which he traveled had many close calls for their lives. John McClain met with remarkable success in mining, and in three months took thirteen thousand dollars from his claim. With this he returned to Wisconsin and purchased from Nelson Dowe a tract of wild land near Potosi, on which he made extensive improvements, clearing it up, and making a fine farm, on which he lived for some years. In 1852 he married Miss Annie Rupp, the daughter of John and Margaret (Houff) Rupp, both born in the Rhine country, Germany. Mr. Rupp and his family came to Pennsylvania in 1836, where he worked as a mason until 1842, when he came West to Wisconsin. Mrs. Rupp died in Pennsylvania a short time before the removal of the family to the West. Mr. Rupp died at Potosi. Mrs. McClain was born in Germany in 1834, and spent the latter part of her girlhood in Wisconsin.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McClain went to Kansas in 1857, with the intention of making a permanent home in that State. After a thorough inspection they were satisfied Grant county offered more attractions for a farming career, and they came back to Wisconsin. Mr. McClain purchased an extensive tract of wild land in Grant county, to which he has added from time to time until he now owns a choice farm of five hundred acres, over half of which is under cultivation. In 1868 he put up fine and substantial farm buildings, and from time to time has improved and beautified his residence until this has become one of the more desirable country homes in Southwestern Wisconsin. For many years, in addition to his ordinary farming, he has carried on extensive operations in raising stock. Mr. and Mrs. John McClain have had a family of twelve children: (1) John, born in Grant county in 1853, married Miss Grace Thurtell, and lives on his farm and cattle ranch in South Dakota. They have five children: John, Grace, Bertha, Glenn and Henry. (2) George, born in Grant county in 1855, married Miss Laura Shadrick, and is a farmer in the town of Paris. They have three sons, Charles, Arthur, and Willard. (3) Mary, born in 1857, is the wife of David Wilson, and lives in the town of Paris. They have three children: George, John and Alice. (4) Mar-

garet, born in 1859, married S. S. Vannatta, who is a farmer in the town of Harrison. They have four children: Albert, Maggie, Hattie, and Lillian. (5) Albert, born in 1861, married Miss Alice Richards, of British Hollow, and lives in South Dakota, where he does an extensive business as a horse dealer, buying for the eastern markets. They have two children, Bessie and Mabel. (6) Charles, born in April, 1864, died in 1879, in the flower of his early manhood. (7) Laura, born in May, 1866, is the wife of Antone Rupp, a resident farmer in the town of Harrison. They have three children: George, Archie, and Florence. (8) Edward, born July 8, 1868, had a good education in the high school at Valparaiso, was for some eight or ten years a miner in Colorado, and now lives at Deadwood, S. Dak. (9) Henry, born at the present family home in September, 1870, went to the Alaska gold fields in 1895, making three journeys to that region, and met with a rich reward for all his privations and perils. The young man returned in 1899, and is now a resident of his father's home. (10) Thomas, born in 1872, died when fifteen years of age. (11) Annie, born in July, 1875, is now the wife of George Woodrome, of Jefferson county, Ill., and the mother of one son, George H. (12) Archie, born in April, 1882, was a student in the Normal, preparing at Platteville for a teacher's career, and is now at home.

Mr. McClain was formerly a Whig, but later supported the Democratic party. In 1896 he voted the Republican ticket, and is now strongly in favor of territorial expansion. For forty-one years without a break he has held the office of school district treasurer in the town of Paris, and has never been requested to give bonds. Mr. McClain has also served on the town board. He started in life without a dollar, and by his own industry and thrift has come to be one of the most prosperous and extensive farmers and stock dealers of this part of the State. The confidence and esteem of the community are extended to him without measure, and his reputation for honesty and integrity is not questioned.

**ALPHEUS N. McDONALD.** Among the respected citizens of Beetown township, Grant county, is the subject of this review. A native of the township, he was born March 21, 1837, a son of Joseph and Rebecca McDon-

ald, the former of whom came to Grant county among the earliest pioneers. The mother of our subject came to the county some time later than her husband, and here they passed the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1854, the mother surviving until 1876. The survivors of their family are: Alpheus N., our subject; William; Mrs. Minerva McElhaney; and Mrs. Margaret McGahan. William served in the Civil war from 1861-65, as a member of the 44th Wis. V. I., valiantly doing his duty to his country.

Our subject became a soldier in the Union army in August, 1864, entering Company H, 43d Wis. V. I., and was with his regiment during the whole term of his enlistment, except for about two months, when he was sent to a hospital at Nashville, later to Louisville, Ky., and thence to Quincy, Ill., the surgeon fearing for his life unless he was sent into northern air. Mr. McDonald has never fully recovered, and he has just cause for pride in his record as a soldier.

The marriage of our subject to Miss Mary Jane Hayden, a sister of J. M. Hayden, of Beetown, was celebrated in 1855, and a family of nine children has been born to them, two sons and three daughters living. Mr. McDonald is one of the respected and industrious citizens of Beetown, where he and his family have resided so long.

**WILLIAM HARTWIG** in his life filled an honorable place among the industrious and useful citizens of Green county, who were content to return an honest day for a day's wages, and glad to deal squarely and fairly with all they met.

Mr. Hartwig was born in Germany in 1825, and married Sophie Haberman in his native land, the young couple coming to the United States in 1849. Here Mr. Hartwig made the beginning of an industrious and highly useful career by doing day's work. His children were: (1) Christian, born in 1850, married Elizabeth Henn. (2) William, born in 1852, married Mary Ansmeir, and died in 1887. (3) Ferdinand, born in 1855, died thirty years later. (4) Mary, born in 1861, married Ferdinand Ausmus, a farmer in Green county. Mrs. Sophie Hartwig, born in 1825, survives her husband, who died in 1890.

Mr. Hartwig was in very desperate circumstances at the time of his arrival in Wisconsin,

but his industry, economy and unflinching integrity, aided by the efforts of his faithful wife, in the course of a few years greatly changed conditions, and he soon became one of the large land owners of the county. He was a Republican politically, and a member of the Evangelical Church at Juda, Wis. Mr. Hartwig in his later years disposed of the greater part of his farming land, and was about to move to Juda, where he had bought property and planned to spend his old age with his cherished wife, when he died. Mrs. Hartwig lives in Juda, and her granddaughter, Miss Lydia Hartwig, lives with her, and is highly cherished by her acquaintances. Mrs. Hartwig has been a member of the Evangelical Church for many years.

NICHOLAS FUNK, deceased. This is the name of an honest and hard-working son of Germany, who came to Wisconsin, and gave his life to the development of Grant county. He was modest and unassuming in his personal habits, but was a man of genuine worth, and he is remembered most kindly and regretfully by those who knew him best.

Mr. Funk was born in Prussia in 1827, where he was reared to manhood. He had his education in the Prussian schools, and remained in the Old World until he was a full-grown man. In 1856 he emigrated to this country, and settled in Grant county, Wis., where he followed the occupation of a lead miner at Potosi. In 1859 he married Miss Mary Schordt, who was born in Germany in 1841. She was the daughter of John and Mary (Pick) Schordt, and her mother died in the old country in 1856. Her father with his two children, Mary and her brother, Frank, now of Grant county, came to this country. In 1866 Mr. Funk bought a farm of eighty-two acres on the line of Harrison and Platteville townships. There he erected good substantial buildings, and made his home until he died, in May, 1891, leaving a wife and ten children. (1) Katie, the eldest, is now the wife of Frank School; they live in Rockville, Iowa, and in their family of children are, Peter, Nicholas, Albert, Jennie, Nellie, Arthur and Leo. (2) Mary is the wife of Herman Lankamp, of the town of Harrison, and is the mother of two children, Mary and Susan. (3) Gertie is the wife of Nicholas Heinze, of Grant county, Wis., and is the mother of Louisa, Annie, Herman, William and

Tressie. (4) Annie, born on the present homestead, in Grant county, married Joseph Reiter, of Bremer county, Iowa, and is the mother of Mary, Susan, Frankie and John. (5) Lizzie is the wife of Nicholas Lipfred, resides at Sherburne, Martin county, Minn., and has eight children. (6) Susan, now the wife of Peter Linden, lives in the town of Platteville, and is the mother of four children, Katie, Mary, Laura, and Joseph. (7) Maggie, wife of John Langkamp, now resides in the town of Harrison, and is the mother of three children, Willie, Leo and Josephine. (8) NICHOLAS H. FUNK, the only son, was born on the old homestead, Feb. 17, 1877, and was educated in the public schools. Since the death of his father the charge of the homestead has fallen upon his shoulders, and he has tenderly cared for his aged mother. His ability as a farmer, and his honest and open-hearted nature, have brought him to the front. On May 30, 1900, he married Mary A. Doyle, of Platteville, where she acquired a fine education in the Normal School, attending that institution in 1896 and 1897. Her parents are highly respected citizens of Platteville. Through his careful management the farm has constantly improved in value. (9) Josephine is now the wife of Robert Lyght, of Big Patch, Grant county, and has one son, Lester. (10) Lena was born at the old homestead, and lives with her mother. Mr. Funk was a Democrat, and Nicholas H., his son, votes the same ticket. The Funk family are members of the Catholic Church at Platteville, and are counted among the best people of the county. Its various members have led clean and careful lives, avoided the tongue of slander, and have developed an enviable reputation for charity and neighborly deeds.

ISAAC G. DEWITT, ex-postmaster of Wingville, Grant county, is a veteran soldier of the Civil war, and a man of prominence in his locality. He was born in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1843, a son of Peter and Lavina (Bowles) DeWitt. Peter DeWitt was a native of New Jersey, and a prominent physician and surgeon, who came with his family, to Grant county, in 1853, locating later at Montfort, Lafayette county, where he remained until his death, on Nov. 21, 1882. His second wife did not long survive. To Peter DeWitt were born children as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Loy, who died in 1899, the widow of an ex-soldier; Martin, resi-



dent of Kansas; Mary A. married and residing in Nebraska; Thomas B., of Montfort; John, who enlisted in 1861, in the 6th Missouri; and was killed in April, 1866, while in old Mexico; and Isaac G.

Isaac G. DeWitt was educated in Wisconsin. In July, 1862, he enlisted at Montfort, in Company F, 20th Wis. V. I., and served for three years, participating in the battles of Prairie Grove, Yazoo City, siege of Vicksburg; was stationed at New Orleans, at Spanish Fort, and at Fort Blakely, and other points, being honorably discharged, in August, 1865, at Madison, where each soldier received the money due him. During the entire war, Mr. DeWitt proved himself a brave soldier, and his record is one of which he and his children may well be proud. After the war he engaged in newspaper work. During President Harrison's administration, Mr. DeWitt was honored by the appointment of postmaster, which office he filled with credit.

In 1884, Mr. DeWitt married Miss A. Taylor, a native of Hazel Green, Grant county, and a daughter of James T. and Anna Taylor, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work, who settled in Hazel Green in 1848. Mrs. DeWitt's father is still living, residing in Montfort, but her mother died some years ago. To Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt were born three interesting children: Martin Roy, Jesse Alfred and Daisy L.

In political matters, Mr. DeWitt has always been an adherent to the principles of the Republican party, and takes an important part in local affairs. Coming of one of the old pioneer families of the State, being himself a man of education, well read, conversant with the leading questions of the day, Mr. DeWitt is a pleasant companion, and has made his influence felt in the community in which he resides, and where he is so highly respected.

PETER B. LIPPOLT, a popular and successful farmer in the town of Paris, Grant county, is a native of the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, where he was born March 6, 1831, and there his parents, Wende and Christina Lippolt, were also born and died.

Mr. Lippolt came to this country alone in 1857, worked a year in a factory near Freeport, Penn., and then removed to Philadelphia, where he had factory work until 1860, the year of his coming West. While in Philadelphia he

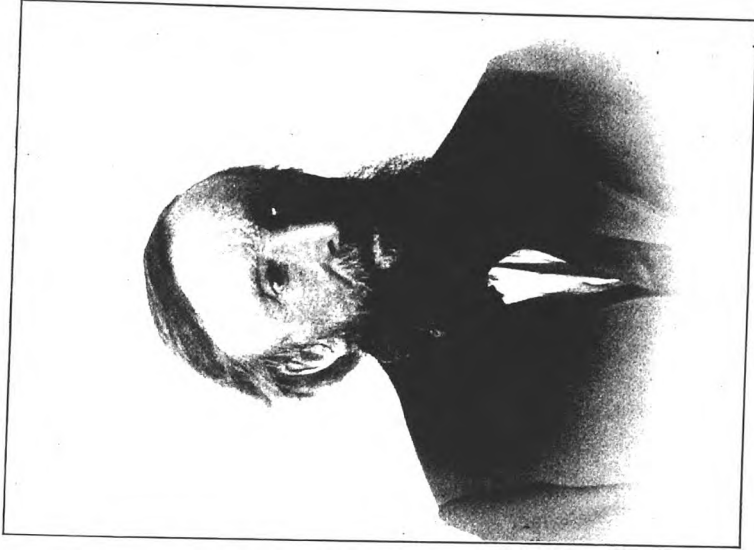
married Miss Elizabeth Harmon, a German born and bred young lady. Together they came to Wisconsin and settled at Platteville, where he found work for a time among the neighboring farmers, and then purchased a small farm near the line of the towns of Platteville and Paris, settling down to the work of making a home. The breaking out of the Civil war stirred the military fever of his race, and he enlisted in Company B, 43d Wis. V. I., serving in the Army of the Tennessee, and receiving his honorable discharge at Nashville in June, 1865. As a soldier he did his duty well, and participated in several serious battles.

After the war Mr. Lippolt came home sick and broken in health, and was able to do very little work for several years. Mrs. Lippolt died in March, 1875, leaving one daughter, Fredricka, who is now the wife of John Shambo, living near Platteville. Mr. Lippolt subsequently married Miss Louisa Clare, a daughter of John and Magdaline Clare, old pioneers of Grant county, and to this union have been born four children: (1) George, born in 1877, is unmarried, and is a resident of Grant county. (2) Louisa, born in 1879, is the wife of Melvin Bowman, who resides on his farm in Paris, Grant county. They have one daughter, Gladys. (3) Miss Lena, born in June, 1882, lives at home. (4) William, born in 1885, is at home.

In politics Mr. Lippolt has always been a staunch Republican, and he is a member of Sherman Post, G. A. R., at Platteville. He is also a member of the German Hutten Lodge, of Philadelphia. In religion both he and his wife are members of the Platteville Lutheran Church, to which for many years he has been a liberal contributor, and while it was building he took an active part in its behalf. He is still one of its strongest friends, and was an officer in the organization for a number of years. As a worthy citizen and an upright man his standing is beyond reproach.

THOMAS LEWIS, one of the wealthy retired farmers of Albany, Green county, is the subject of this review, and his life history begins away across the ocean, in Radnorshire, Wales, where he was born Oct. 19, 1829. His paternal and maternal grandfathers, John Lewis and Robert Lewis, respectively, were natives of Wales, and spent their whole lives in that land, where they were agriculturists.

David Lewis, the father of our subject,



*Margaret Lewis Thomas Lewis*



was born in Wales, and there married Sarah Lewis, to which union came a family of seven children: Thomas (our subject), John, Emma, Martha, Richard, Sarah and Frances. John, Emma, Sarah and Frances are still residing in Wales; the others are deceased. David Lewis died when about sixty years old, and his wife has also passed away. She was one of thirteen children.

Thomas Lewis was reared on a farm in Wales, and came to America in 1854. His educational advantages were meager in his native land, but since his location in the United States he has not only learned the language, but has become a well-informed man. The first nine months in America he passed in Waukesha county, Wis., and later came to Green county, where he first purchased forty acres of fine land in Albany township, subsequently adding 160 acres in Brooklyn, and another 149 acres in Albany. Mr. Lewis lived in Albany until 1888, at which time he rented out his farms and moved into the town, where he purchased a very comfortable home.

In 1855 our subject was married to Mrs. Margaret (Jones) Swancott, the widow of John Swancott, and a daughter of John and Mary (Sheen) Jones, both of whom were natives of Wales, where Mrs. Lewis was born Nov. 7, 1823. Her father died in Albany township, aged sixty-eight years; his father, who bore the name of Edward Jones, died in Wales. The mother of Mrs. Lewis died March 31, 1845, aged fifty-seven years; she was a worthy woman, and had long been identified with the Episcopal Church. William Sheen, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Lewis, was a farmer in Wales. By her first marriage Mrs. Lewis had nine children: Philip, John, David, Mary, Elizabeth, David (2), Thomas, David (3), and John (2), all now deceased except Philip and John (2). Philip married Kate Flint, and resides in South Dakota; he has two children, Earl and Maggie. John married Judie Butts, and has one daughter, Luella; they reside in Brooklyn, on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have had two children: Hiram, who died when five years old; and William A., who married Miss Jane Williams, and resides on the farm; they have five children, Della, Orrin, Ray, Inez and Birdie.

Mrs. Lewis owns a fine farm of eighty acres in Albany township, Mr. Lewis also retaining a farm of 189 acres, having sold his

tract of 160 acres in the fall of 1900. Since 1888 our subject and estimable wife have resided in comfort in the pleasant town of Albany, where they enjoy the comforts suited to their age and circumstances. Although no politician, and opposed to joining any of the political parties, Mr. Lewis exercises his right to the ballot, but reserves to his own judgment the decision as to which is the best man for the position. Although not formally connected with any religious denomination, both Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are Christian people in their daily living, kind to the needy, generous to worthy objects, and they are among the most respected citizens of Albany.

GUSTAV CANDLER, an honored pioneer settler of Cassville, Grant county, and one of the brave defenders of the Union during the Civil war, was born in Brandenburg, Germany, in 1822, a son of John and Catharine (Schon) Candler, lifelong residents of that country, where the father died in 1865. He served as a soldier in the German army in 1813. His wife long survived him, dying in 1885, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Only two of their family came to America, these being Gustav and Adolph. The latter located in Chicago in 1851, but is now a resident of Colorado.

The boyhood and youth of Gustav Candler were passed in his native land, and he served in the German army from 1842 to 1844, and again during part of the years 1849, 1850 and 1851. Bidding good-by to home and friends in 1852, he sailed from Hamburg, and after a long and wearisome voyage of sixty-three days landed in New York. After stopping for a short time in Chicago, he went to Minnesota, and in 1855 took up his residence in Cassville, Wis., where he still makes his home. He is now interested in bee culture, and has an apiary of seventy stands. For many years, however, he followed the carpenter's trade, but has now retired from that business.

His loyalty to his adopted country was manifested during the Civil war by his enlistment, in 1862, in Company C, 25th Wis. V. I., for three years or during the war. Mr. Candler was mustered into service at Cassville as fourth corporal, and was promoted to sergeant in July, 1864. His regiment became a part of the 16th and later the 17th Army Corps, of the

Western Army, under command of Gen. Sherman, and was in the battles of Buzzards Roost, Atlanta and Dalton. Mr. Candler was on picket duty at Dalton for a time, later was in the Carolina campaign, and participated in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C. Before being sent to the actual seat of war the 25th Wisconsin was sent to Minnesota, against the Indians at New Ulm. From there they went to Vicksburg, where the whole regiment, with the exception of sixty men, became sick. They then proceeded to Chattanooga and Atlanta. Being laid up with a bad foot, Mr. Candler was away from his regiment some time, but returned in the spring of 1865. This regiment lost 365 men from sickness alone, and fifty-six in battle. He received his discharge in Washington, D. C., in June, 1865, and was paid off and mustered out of service at Madison.

In 1866, at Galena, Ill., Mr. Candler was united in marriage with Miss Johanna Baensch, also a native of Germany, and to them were born two children: Matilda and Adolph, both residents of Chicago. Socially Mr. Candler affiliates with Joseph Mueller Post, No. 218, G. A. R., of Cassville, and politically is identified with the Republican party. He was a member of the town council of Cassville for two years, and is one of its most highly respected and honored citizens.

IVER JACOBSON, the proprietor of the well-known Jacobson homestead farm of 200 acres in Sections 33 and 34, in the town of Clinton, Rock county, is in possession of a magnificent rural estate, which has long been held by the family, and which became his in 1890. He is a good type of the American farmer, intelligent, courteous and hospitable, a man of steady habits, inured to hard work, and doing his business with his mind as well as with his hands.

Mr. Jacobson was born in Beloit, Rock county, May 22, 1855. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and attended the district school and Clinton Academy, working for his father until 1876. That year he began to work as a carpenter in Clinton, and followed the trade for two years. Then he went to South Dakota, and took up a homestead of 160 acres in Brookings county. In 1879 he constructed the first building in Brookings, now a city of considerable importance. In 1880 Mr. Jacobson returned to Rock county,

where he worked at his trade two years. He spent about the same time in North Dakota, as a foreman of an elevator building company, and was grain buyer two seasons. In 1884 he came back once more to Rock county, this time to stay, and took charge of his father's farm, which he managed for him several years, buying it in 1890.

Mr. Jacobson and Miss Bessie Larson were married in Clinton May 29, 1890. Mrs. Jacobson is a daughter of Nels and Martha Larson, who were at that time living in Clinton, Mr. Larson having come here from Chicago, where he was a wagon maker, that he might spend his last days on a farm. He died on his farm in the town of Clinton Nov. 20, 1894, at the age of seventy-two.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson have four children, Martha, Nina, Julius and Ella. He has held the office of supervisor five years in succession, and was on the county board for two years. He is a steadfast member of the Lutheran Church, and politically a strong adherent of the Republican party.

Jacob Jacobson, the father of Iver, was born in Norway in November, 1824, a son of Jacob Jacobson, a farmer. He was married in 1850 to Miss Randie Iverson, at Racine, Wis., having come to Wisconsin two years before his wedding, and worked at the carpenter trade two years in that city. He spent two years each at Janesville and at Beloit, and from Beloit came to Clinton, where he bought 100 acres, the nucleus of the present farm. He and his wife still live here, in the home of their son Iver. They have had ten children, of whom six are now living.

NATHANIEL PRESTON (deceased) was long and favorably known in Green county. Born June 13, 1822, in Portsmouth, England, he was the only child of Nathaniel and Mary (Peters) Preston, both of London, the former of whom kept a shoe store at Portsmouth.

Nathaniel Preston, Jr., came to this country after the death of his father, bringing his mother with him, and lived for a time in Cincinnati, Ohio. From that city they removed to Monroe, Wis., and later to the town of Jefferson. In England he married Mary Dixon, who died there, leaving two sons: William, now a farmer of Brownsville, Ore., who married Lizzie South, of Monroe; and Nathaniel,

a miner of Butte, Montana. Both were reared to manhood by Mrs. Charlotte Preston, whom they still regard with filial affection. On June 12, 1852, Mr. Preston married Miss Charlotte Cook, of Rock county, Wis., who was the daughter of John J. and Charlotte E. (Stopforth) Cook, both natives of England, of pure Saxon origin. Two children were born to them, one son and one daughter: Mary Ellen Preston, born Nov. 2, 1853, is now the wife of W. S. Pengra, a retired farmer, living in Madison, Wis.; and Arthur T. Preston, born July 18, 1856, married Susan Newman, and owns a fine farm in the town of Jefferson. Nathaniel Preston died in 1857, an exemplary citizen, a kind neighbor, and a loving husband and father. A strong advocate of the principles of the Republican party, he gave that party his adhesion on its formation, having been an Abolitionist previous to that time.

Mrs. Preston, when left a widow, had nothing but their farm of eighty acres, which was partially paid for. However, by hard work and good judgment, she managed to remove the encumbrance from it, reared her children to a useful life, and is now prosperous and well thought of in the community. Coming from a fine old English family, she was born June 21, 1831. Having come with her father and her stepmother into Wisconsin in 1843, practically her entire life has been spent in this State. John J. Cook, her father, became one of the leading citizens of Rock county, and was justice of the peace for more than twenty years. Farming was his life work. Mrs. Preston is now residing with her son on the home place, where they have a fine home and splendid outbuildings. As honorable people and upright members of the community their standing is without question. Mrs. Preston is a bright and interesting lady. With a good education, in her younger days she taught school in Green county for six years, continuing one year after her marriage. Like her husband, she has been associated during her entire life with the Episcopal Church. A good woman, a Christian spirit, a loving mother, and a devoted grandmother, her name is very precious to those who know her best.

MRS. MARY J. SHINOE, not now actively interested in the business cares which absorbed her attention for many years, and living quietly and at her ease in the town of Paris,

Grant county, was born in Allegheny county, Penn., Aug. 18, 1838.

Alexander and Jane (Dalgril) McPherson, her parents, were both natives of Scotland, where they were reared. While they were still young people they came to Allegheny county, Penn., and there they were married and made their home some five or six years. Mr. McPherson was a shoemaker, and followed his trade while living in Pennsylvania. In 1844 Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, with their family, moved West, and effected a settlement at the mouth of the Big and Little Platte rivers, in Grant county, where he ran a ferry boat for a number of years. While living on the Platte he purchased a farm of 160 acres of wild land two miles west of Dickeyville. This place he cleared up, erected good farm buildings, and made a comfortable home for his family, occupying same until 1881, when he sold out and moved to Phillipsburg, Kans. There he purchased a home and lived until his death, in 1898. Mrs. McPherson died in 1882, in Kansas. Of their family of nine children, three died while children: (1) Mary J., Mrs. Shinoe, was their eldest child, and received her education in the common schools of Grant county. (2) James McPherson, the eldest son and second child, was born in Pennsylvania in 1840, and died while a soldier in the Civil war. He was a member of Company I, 25th Wis. V. I. (3) Robert McPherson, born in Pennsylvania in 1844, was a soldier in the Civil war, serving until its close as a member of the 33d Wis. V. I. He married Miss Montie Dickey, of Dickeyville, Grant county, and now resides on a farm near Phillipsburg, Kans. They have three children, Frank, Estella and Maggie. (4) Alex McPherson, born in Grant county, enlisted when a boy of sixteen in the 43d Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the Rebellion. Returning from the war, he married Miss Henrietta Meighey, and now resides on his farm in the town of Paris. They a family of nine children, Estella, Alex, John, Arthur, Emaline, Bessie, Maggie, Gertrude, and Etta. (5) William McPherson, born in Grant county, is married, and now lives in Ironton, Iowa. He is the father of four children; we have record of three. Susan, Jennie, and William. (6) Julia McPherson, born in Grant county, is now the wife of John Ferguson, who lives near Phillipsburg, Kans. They have one son, James.

In March, 1856, Mary J. McPherson was married to Lewis Shinoe, a native of Virginia, then living in Grant county. Jeremiah Shinoe, his father, moved into Ohio when Lewis was very young, and after a short stay in that State came to Wisconsin, where the family made a permanent location. During the Civil war, in September, 1862, Mr. Shinoe enlisted in Company I, 25th Wis. V. I., and served with his regiment on the Minnesota frontier, in Kentucky and Missouri, and then with Gen. Sherman on his famous March to the Sea. While in the campaign around Atlanta Mr. Shinoe was taken sick, and his malady proving serious, he was sent home on a furlough. He died in January, 1864, after having faithfully performed his every duty as a citizen and a soldier. Mr. Shinoe was greatly honored and esteemed by his comrades, as well as by the people of his own community. Mrs. Shinoe was left at the home in Dickeysville with four little children. After her husband's death she bought the Allen Taylor farm, and there lived until recently, now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Folts. (1) Martha J. Shinoe, the eldest child of this estimable lady and her honored husband, was born in the town of Paris in 1857, and is now the wife of James Harvey, of Remsen, Iowa. They are the parents of six children, Orvil, Maud, Bessie, Benjamin, Roy and Carl. (2) John L. Shinoe, born in Grant county in 1858, married Miss Othie Rister, and is now living in Bottineau county, N. Dak. They have six children, Pearl, Ernest, Effie, Nellie, Burt and Bertha James. (3) Nora Shinoe, born in February, 1861, married Benjamin Folts, now of the town of Paris, a veteran of the Civil war, in which he was a member of Company K, 44th Wis. V. I., serving throughout that desperate struggle. They have one son, Leslie B. Mr. Folts was born in Milwaukee in 1846, a son of David and Mary Folts, who came West from Pennsylvania, and settled in Jamestown, Grant county, where the father is still living at a ripe old age. In 1891 Mr. Folts purchased his present home in the town of Paris, and here he has since followed farming. (4) Benjamin F. Shinoe, born in 1863, is unmarried, and resides on his farm in North Dakota.

Mr. Shinoe was always a Republican in politics. Mrs. Shinoe is a member of the Congregational Church of Mount Zion. She de-

serves more than passing mention in a work like this. Left a widow, with a family of small children, and smaller resources, she has battled successfully with the difficulties of life, and has reared a family of children in whom she takes much pride and comfort.

MRS. NANCY E. BAREMORE, an old and honored resident of Green county, has the distinction of being one of the oldest settlers of this part of the State in point of continuous residence, and was among the very earliest pioneers of this region.

Mrs. Baremore is a daughter of Deacon David and Mary (Ross) Davis, of Fayette county, Penn., who were married in 1815, and had the following family: (1) Joshua P., who was born Sept. 15, 1816, and died in Green county, Wis.; (2) Nancy E., born Oct. 7, 1818; and (3) Kezia S., born July 18, 1820, who married James Kildough, of Fayette county, Penn., and is now a widow, living in the town of Spring Grove, Green Co., Wis. Deacon Davis was born in 1793, and died in 1882. His first wife, "Pollie" Poss, was born in 1798, and died in 1821. Mary Woodle, his second wife, was born Nov. 2, 1802, and they had the following children: Thomas W.; James N., of Green county, Wis.; David M., born Nov. 22, 1829, a farmer of Monroe, Wis.; Joel P., Jr., born Jan. 8, 1832, a farmer in Green county, who died Jan. 2, 1890; Samuel, born March 8, 1834, now living in Iowa; Henry, born Nov. 20, 1836, died Oct. 25, 1865; Doctor E., born April 12, 1839, residing at Albany, Wis.; Zachariah P., born Jan. 2, 1841, who was killed in the battle of Resaca, having enlisted in Company K, 22d Wis. V. I.; Joseph J., born Nov. 18, 1843, who died June 13, 1871 (he served as a soldier in the Civil war, in the same regiment as his brother Zachariah); John O., born May 26, 1848, who died in 1876; and Nancy E.

On Oct. 7, 1840, Nancy E. Davis married for her first husband James Chadwick, a son of J. Hugh and Mary (Jameson) Chadwick, and to this union came the following children: (1) James was born April 2, 1841, in the Territory of Wisconsin; (2) Louisa married William Penn. of the town of Jefferson; (3) Mary J., born Dec. 3, 1844, was the wife of J. M. South, of the town of Jefferson, and died in 1896. Mr. Chadwick died Sept. 17, 1846, and our subject was married, a second time, Feb.

21, 1850, to Alfred Baremore, of Green county, who was a thrifty farmer. He was born June 30, 1818, and died Aug. 14, 1882, leaving a fine name. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. To this union came: (1) Harvey D., born Oct. 28, 1851, is a farmer in the town of Sylvester. (2) Thomas J., born March 14, 1855, is a farmer on the old home place in the town of Sylvester. (3) Kezia, born July 2, 1859, died in 1862.

Mrs. Baremore is one of the pioneer settlers of the Northwest. She has been a member of the Juda Baptist Church for more than sixty years, and was one of the original fourteen who formed this church when it was organized, by Rev. William Stillwell, in 1840. Mrs. Baremore and her sister are the only ones now living who united with the church at that time. Mrs. Baremore has a good property, and uses it to the advancement of the church and the comfort of those who need it. She is a worthy Christian woman, with a kind heart and a broad spirit.

ANTON SCHMITT, for years the principal horticulturist of Lancaster township, Grant county, was born in the grand duchy of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, Nov. 4, 1830, a son of Jacob and Marie (Briel) Schmitt.

Jacob Schmitt, father of Anton, was a miller and farmer by occupation. His father was also named Jacob. Our subject's father died when Anton was sixteen years old, and left his wife with three sons and one daughter, Anton being the eldest. The latter had attended school until fourteen years of age, and had assisted his father in the mill until the latter's death, when he took charge of the business. In 1852 he married Miss Anna Elizabeth Weber, a most estimable young lady, and in April, 1854, he and his wife and child sailed from Bremen, and after a voyage of thirty-six days landing in New York, whence they came direct to Lancaster, Wis. They arrived June 10, of the same year, and located in the township of Beetown, Grant county. Mr. Schmitt, in April, 1855, moved to the farm of Allen Barber, in the township of Lancaster, which he worked, also operating his mill for about two years, when he bought the property. In 1869 he sold the mill and farm and settled in what is now the city of Lancaster, engaging first in merchandising, and later entering upon the great enterprise of his life in horticulture. He

succeeded wonderfully in fruit culture, and not only prospered in this particular line of industry, but by his example, advice and teaching led many others to follow in his footsteps, and to make the horticultural region of Wisconsin what it is to-day. In 1895 he sold his orchards and nurseries and built a fine residence, one block south and west of his old home. In 1896 he laid out a tract of land adjoining his present home, into blocks and streets, platted and recorded as Schmitt's Addition to the city of Lancaster. Since then a number of residences have been built thereon, and in a short time this will become the continuation of one of the nicest streets in Lancaster.

In 1891 Mr. Schmitt began building ice-houses and constructing ice-ponds, with the intention of supplying the residents of Lancaster with the purest possible ice during the summer months. These he still owns, but he has relinquished all active participation in the trade, and leased the premises and industry as already established to others, advancing years precluding his giving them further attention. Mr. Schmitt began life as a business man with but little of this world's goods, yet during his forty-six years in Wisconsin he has not only realized a competence, but has himself aided in the remarkable development of Lancaster and Grant county, and is to-day recognized as an influential and substantial citizen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt were born five daughters and two sons, of whom Carl was called away in 1872, when fifteen years of age. This was to Mr. Schmitt one of the saddest events of his life, although his second son, Adolph, met with a tragic death in a railroad accident in California, May 10, 1890, when thirty-one years old. The eldest daughter, Louise, is the wife of James Knott, of Oakland, Cal.; Caroline is married to J. W. Graves, of Lathrop, in the same State; Amelia, now Mrs. Charles Lischerness, lives in Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis.; K. Elizabeth and Veronica are still at home. On Aug. 8, 1900, Mrs. Schmitt met with an accident which resulted in her death on the 11th of the same month.

In politics Mr. Schmitt was first a Republican. He became entitled to the rights of citizenship as soon as possible after his arrival in the country by "declaring his intentions," and two years later voted for John C. Fremont, the first nominee of the Republican party for the Presidency of the United States; he also voted



for Abraham Lincoln, at each of the two elections which seated the martyr in the Presidential chair, and continued a Republican until the second nomination of Stephen Grover Cleveland for the Chief Magistracy of the Union, when, being a man capable of thinking for himself he changed his politics, and has since voted the Democratic ticket, especially at National elections.

In religion Mrs. Schmitt was reared in the Lutheran Church, but the younger of the two daughters at home is a member of the Congregational Church. Socially the family stand very high, and deservedly so. Mr. Schmitt, beginning with a home in a log cabin in the township of Beetown, Grant county, has reached affluence, and occupies as fine a dwelling as there is in Lancaster city.

JOHN CLARE, a miner of Platteville, Grant county, and for many years a tiller of the soil in that county in connection with his mining, was born in Prussia in April, 1817. He was reared to manhood in his native country, and was given a fair education in the schools there. In 1842 he came to Pennsylvania, and found employment in the sawmills and coal mines of that State for about two years. In 1844 the young man made his first appearance in Wisconsin, and was given work in the lead and zinc mines near Platteville. Fired by the stories of the golden West, he crossed the Plains to California in 1850, and John Harms, of Grant county, is the only one now living of all the brave and goodly company who made that eventful journey with him. Mr. Clare was one of the few successful prospectors who sought the mines. He spent two years in the far West, and then returned to Platteville, bringing with him fine results of his enterprise and judgment. Around Platteville he was a lead miner some years.

Mr. Clare married Miss Magdaline Kramer, who was also of German birth, born in 1822, in the same kingdom as her husband. They settled in Platteville, and lived in the city a short time before going to their farm of eighty acres. He bought it as wild land, and presently converted it into a home for his wife and family, and they have resided there to the present time. Mrs. Clare died in 1891, leaving him eight children: Louisa is the wife of Peter B. Lippolt, a farmer of the town of Paris, and has four children, George, William, Lena and Louisa.

Maggie is the wife of William Martin, of Platteville. John married Dora Wickendoll, and resides in Platteville; they have two children, Florence and Edward. Mary is the wife of Jacob Davis, of Pleasant View, and has a large family. Peter is unmarried, and lives at home; he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Frances married Henry Snyder, of Grant county, Wis., and has a family. Valentine, born in February, 1861, was educated in the public schools, and always remained with his parents on the farm; he has charge of his father's business, and is a young man of many good qualities. Carrie, the youngest of the family, is now the wife of George Carl, and resides near the blockhouse in the town of Platteville; she has two sons, Robert and Harry.

Mr. Clare has always been a Republican. Mrs. Clare was a member of the Lutheran Church, and our subject was reared a Catholic. Since coming to this country he has never been actively associated with any denomination. He is one of the old-time pioneers of this State, and has always held the respect of his fellow townsmen.

GEORGE M. BROWN, a pushing and energetic business man of Belmont, Lafayette county, knows very well that the high road to permanent success lies only along the way of industry, thrift, and the wise economy that counts real generosity and appreciation of friends its most potent weapons. He is willing to work, willing to stand by his friends, and willing to accommodate and assist his patrons to the best the market affords. By occupation he is a lumberman and a farmer.

Mr. Brown was born in the town of Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wis., in November, 1861, and is a son of William and Mary Brown, natives of County Wicklow, Ireland, where they grew up and were married. They came from Ireland in an early day, and settled at Hazel Green. The father engaged in mining during his life, and died in 1898, after reaching the venerable age of eighty-eight years. The mother passed away in 1869, leaving five sons and one daughter. The eldest of these children, (1) Thomas, was born in Grant county, and after he had attained his majority went to Colorado, where he devoted himself to gold mining near Leadville, and at other points. He bought ground, and became very successful as a mine owner. He

died at Cripple Creek, Colo., and his remains are interred in the cemetery at Platteville, Wis. (2) John was born in Grant county, obtained a good education, and when he reached manhood followed the calling of a civil engineer at Tower, Minn. One extensive firm gave him all their business for twenty-five years. He has a wife and three children. (3) William, born in Grant county, is also located at Tower, Minn., where he is engaged in business. He has a large family. (4) Kate, the only daughter, was born in Grant county, where she grew up and received a common-school education. She is now the wife of Lewis Hebe, of Dubuque, Iowa, and has two daughters, Clara and Lulu. (5) George M. is fifth in the order of birth. (6) James, born in Grant county, for twenty years has been clerk of the "Park House," at Platteville. He is unmarried.

George M. Brown was partly educated in the schools of Hazel Green, and largely in the Dominican Sisters' School at Benton, where when a boy he lived in the home of Father Pendegrast until he was sixteen years old. He was well instructed in the requirements for a successful business life. When Mr. Brown became a young man he secured a position with Bradley Brothers, of Milwaukee, as general lumber salesman and manager, doing business for that firm at Belmont. In 1887 he purchased their interest in the lumber yard and business which is now in his hands. He has done well for himself, and manifests the same stirring and practical methods that made him successful as a salesman for the Milwaukee firm. He handles all kinds of worked and rough lumber, as well as sash and doors, and for a number of years has done a business exceeding \$20,000 per annum.

Mr. Brown and Miss Mary T. McDermott were married in 1887. Mrs. Brown is a daughter of Bernard and Johanna McDermott, old and prominent pioneers of Lafayette county. She was born in May, 1863, was well educated in the county schools, and for a number of terms was a successful and popular public-school teacher.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brown settled in the home in Belmont, which he had just purchased and extensively remodeled. It is one of the most desirable residences in the city. They have two sons and one daughter: Mary Mabel, born on St. Patrick's Day, 1888; Henry H., in September, 1890; and George E.,

in August, 1892. They are students in the Belmont local schools, and are bright and promising children.

Mr. Brown has always been a Democrat, and has served as a member of the village board. Socially he is a member of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, and of the Modern Woodmen, and with his wife belongs to the Catholic Church. He is an active and enterprising young business man, and is well posted in the various industries of his region; his large experience in the lumber business has given him an extensive acquaintance among the prominent men of the State. He has a clear head and good judgment, and is often consulted by older men regarding business enterprises, his opinions having great weight. He is popular, and highly esteemed by the people of Belmont.

SAMPSON H. CALLAWAY, a leading dairy farmer and prominent citizen of the town of Platteville, Grant county, is now in the prime of life, and commands the respect of the general public, both for his conspicuous business ability and for his manly and attractive personal qualities.

Mr. Callaway was born in the town of Platteville March 7, 1852, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Butson) Callaway, who were both born in Cornwall, England, the former on Aug. 3, 1807, and the latter on June 23, 1811. They were married in England in 1834, and some six years later came to Wisconsin, and settled two and one-half miles north of Platteville. He mined in the winter and farmed in the summer. In 1850 he purchased one hundred acres of timber land two and one-half miles west of Platteville, from Major Rountree. Here he built a log house and barn, later a frame house, and made it his home for the remainder of his life. Later he purchased eighty acres of J. Aultland, in Lima township. He came to this country a poor man, and by constant and unflagging industry and careful management became fairly prosperous. He died June 26, 1878, and his widow Nov. 29, 1884. They were members of the Methodist Church, and were numbered among the Christian people of the town. He was a Republican, and his sons without exception follow in his steps in this respect. Joseph, their eldest son, was born in England, and died unmarried; he had a district-school

education, and when a young man of twenty-one crossed the Plains for California, and was a gold miner some seventeen years, being fairly successful; in 1872 he received injuries from a runaway, which proved fatal. Elizabeth, born in England, is now the widow of Francis Woodruff, of the town of Lima, and has two children,—A. J. and Elsie May (who is the wife of George Maiben); all this family reside in and near Lancaster. Thomas, born in England, married Miss Sarah Hale, and now resides in Jewell county, Kansas, where he is a farmer; they have the following children: John, Charley, Lester, Belle, Maria, Tom, Archie and Jennie. John married Lizzie Hale, and lives on the farm purchased by his father; they have had seven children, Leora (deceased), Sampson H., Minnie, Nellie, Ruby, Nettie and Frank. Martha J. is the wife of I. N. Clifton, and lives in Platteville; she has two children, Welsey and Libbie Rickard, by her first husband, Daniel Rickard. Sampson H. is the subject of this article. George A. lives in the town of Harrison, and is the subject of a biographical article appearing elsewhere in this volume. Jesse, when a young man, went with Sampson H. to California, and drifted to Arizona, where he became a railroad engineer; he was stricken with paralysis, and brought home, dying in May, 1892. William, born at the old home near Platteville, died March 28, 1866, aged eighteen years and twelve days.

Sampson H. Callaway was educated in the schools of Platteville. In the spring of 1873 he went to California, and spent nine years in that State, engaged in various labors. In 1880 he came back to Platteville, and married Miss Emma C. Weittenhiller, a lady of that city. She was born in 1858, a daughter of Sebastian and Annice Weittenhiller, old and respected residents of Grant county, and was educated in the Platteville schools. After his marriage Mr. Callaway purchased a farm in Jewell county, Kansas, where they resided two years. Kansas did not please him for a permanent residence, and he sold out, came back to Wisconsin, and purchased his father's old homestead. He built two new barns, thoroughly remodeled the house, and now owns one of the choicest farms of the county. He owns 160 acres in his home farm, and 240 acres in Lima township. Seven children have brightened his home: Arthur L. was born in Jewell

county, Kansas. Ethel G. was born in Grant county, as were Myrtie M., Jessie H., Adelbert S., Clara E., and Hazel E. The younger children are earnest and bright students of the Platteville schools. The family attends the Congregational Church. Mr. Callaway belongs to the Masonic order, and holds his membership in Melody Lodge, No. 2.

HENRY RUSH, an honored veteran of the Mexican war, bears on his body the scars won in active service of his adopted country. He was born near Mannheim, Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, Feb. 24, 1821, a son of Adam and Eve (Beobel) Rush, who came to America in 1830, with the hope of making a new home in Seneca county, Ohio. The mother died in Massillon, Ohio, and two years later the father followed her to the grave. Of their ten children, all but Henry died in childhood.

Henry Rush grew up in Ohio, and, as might be supposed, received but little schooling. In May, 1846, he volunteered for service in the war with Mexico, becoming a member of Company F, 3d Ohio Volunteers, and served with Col. Samuel R. Curtis, under the command of Zachary Taylor. He took part in many of the hard-fought battles of the war, and was wounded three times at the battle of Buena Vista. He was honorably discharged from the service in June, 1847, and then went to Wisconsin, where he bought 200 acres of government land in Cadiz township, Green county. His energy and courage under all difficulties won him a substantial place in the world, and he is now the possessor of 500 acres of valuable land, and is the heaviest tax-payer in his township. For forty years he engaged in farming almost exclusively, and then went into the saw-mill business, but after six years he sold out and engaged in the hardware, wood and lumber business in Martintown. Of late he has lived retired, making his home in Martintown, where he owns a number of buildings, and he is one of the most highly esteemed citizens.

In 1847 Mr. Rush was united in marriage with Miss Nancy H. Warren, who died in 1857, leaving five children: Roderick and Mary J., who died young; Lucetta E., wife of Willis Breon, of Juneau county, Wis.; Nancy, wife of J. J. Parker, a farmer of Cadiz township; and Rufus, who married Mary A. Robinson, and lives in Boone county, Iowa. In October, 1857, Mr. Rush wedded Maria Shockley, who



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became the mother of two children: Elgin, of South Wayne, Wis.; and Flora B., wife of Franklin Holoway, of Akron, Ohio. For his third wife Mr. Rush married Katie Ann Frame, of Cadiz township, and to this union was born one child, now deceased. His present wife, a native of Norway, was Mrs. Mary Golaxson, who was born July 5, 1854, and came to Green county with her parents when six years of age. In politics Mr. Rush is a stanch Democrat, and he has served in a number of township offices, having been member of the town board (of which he served eight times as chairman), member of the county board, and also school director and road supervisor for many years. He has always been an active, industrious man, and during his life of over eighty years has missed very few days. Now as the evening of his day gradually passes into night, he can look back over a well-spent life. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1856, and is connected with Palestine Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., at Monroe.

CYRUS A. HORNBECK, deceased, was, in his time, a prosperous and successful farmer in the town of Paris, and was known throughout this part of Grant county, as a thoroughly honorable and upright man of good intentions and a fine spirit.

A native of Indiana, Mr. Hornbeck was born Feb. 28, 1842, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Mitts) Hornbeck, old and prominent settlers in this part of Wisconsin, who were born in 1812, in Pickaway county, Ohio. They were married Feb. 14, 1832. Moving from Ohio to Indiana, they located on the Tippecanoe river, three miles from the historic Tippecanoe battle ground, now known as Lafayette, where the Old Soldiers Home is located. This was the birthplace of our subject. In 1844 Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck came overland to Paris, Wis., with teams, one an ox-team, named Polk and Dallas, after the 1844 candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency. The family settled on a farm a half mile north of the village of Dickeyville, where their home was maintained until their removal to the village in 1899. Mr. Hornbeck died in July, 1900, and his aged wife is still a resident of the village. Out of a family of twelve children born to them five are still living: M. V., born in Ohio, is now a resident of Butte, Nebraska; Sarah is the widow of

Lewis Beckett, of Dickeyville; Martha J. is Mrs. Henry Smith, of Centerville, S. Dak.; Cynthia A. is Mrs. W. Williams, of Lancaster, Wis.; and Mary E. is unmarried and is living at home.

Cyrus A. Hornbeck was the sixth child born in his parents' family, was reared in Grant county, and had his education in the village schools. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted, when but nineteen years of age, in Company I, 25th Wis. V. I., serving under Capt. Nash, and seeing much of the most tremendous struggles of that great war. One of the magnificent army that Gen. Sherman led to the sea, he had part in the grand review at Washington, and was mustered out at Madison. Returning to his own home, he bought a farm northwest of Dickeyville, and when he was married, in 1870, this became his home during the first years of his married life. Mrs. Hornbeck is the estimable daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (McLees) Shinoe, an old and prominent family in Grant county. She was born in the town of Paris, Feb. 2, 1849, and had her schooling in the village of Dickeyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck made their home on the place mentioned for seven years, when they sold out and purchased of George W. Griffin the property known as the Archer estate, situated on the Big Platte river, on the road leading from Dickeyville to Potosi, and where the Archer ferry, known later as Hickory Dell ferry, was operated. At this home for eight years every opportunity was improved that presented itself, and their labors were crowned with success. Mr. Hornbeck owned and operated the ferry, and when in the spring the head waters of the Mississippi backed the waters at times to the depth of sixteen feet over the bottom land of his farm, the small steamers from Dubuque, Iowa, would tow wood barges up to his place. Mr. Hornbeck would load them with wood, and ship to Dubuque to be sold. He also made several rafts from the large elms which grew in the bottom, and floated them to the sawmills at Dubuque to be sawed for paddles, to be used in making stern-wheels for the boats that plied the Mississippi.

In the spring of 1888, Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck bought the Piddington Farm, on the Little Platte, three miles east of Dickeyville. On this farm of 239 acres new and valuable buildings were erected, and the place improved in every possible way as time, money and

strength permitted, until it became one of the most desirable country homes in the town of Paris, and was known as the Iron Spring farm. There Mr. Hornbeck died in December, 1898. He was reared in the faith of the Christian Church, and lived the life of a good and just man, with many friends and few enemies. He was a Republican and entertained strong political views. For many years he was assessor of the town, and during his long incumbency of a trying position he was held in high esteem by the people for his honest and upright conduct of the office, and his fair and accurate judgment. With the Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., of Platteville, he was connected for many years, and had a host of friends among the old veterans. He was also a member of the State Centennial Veterans of Madison. Mr. Hornbeck left his wife with five sons and one daughter: (1) Melvin H., born in Paris, Dec. 12, 1870, married Miss Sophie Reese, of Grant county, who died some six years after marriage, leaving three children, Huldah L., Hettie L., and Virgil L. (2) Albert O., born Oct. 2, 1872, is living at home with his mother. (3) Orvil L., born Nov. 7, 1874, graduated from the State Normal at Platteville, in 1897, and is one of the highly educated young men; he is living at home. (4) George H., born Jan. 15, 1877, married Miss Christina Lange, of this town, and now lives at Cuba City. (5) Minnie E., the only daughter, was born July 21, 1881, and educated in the State Normal at Platteville. She is a young lady of much culture and refinement. (6) Earl D. V., born Nov. 29, 1884, is at home with his mother. Mrs. Hornbeck is a member of the Congregational Church, Cornelia, Wis., and is known as one of the Christian women of this community. She is a member of the Ladies' Relief Corps of Platteville. She is still in the prime of life, and has manifested much business ability in the management of her farm and other valuable interests, and is the mother of a family which is a credit to any motherhood. Their honorable instincts, refined and cultured manners, and sound moral qualities evidence the guiding of a gentle hand and loving heart.

DANIEL W. VANCE was for many years one of the most respected and esteemed citizens of the town of Sylvester, Green county. Of late he has been retired from active farming,

and on March 1, 1901, moved into the city of Monroe with his family, to spend his last days in well-earned rest and repose.

Mr. Vance is a son of Samuel and Lavina (Johns) Vance, both natives of Fayette county, Penn., who came to Green county, Wis., about 1845, four years after their marriage. Samuel Vance was the son of Hugh and Margaret (Detrick) Vance, who were among the early settlers of Fayette county, Penn. Hugh Vance was born in 1784, and died Jan. 11, 1827. About 1809 he married Margaret Detrick, who was born in 1790, and to them came the following children: Marie, born Sept. 15, 1810; Melinda, May 9, 1812; Elia, March 5, 1814 Samuel (whose name appears above), Feb. 21, 1816; Ezekiel, Feb. 1, 1818; Keziah, Feb. 26, 1820; Robert A., May 30, 1823; George, March 27, 1825; Hugh, Jr., May 16, 1827. All are deceased. Samuel Vance died Oct. 11, 1898, his wife on April 4, 1883, at the age of sixty-nine years. They were the parents of seven children: James P., who died in the town of Sylvester May 19, 1871, aged twenty-eight years, four months, nineteen days; George D., of Kansas; John B., a farmer in the town of Sylvester; Hugh J., a miner in California; Ezekiel T., a retired farmer, in Monroe, Wis.; Daniel W.; and Rebecca R., the wife of William Roderick, of the town of Jefferson.

Daniel W. Vance was born Jan. 13, 1855, and Sept. 19, 1888. was married to Miss Eliza M. Deal, of Green county, a daughter of Isaiah and Veronica (Hutzell) Deal, the former a thrifty farmer of Green county. Mr. and Mrs. Vance are the parents of one daughter, Mae Erma, born Dec. 11, 1889. Mrs. Vance was one of a family of nine children, and was born July 4, 1865.

Mr. Vance grew to manhood under the parental roof and acquired his education in the district school. Bred to farming, he has made that business his life work. He began poor at the age of twenty-one, but by hard work, industry, honesty and economy he has come to own a half section of land, well cultivated and provided with all modern improvements, which he now rents. He is comfortable and independent in his situation beyond the general run of men. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Baptist Church. Though never seeking office, he has from time to time been called upon to fill local positions as

part of the obligations of his citizenship, having served as judge of election, school director, and in other minor positions. In his own community he has a good standing, and is spoken of as one of the representative farmers of his region.

H. L. WINSKELL, who by business foresight and acumen in his younger days is now enabled to live retired from active work, is one of the citizens of whom Benton township, Lafayette county, is most justly proud.

Mr. Winskell is a native of Lafayette county, born in New Diggings township, Jan. 17, 1853, son of Joseph and Eliza A. (Laforce) Winskell, the former of whom was born near Carlisle, Cumberland, England, Aug. 20, 1821, and came to this country when a young man, arriving in New Diggings, Lafayette Co., Wis., in 1846. He engaged in mining, an occupation he had also followed in England. On Oct. 4, 1849, he married Mrs. Eliza A. (Laforce) Bethel, who was born Oct. 11, 1823, in Clarks-ville, Mo., daughter of Randolph and Martha (McGee) Laforce. Her father, a native of Virginia, was of French descent; her mother, a native of Kentucky, was of Scottish descent. Our subject's mother arrived at Galena April 29, 1844, coming by steamboat, and immediately proceeded to New Diggings, Wis., where on Jan. 27, 1846, she married Seaton Bethel, of that township; they resided there until his death, Feb. 4, 1848. One son was born of this union, James W., who grew to manhood in Lafayette county, there wedded Annie Gibson, and then removed to Wright county, Iowa, where he followed farming until his death, in May, 1890. He left a widow and four children, Jennie, Carrie M., Robert G. and Alice, all residents of Clarion, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Winskell made their home in New Diggings township until his death, Feb. 21, 1856. To this marriage were born two children: H. L. is our subject. Octavia, born in 1855, married L. N. Townsend, of Shullsburg, Wis., where he is engaged in stock buying; they have three children—Laurena, a student at the Platteville Normal; Almeda, wife of Fred Hammond, a banker of Stockton, Ill.; and Clyde, a student at the Wisconsin State University, Madison. After Mr. Winskell's death Mrs. Winskell married, Oct. 10, 1861, Nimrod Brown, who was born near Baltimore, Md., Oct. 8, 1808. In 1842 he came to the Wisconsin mining region,

where he engaged in mining until 1850, when he crossed the Plains, and later was one of the men who helped to cut the Sutro mill dam away in search of gold. Not having much success in the gold region, he returned to Wisconsin, by way of Panama, and after a visit to his old Maryland home reached Benton, Wis., in 1852. In 1861 he opened up and worked what is still known as the Brown range or mine of lead, one which was a large producer. He died March 16, 1896, at New Diggings, to which place he removed in 1873. They had one daughter, Antoinette, who died at the age of two years.

H. L. Winskell received a good education, attending the Shullsburg high school, and when still quite young engaged in mining in New Diggings township, spending six years at that work. In 1878 he purchased a farm in Wright county, Iowa, and there engaged in farming and stock raising. For a short time Mr. Winskell resided in New Diggings, and then purchased real estate in the town of Benton, where he put up a fine modern home, equipped with all the improvements and conveniences, comfort and luxury dictate. This home was erected in 1895, and has since been one of the social centers of the county. Mr. Winskell is largely interested in real estate in Iowa, and is a stockholder in the State Bank of Benton. He is one of the wide-awake men of the town, in fact has been a prominent factor in the business life of whatever town he has made his home.

In February, 1879, Mr. Winskell was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Strowbridge, who was born April 21, 1854, daughter of John and Sarah Strowbridge, old pioneers of Lafayette county, who originally came from Ireland. Mrs. Winskell died at her home in Wall Lake township, Wright Co., Iowa, July 23, 1890. She was a devout member of the Protestant Methodist Church, and was a loving wife and mother. To this union were born three children: J. N., who died in infancy; Horace E., who died one month after his mother; and Maud, born in August, 1880, a bright little girl, who died June 9, 1892. In October, 1893, Mr. Winskell was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Turnbull, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Hewitson) Turnbull; she was born in August, 1865, and was educated in the schools of New Diggings. Three children have come of this union: Alma A., born Sept. 28, 1894; Joseph Alvin, April 3, 1896; and Horace L., March 4, 1898. In political life Mr. Winskell is known as a firm



believer in the principles of the Republican party, and has always taken an active part in politics. During his residence of thirteen years in Iowa he was a member of the town board for seven years, also holding a number of other offices. He has also been a member of the town board of Benton, and for three years was a member of the village board, and one year president of the same. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., at Lead Mine, Wis., and to the K. of P., Sylvan Lodge, No. 134, of Benton, having been an officer since the lodge was organized, in March, 1896. Mr. Winskell is responsible for his own success, which may be attributed to his own industry and attention to business, his honesty in his dealings with his fellow men, and his loyalty to his friends.

Joseph Turnbull, father of Mrs. Winskell, was born in Brough, County of Durham, England, as was also his wife, and came to this country in an early day, locating in New Diggings, where he followed farming and mining, and there died in May, 1866. His wife, who has since wedded John Vickers, still resides in New Diggings. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull had two children: Elizabeth A., Mrs. Winskell; and Joseph H., who married Susan Willy, of Benton township, and has three children, Francis O., Edna and Willard.

LYCURGUS HAKE, a prosperous farmer in the town of Lima, Grant county, was born in Clifton township, that county, Aug. 14, 1859, son of George W. and Phoebe (Derwater) Hake. The father was born in Pennsylvania, and the mother in Ohio, and both came to Wisconsin with their parents when young people. George Hake, the grandfather of Lycurgus, came to Wisconsin from Ohio at a very early day, and settled in Liberty, Grant county. There were five sons and one daughter in his family: Eli, William, Levi, George W., Israel, and Caroline (who became the wife of John Sparks, of Iowa).

George W. Hake located for a time in the town of Clifton, where he owned a considerable tract of land, at one time over six hundred acres. The farm where Lycurgus Hake is now living was bought by him, and thoroughly improved. In 1889 he retired from active life and settled in Platteville, dying at his home there in February, 1896. Mrs. Phoebe Hake is still living in Platteville, at the age of seventy-four. To this estimable couple

were born five children: (1) Laura, born in the town of Clifton, married Riley Dennis, and settled on the present home of her brother, Lycurgus; she died soon afterward, leaving no family. (2) Almira, born in Grant county, is now the wife of Stephen Dennis, and lives in Clifton. To this marriage was born one daughter, Ora, who is a graduate of the Platteville Business College. (3) Lycurgus is our subject. (4) Grant, born in Clifton township in 1874, married Miss Nora Bushnell, and is now residing on his farm in Clifton. They have three children, Mabel, Wesley, and Melvin. (5) Mirtie, born in Clifton, married Cirtus Craven, a farmer in the town of Lima.

Lycurgus Hake grew up on the old home farm in the town of Clifton, where he received a good common-school education. He remained with his parents until his marriage, in December, 1880, to Miss Annie Bushnell, of the town of Lima, Grant county. Hiram and Louisa Bushnell, her parents, came from Trumbull county, Ohio, to the town of Harrison, Grant county, at a very early day, and were numbered among the most honorable and highly respected families of this part of the State. Mrs. Hake was born in 1858, and obtained her education in the local public schools. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hake settled on the farm, where they made their home until 1888, that year moving back to the old Hake farm in the town of Clifton, where he spent five years in farming and stock raising. In 1893 Mr. and Mrs. Hake came back to their present home, and the next year put up a large barn, also building one of the modern commodious homes of the town. The house is finished in hard wood, and has every modern convenience possible to obtain in a farm home. In this fine estate there are 180 acres of as choice land as southwestern Wisconsin affords.

Mr. and Mrs. Hake have had five children: (1) Leslie, born in 1882, in the town of Lima, has studied at the State Normal in Platteville for some years, and is a bright and charming young lady, living at home. (2) Ira, born in 1884, (3) Jessie, born in 1885, (4) Sadie, born in 1891, and (5) Donald, born in 1897, are also at home. In politics Mr. Hake has been a Republican. He and his wife are church-going people. They are courteous and kindly, possessed of high character, and highly esteemed by all who know them.

HERMAN BERGHEGER has been engaged in the mercantile business at Stitzer, Grant county, since 1880, and is one of the earlier merchants of that place. He came to the town of Liberty in 1870, engaged in farming, and still owns a handsome farm near the village.

Mr. Bergheger was born in 1845 in Germany, where his father died when he was a small child. His mother married A. Wefel not many years afterward, and Mr. Wefel brought his family to America in 1859. Herman was the only child of the first union, and three children were born to his mother's second marriage. She died in the fall of 1899. In 1870 Mr. Bergheger returned to Germany to settle up his father's estate, and was there married to Miss Louise Piper; her parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bergheger are the parents of two sons and one daughter, Adolph, Edward and Louise. They have lost one daughter, Lydia, who died at the age of sixteen years. Mr. Bergheger is a Republican politically, and a man of character and standing in the community.

C. H. RUSSELL, M. D., of Darlington, Lafayette county, may almost be said to be a physician by heredity, his great-grandfather, Dr. G. W. Russell, having been a noted physician in his home in Wethersfield, Conn., where he was born in 1754, and he left his business and reputation to his son, George Washington Russell, grandfather of our subject.

Dr. George Washington Russell was born at Litchfield, Conn., Sept. 21, 1800. In 1801 his parents removed to Bradford, Penn., the following year going to the State of New York, and in 1815 returning to Connecticut, where his mother died the following year. After various experiences he studied medicine at Windham, Penn., and was prominent as an officer of militia, in Bradford county, that State, both as adjutant and as major. For some time he acted as agent for the obtaining of land bounty for the soldiers of the war of 1812, and finally obtained possession of many hundred acres of land in Wisconsin and Iowa. In 1857 he became a resident of Lafayette county, his death occurring there Nov. 2, 1870. His wife survived him, passing away Oct. 1, 1879. They were the parents of eleven children, one of whom, Read Russell, is the father of our subject. The mother of Dr.

Russell was formerly Miss Sarah Schellenger, a daughter of Rev. George Schellenger, who came to Lafayette county in 1828. Later Mr. Schellenger married Miss Beulah Lamb, who in the summer of 1828 opened a private school near Gratiot's Grove—in a log building erected for school purposes, chiefly through the influence of Henry Gratiot—becoming the first school teacher in Lafayette county. This most estimable lady is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, her home being in the town of Wiota.

Dr. C. H. Russell, our subject, was born in 1862, in the town of Gratiot, where his parents were residing. His early education was obtained at the common schools. Later he attended the high school at Warren, Ill., from which he graduated in 1885, and he graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1888. Dr. Russell first located at Shullsburg, where he began the practice of his profession, later removing to Darlington.

The marriage of Dr. Russell took place Dec. 18, 1890, to Miss Anna Rose, a daughter of James R. and Phoebe A. (Budlong) Rose, the former long a well-known lawyer of Darlington; he was the father of the present mayor of Milwaukee. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Russell, one daughter and one son, Phebe R. and Charles R. Since locating in Darlington Dr. Russell has built up an extensive and lucrative practice, and thoroughly deserves the high regard and esteem in which he is held by the community.

GEORGE W. THURMAN. Within the last few years an extensive industry has been developed in southwestern Wisconsin, where it is found that the fresh water clams are peculiarly rich in pearls. Many very valuable ones have been discovered, and thousands of dollars paid out along every water course in this part of the State. Their proper handling and most profitable conversion into cash requires considerable capital and not a little business ingenuity. Mr. Thurman, of Albany, Green county, has taken it up, and become widely noted as an extensive dealer in fresh water pearls. For many years back he has dealt in horses, and still continues in this line.

Mr. Thurman, born in the town of Mag-nolia, Rock county, Wis., April 10, 1848, is a son of Richard and Minerva P. (Roberts)

Thurman, natives of Troy and Plattsburg, N. Y., respectively. They had four children, Carrie, George W., John and Mary, of whom two are now living. Mary married J. G. Babcock, and lives in the town of Magnolia. George W. is at Albany. The father was a nail cutter in the city of Troy, N. Y., and came to Wisconsin in the early days. He bought forty acres in the town of Magnolia, and after a time took an interest in a sawmill. He died in Magnolia in 1860, at the comparatively early age of forty-seven. His widow survived him until 1896, and reached the age of seventy-four. He was a Universalist and she a Methodist. Richard Thurman, the grandfather of George W., was born in New York, of English lineage, and was a man of strong character. He followed the trade of a wheelwright, and died in the South, while engaged in bridge building near Nashville. He had four sons and several daughters, and died when about eighty years of age. The father of Minerva P. Roberts, referred to above, was also a native of the State of New York, of Holland-Dutch descent, and died in middle life. He was the father of one son and two daughters.

George W. Thurman was reared on the farm, and attended a district school for one year only. He began life for himself by working by the month, and presently had saved enough to buy a horse. He had something of an instinctive sense of the value of a horse, and became quite a successful dealer in horses, buying and selling on a large scale. He bought a farm of eighty acres in the town of Magnolia, and lived there a year, and then sold, moving into the town of Sylvester, where he lived on a rented farm a year. In 1886 Mr. Thurman became a resident of the village of Albany, and here he has since had his home. Mr. Thurman donned the Union blue in 1864, when he went out as a member of Company H, 42d Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war.

Mr. Thurman and Miss Helen F. Bump, daughter of W. H. and Fannie (Briggs) Bump, were married in August, 1866. To this union twelve children were born, Carrie, Alice, Dell, Fannie, Richard, Otis, Hattie, Helen, George, John, Grace and Allen G. Carrie married Edward Lee, of the town of Decatur, and has three children, Orrie, Marvin and Helen. Alice married Allen C. Ballard, and lives one mile east of Evansville; they have

two sons, Floyd and Lyle. Dell married P. O. Heide, and lives in Prairie du Chien; they have one daughter, Marie. Fannie married Frank Barton, of Albany, and has two children, Morris and Alice. Richard is a painter and is single. Otis married Maud Barney, and lives in Albany. Hattie is single. Helen married Elmer Seeley, and lives in Albany. The other children are all unmarried. Allen G. died in the winter of 1898, at the age of six months.

Mr. Thurman belongs to the William Hoyt Post, G. A. R., and also the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Republican, as are all his sons. He has served as a trustee of Albany two terms, and is a highly respected member of the community. He owns a fine home in Albany, and is becoming wealthy. As mentioned at the introduction of this article he is a very extensive dealer in fresh water pearls, in which he became interested as early as 1890. In these ten years he has built up a reputation throughout the United States as an expert dealer. He buys and sells entirely on his own judgment, and is quick in his decision. He sold one pearl for eight thousand dollars recently, and completes some of his most important transactions, involving many hundred dollars, in from three to five minutes. He frequently makes long journeys to buy some article that is considered perfect in this line.

FREDRICH KROG, the well-known proprietor of the creamery in Platteville, Grant county, is a man who thoroughly understands his business.

Mr. Krog was born June 4, 1856, in Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Germany, and is a son of John and Christine Krog, the former of whom died when our subject was but seven years of age. He was educated in the public schools of his native land, and in 1873 he came with his mother to the United States, locating at Chicago, Ill. For four years he worked on a farm in the vicinity of the city, and there learned the business which he now follows. He advanced to the position of manager, and later became the owner of two or three creameries near Elgin, Ill., from which he realized fair profits. Afterward, he was joined by his father-in-law, Charles F. Schultz, and together they carried on the business about five years, when Mr. Krog sold out his interest. In 1894

he came to Platteville and became half-owner in the Platteville Cheese & Produce Association, which is officered as follows: President, Thomas Dyer, of Chicago; secretary, J. C. Kackle; treasurer, Fredrich Krog, who is also manager of the company's business in Grant county. Before locating in Platteville Mr. Krog was interested in the creamery business at Ontarioville, Ill. At present he is connected with seventeen different creameries in Wisconsin, the office for all these companies being at Platteville, under the general supervision of our subject. He is secretary-treasurer of the Belmont Creamery Co., of Belmont, Wisconsin.

The marriage of Mr. Krog took place in 1880, to Miss Sophie Schultz, daughter of Charles F. Schultz, a native of Germany, now residing in Bartlett, Cook Co., Ill. Mrs. Krog was born and educated in Illinois. This union has been blessed with seven children: Edwin, who was born July 1, 1881 (at the same hour that President Garfield was assassinated), is at present bookkeeper for the firm of which his father is a member; Amelia, born in 1883, is a student in the Platteville high school; Bernhard was born July 20, 1885; Alfred, Nov. 1, 1887; Lucy, in 1893; Walter, in February, 1897; and Gertrude, in February, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Krog are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Krog has always been a Republican, and in his fraternal relations is a member of the American Order of Woodmen and the Equitable Fraternity Union of Neenah, Wisconsin.

Mr. Krog, although he started life in his adopted country a poor young man, has, by his keen observation of the details of the business in which he is engaged, his industrious habits, energy and perseverance, in the pursuit of one main end or object, succeeded in acquiring a fortune, and stands among the respected and honored men of the community, with a name that bears not a blemish.

JOHN E. HAWTHORN is a prominent and substantial farmer, who resides in comfort on his farm three and one-half miles southwest of Monroe, Green county.

Mr. Hawthorn is a son of the late James and Mercy (Boyles) Hawthorn, the former of whom was born in Orange county, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1797, and died Oct. 20, 1888, being buried on his birthday. His marriage took place in 1836, and children were born to this union as

follows: Andrew, a retired farmer of Monroe, Wis.; Mary, who married Hickman Bryan, now deceased; Phebe, the widow of Aaron Eely, of Monroe; Ellen, the widow of Thomas Millmon, of Monroe; William, a retired farmer of Monroe; Matilda, who married Edward Trickel, deceased; Maria, who married Joseph Bender, deceased; James and Lucinda, twins, deceased; French, who lives in Colorado; Alfred H.; John E., our subject; and Charles, a retired farmer living in Monroe.

James Hawthorn, the father of our subject, was one of the very first settlers of Green county. During the war of 1812 he was a soldier in active service, stationed at Brooklyn, as a substitute for another man. At the age of seventeen he walked from New York to Pittsburg, and from there to Ohio; thence taking passage on a flat-boat, he went down the rivers to New Orleans, and from there on a sailing vessel to New York, being of an adventurous and investigating spirit. Soon after he reached New York he decided to return to Illinois, going West with a party of miners, and again returning to New York. In 1833 he decided to make a home in Wisconsin, and located in Green county, on Sections 8 and 9, in the town of Clarno, where he became one of the leading citizens and farmers, and also one of the wealthiest land owners. When Mr. Hawthorn made settlement in Green county his first home was a log cabin, with but one room, but peace, happiness and industry reigned there, and when the family grew larger a more commodious home was ready to accommodate them. His long life was spent in the development of his Western home, and before death he had the pleasure of seeing his chosen State become one of the best cultivated in the Union, and fostering some of the most highly intelligent and worthy interests.

John E. Hawthorn, our subject, was born April 10, 1854, and on June 14, 1885, married Clara E. Carson, of Monroe, Wis., a daughter of Charles and Frances H. (Davison) Carson, who were among the early settlers of Green county. An interesting little adopted daughter, Gladys Ruth, born Sept. 5, 1897, is the only child in the home, she receiving all the love and care of our subject and his estimable wife. Mr. Hawthorn is one of the reliable and substantial citizens of Clarno township, has successfully followed farming

all his life, and is now the owner of a fine farm of 327 acres of fertile Wisconsin soil. For some years past he has been quite extensively engaged in breeding and feeding live stock, and has quite a village of first-class buildings to accommodate this branch of his business. In politics Mr. Hawthorn is a Republican, and although not a member he is an attendant of the Methodist Church, and a cheerful contributor to its support. An honorable and honest citizen, a man of exemplary life and character, John E. Hawthorn may be justly called one of the representative citizens of Green county.

JACOB LOUIS SPELLMAN, a wholesale and retail dealer in tobacco and manufacturer of cigars in Janesville, Rock county, is a capable business man, a thorough workman, and a man of pronounced integrity. Those who know him best speak most highly of his many commendable qualities, and at home and abroad he is much respected.

Mr. Spellman was born in Rotterdam, Holland, July 24, 1844, a son of Louis and Sophia (Harpman) Spellman, both also natives of Holland. To them were born six sons and two daughters, seven living, viz.: Henrietta, the widow of Mr. Heilagas; Annie; Samuel, of Columbus, Ohio; Jacob Louis, whose name appears above; Emanuel, of the city of New York; and Anthony and Andrew, of Rotterdam, Holland. The father was a surgical dentist in Holland, and was a man of much medical erudition. In 1852 he came to this country and located at Syracuse, N. Y., where he did not remain long, however, being successively established at Cincinnati and Memphis, and again at Cincinnati, where he lived until 1865, when he returned to Holland. He died in 1892, at the age of eighty-three. His first wife died in 1850, and he married her sister Florence, by whom he had a family of six children, Isaac, Sophia, Annie, Mary, Rachel and Mitchell. Louis Spellman was a soldier during the Civil war, and helped to drive Morgan out of Ohio.

Jacob L. Spellman was eight years old when his parents came to this country, and had already made some progress in school in Holland. He attended school at Syracuse, and in that city began learning the trade of cigar making with an uncle, when about ten years old. When the Rebellion broke out he was resid-

ing in Jackson, Miss., and, yielding to the war fever that overswept the country, he enlisted in Company C, of the Jeff. Davis Legion, Hampton's Brigade, and served the lost cause well and faithfully for four long years. He was a courier on Gen. Hampton's staff, and took part in many of the bloodiest scenes of the great war, being in the seven days' fight before Richmond, the battles of the Wilderness, Antietam, Second Bull Run and many other fierce and bloody combats. He was wounded in the nose and the right thigh at Antietam. During the war he was assigned with his company from the Jeff. Davis Legion to the 10th Kentucky, under the command of Gen. Basil Duke, together with nine other companies, selected from other regiments, to join Gen. Morgan. The day before the death of that distinguished officer Mr. Spellman was taken prisoner at Paris, Tenn., and sent to Camp Douglas, Chicago. In April, 1865, he took the oath of allegiance to the United States, in company with twenty-six others, and was at once set at liberty. He resumed his trade of cigar maker, and was engaged in various cities. In 1885 he came to Janesville, and opened a cigar manufactory and a tobacco jobbing house for plug and smoking tobaccos, which he still owns and operates.

Mr. Spellman and Miss Melinda Minney, a daughter of Peter and Susan (Martin) Minney, were married Nov. 27, 1873, and they have two daughters, Jessie and Florence. Mrs. Spellman belongs to the Episcopal Church, while her husband is welcomed in many fraternal societies. He is a Mason of high degree, belonging to Janesville Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; Janesville Chapter, No. 5; Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; and the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Consistory; he also belongs to the Janesville Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a Republican, though never a politician. His home is at No. 308 South Jackson street, and he has been a resident of Janesville for fourteen years. Mr. Spellman has had an eventful and varied career, and is an interesting conversationalist.

JOSEPH UNOSH, one of the representative men of Muscoda, Grant county, and a veteran soldier, enjoys the distinction of having been a member of the famous 6th Wis. V. I., which formed a part of the Iron Brigade.



*Jacob L. Spelman*



and rendered such efficient service in the great civil struggle between the North and the South.

Mr. Unosh was born Jan. 6, 1844, in Bohemia, a son of Joseph and Catherine Unosh, and in 1856 was brought to America by his parents. The family had originally consisted of six children, but four had died prior to the immigration to this country, so that Joseph and his sister Ellen were the only survivors; the latter, after attaining womanhood and marrying, also died. Upon coming to America Mr. and Mrs. Unosh located on land in the town of Castle Rock, Grant county, and remained there for years. The mother died in Castle Rock; the father, surviving her, passed his last days at Muscoda, and died highly respected by all.

Joseph Unosh, the subject of this sketch, enlisted in Company B, 6th Wis. V. I., in October, 1864, and participated with his regiment in Gen. Grant's Richmond and Petersburg campaign, being badly wounded in the right leg at the battle of Hatcher's Run, Feb. 6, 1865. A musket ball struck his right ankle, shattering the limb, and Mr. Unosh lay where he fell until captured by the enemy, who had obtained possession of the part of the field in which he had fallen. Owing to poor facilities for caring for the wounded, and the large number of both Union and Confederate soldiers who needed attention, Mr. Unosh suffered untold pain, and has never fully recovered from the effects of the neglect then experienced. Gangrene ensued, and the wound has never permanently healed, although after the close of the war, when he was released from captivity, Mr. Unosh remained in a hospital at Madison, Wis., for some time, and was honorably discharged from the service in that city. For a number of years succeeding the war Mr. Unosh resided on Blue river, and then removed to Muscoda, which has since been his home.

On Aug. 16, 1893, Mr. Unosh was married to Miss Mary J. Sedivy, a native of Bohemia, who was born Nov. 18, 1871, daughter of Frank and Veronika Sedivy, and came to America with her parents in 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Sedivy are well known and highly respected residents of Orion, Richland Co., Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Unosh have three living children, Jennie, Freddie and Celie; their youngest, Frank J., died when an infant of a few days.

Mr. Unosh and his family are pleasantly located at their comfortable home in Muscoda, and enjoy the esteem of a large circle of friends. In the G. A. R. Post of Muscoda Mr. Unosh is a prominent member, and he is justly regarded as an estimable and representative citizen.

**THOMAS H. PEACOCK.** Tourists who come from foreign countries to criticise pause to admire when they reach some of the beautiful, cultivated farms of Wisconsin. Among these there is none more attractive than that owned by Thomas H. Peacock, the subject of this sketch. He was born in Smelser, Grant county, in January, 1860, a son of William and Mary A. (Thomas) Peacock, both of Yorkshire, England.

William Peacock came when a young man to Grant county, where he married and settled on a farm. He was one of the pioneers of the county, rearing his family here, and clearing up the land. At the time of his death he owned considerable property and a comfortable residence in Big Patch, where he died in 1884, his wife passing away in 1878. They were members of the Primitive Methodist Church of Big Patch. They left a family of six sons and one daughter, of whom John W., born in 1858, married Caroline Fathers, of Darlington, Lafayette county, and they live on the old home farm with their four children, Eunice, Clinton, Wonda, and Lawrence. Abraham Lincoln, born in 1862, married Ellen Hilton, of Platteville, and resides on his farm near Smelser; they have three children, Sarah, Charles, and Flossie. Isaiah, born in Smelser in 1865, married Annie Hilton, and they first lived on a farm, but now reside in Platteville; they have one daughter, Mary. Sarah, born in Smelser township, is now the wife of Thomas G. Harker, who lives in the old Harker home in Big Patch; they have two children, William and Alvin. Samuel, born in Smelser in 1868, married Sarah Hilton, and resides on a farm in Smelser. James, born in 1870, married Jennette Vanetta, of Germantown, Grant county, and resides near Big Patch; they have one daughter, Fleta.

Our subject received a district-school education in the township of Smelser, grew up on his father's farm, and was taught in the home circle those lessons of thrift, honesty and industry which have been of value to him



since. Purchasing a farm in that township, after marriage he settled upon it, later selling that place and renting land for six years. In March, 1900, he purchased what is known as the Henry Harbicut farm in Smelser, containing 240 acres, all in a fine state of cultivation; there are fine barns, and a comfortable, modern house. This is considered one of the finest farms in Smelser township. Mr. Peacock is a progressive man, believing in up-to-date machinery, of which he has purchased considerable, and he has stocked his farm with improved and reliable breeds of cattle.

The marriage of our subject was celebrated in March, 1884, the bride being Miss Anna Harker, the worthy daughter of Simon and Mary A. Harker, old and prominent residents of Grant county. Mr. Harker was a well-known merchant in Cuba City for a number of years before his death. Mrs. Peacock was born in January, 1860, and grew up in the township of Smelser. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peacock: Mary A., born in 1884; Roscoe, in May, 1888; Alice, in June, 1893; and William, in November, 1899.

Since early manhood our subject has been a member of the Republican party. He and his family attend religious services, and are cheerful supporters of church work. Mr. Peacock takes a pardonable pride in his fine farm and excellent stock, as he realizes that he has earned all these pleasant rewards by his application, and the memory of the lessons learned at his mother's knee.

D. J. GARDNER, a native of Platteville, Grant county, and a distinguished lawyer in the prime of life, was born Feb. 26, 1853, son of David and Mary (Murphy) Gardner, both natives of Ireland.

David Gardner was born in County Meath, Ireland, March 4, 1818, and came to the United States in 1836. In 1844 he married Miss Mary Murphy, a native of County Cork, Ireland, and a daughter of Dennis Murphy, who settled in New Orleans, La., in 1840, and died there the same year. David Gardner came up the Mississippi river from Grand Gulf, Miss., to Ottawa, Ill., in 1838, and to Platteville, Wis., in April, 1842, settled on a farm one and a half miles southwest of the then village, and began prospecting for lead. He first discovered the Boots mine, and later the Gardner and

Hayden mines, both the latter on the Gardner homestead, and successfully operated them a number of years, also following farming. Mr. Gardner was a man of energy and of splendid character. He died on his homestead in 1876, a devout member of the Catholic Church, and his widow, who was a lady of culture and refinement, descended from a family noted for generations back as highly educated people, survived until Dec. 12, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. David Gardner reared a family of seven children: John M., a retired farmer and surveyor, was born in 1845, and has always been a useful citizen; he has never married, and resides with his brother, D. J. David married Miss Drusilla Works, who has borne him two children, Dorothy and Helen, and lives on the old homestead at Platteville. James V., who was educated in the Platteville State Normal School, has recently retired from the general merchandise business; he married Miss Kate Martin, of Belmont, and they have had five children, David, Jr., Mary, Marguerite, Cyril and Claude. Mary E. is housekeeper for her brother D. J. Our subject is next in the order of birth. Bee A., a graduate of the State Normal, is the librarian of that institution. Cecelia, who was also educated at the State Normal School, is a successful teacher in the public schools of Platteville.

D. J. Gardner, after graduating from the State Normal School, in his native city, was engaged as principal of the Cassville school for three years. In 1880 he entered the law office of Carter & Cleary, as a student, was admitted to the Bar in 1882, and opened his office for practice in the same year; in December, 1885, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme court of the State, and to the United States courts in April, 1888. In 1887 Mr. Gardner associated with J. W. Murphy in practice, and until the dissolution of the firm, in 1895 they did a very extensive business. Mr. Gardner has continued practice at the old office until the present time. In 1891 he was appointed a member of the Board of Regents of Normal Schools of Wisconsin, on which he served five years, being vice-president of the Board the last year. During his membership the Board erected two Normal School edifices, one at Superior and one at Stevens Point, and Mr. Gardner was present at the dedication of both buildings, and delivered an address at the dedication of the Superior build-

ing, in 1896. Through his efforts the Platteville school has been very much enlarged, and it is now furnished with every modern appliance, and is a credit to the State. In February, 1893, Mr. Gardner greatly aided in the organization of the Platteville State Bank, was elected its vice-president, being a man of business ability as well as a stockholder, and held that position until October, 1899, when he disposed of his stock.

In politics Mr. Gardner is a hard-working Democrat, and has been honored by his party, having been elected to various offices, including those of town clerk, justice of the peace and city attorney, holding the last named for five years. He has always been one of the foremost public-spirited men of the city, ever keeping in view and aiding its progress. Individually he is one of the most generous and broad-minded of men, and to aid a friend there is no task too arduous for him to undertake. As a professional man, his career, as even here inadequately recorded, is sufficient to show that he is far in advance of the average lawyer who has had the same educational advantages and the same professional opportunities.

FRANK I. MOORE, engaged in the grocery business at Brodhead, Green county, where he carries a full line of everything usually found in a first-class establishment of the kind, including provisions and queensware, has, by strict attention to his business, and a very clear understanding of the requirements of his trade, built up a large and profitable patronage.

Mr. Moore was born in Danville, Vt., March 21, 1855, and is a son of Isaac and Amelia (Snow) Moore. His father was born in New Hampshire, and the birthplace of his mother is now lost to memory. Their children were: Amanda, wife of A. A. Ten Eyck, of the town of Decatur; Adin S., of Brodhead; Belle C., the widow of J. H. White, of Aurora, Ill.; Ella M., of the same city; Frank I.; and Anna J., wife of E. L. Whitney, of Mendota, Ill. The father was a farmer, and came to Wisconsin in 1860, locating on a farm of 125 acres, to which he subsequently added about sixty acres. After the death of his wife, in 1894, at the age of seventy-four, he made his home with his daughter, until his own death in 1898, at the age of eighty-two. They were

First-Day Adventists. He was justice of the peace in Vermont, and held various town offices in his more active days. His father, John Moore, was a native of Scotland, who came to this country, and settled in New Hampshire. He died in Vermont when old. He was a farmer, and had a large family. Adin Snow, the father of Amelia (Snow) Moore, was the father of five children. He was of English descent, and was engaged in milling in New Hampshire, at the time of his death from an accident in the mill.

Frank I. Moore was six years old when he came to Green county, Wis., with his parents. He attended the district school and was a student in the State Normal, at Whitewater. He began for himself as a clerk in Brodhead, and was in the same store for eight years. For the last twelve years he has been engaged in the grocery business for himself, and in that time has come to the front as a capable business man.

In May, 1877, Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Miss Carrie M. Cortelyou, a daughter of Timothy T. and Ann (Stillwell) Cortelyou. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have two children, F. Stillwell and Carrie Ella. The family are members of the Methodist church, where he serves as trustee and treasurer. Socially he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and politically has always been a Democrat. The family reside in a pleasant home on South Center street.

SAMUEL BIRKBECK, Ph. G., M. D., of Gratiot, Lafayette county, succeeded Dr. A. L. Bushby in practice in April, 1898. The latter is now a resident of Primghar, Iowa.

Dr. Birkbeck is a native of Illinois, born in 1866 at Council Hill, Jo Daviess county, where his father, Thomas T. Birkbeck, was also born. Samuel Birkbeck, the grandfather of Dr. Birkbeck, was born in England. He went into the lead regions of northwestern Illinois, where in company with his brothers-in-law he owned one of the earliest lead smelting works established in that part of the West.

Dr. Birkbeck received his early education at the common school, and for a time was a student at the German-English College in Galena, after which he taught in the common schools for three years. He entered Highland Park College of Pharmacy, and graduated from that institution in 1894. Having decided to enter

the medical profession, he entered upon the study of the healing art in 1895, and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1898. Soon after leaving college he located at Gratiot, and here he has won many friends. Dr. Birkbeck has established an extensive practice, and both as a citizen and as a physician he is held in high esteem.

Mrs. Birkbeck was formerly Miss Hattie Lauterbach, and is a lady of many charms and attractions.

PATRICK J. BRIDE, a prosperous and highly respected dairyman farmer in the town of Platteville, Grant county, was born in Toronto, Canada, in March, 1847.

Patrick and Catherine (Redmond) Bride, his parents, were natives of Dublin, Ireland, and were married in their native city. In 1844 they came to Canada, where they followed an agricultural life. In 1852 they entered Wisconsin, and settled on a farm in the town of Lima, Grant county. Four years later they moved to Platteville, where they spent the rest of their days. He died in 1880, and she in 1891. They were both members of the Catholic Church, and he was a Democrat. They were the parents of eight children, of whom James, Patrick and Mary A. died young. Edward, born in Ireland in 1839, served in the 3d Wisconsin Cavalry during the Civil war; he married Miss Catherine Dongan, of Omaha, and made that city his home until his death, in 1898; he left a wife and four children, John, James, Anna and Mary, who still reside in Omaha. Michael, born in Canada in April, 1845, was a small child when his parents came to Wisconsin; he married Miss Nettie Mace, and now resides in Kingsley, Iowa, where he is engaged in farming; they have had a family of fourteen children, twelve living—John, Edward, Fannie, Katie, May, Nellie, James, Annie, Walter, Adaline, Cecilia, and Clara. Patrick J. is our subject. John, born in Canada in 1849, obtaining his education in the Wisconsin schools; he married Miss Jane Welch, of Lima, where they lived until her death, in 1889; she left four children, Thomas (born in 1870), Mary (1872), Nellie N. (1874), and Jane, 1880. John Bride subsequently married Miss Katie Holzer, and is now living on his farm north of Platteville.

Patrick J. Bride was reared and educated

in Grant county, and here he has been engaged in farming during the greater part of his life. In February, 1870, he married Miss Annie Connor, daughter of Patrick and Annie Connor, of Ireland; her mother belonged to the Doyle family. Her parents came to Toronto, Canada, while still young people, and lived there some years. In 1851 they came to Platteville, where the father died nine years later. The mother later married Peter Clark, and died in 1887. Mrs. Bride was born in January, 1847, and is the only surviving member of a family of eight children. She received her education in the public school. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bride took up their abode in the town of Platteville, where he bought what was known as the old Bass farm. To this he added fifty acres, and is now the owner of 100 acres of fine farming land, two miles north of Platteville. He has comfortable buildings, and has made a choice farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bride were blessed with no children of their own, but are rearing two: Cordelia Holzer, born Aug. 5, 1884, in Platteville; and Leo Pitts, born in July, 1882. They are bringing up these children as they would their own, and both are now students in the public school. Mr. and Mrs. Bride are members of the Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Catholic Knights. He is a Democrat, and though never an aspirant for public office was clerk of the school district a number of years, and is a man held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

J. R. WALKER, one of the leading representatives of the agricultural interests of Waterstown township, Grant county, owns and occupies a fine farm, which, by his efforts, has been developed into a very productive piece of property.

Mr. Walker was born in Hickory Grove township, Grant county, April 14, 1857, a son of Joseph Newcomb and Isabella (Ham) Walker. The paternal grandfather of our subject came to Hickory Grove township some ten years before his death, which occurred in Boscobel, when he was aged eighty-one. His wife died at the age of seventy-eight. Both were very highly respected. J. Newcomb Walker, the father of our subject, was born in Michigan in 1823, was reared in that State, and came with his parents to Grant county, settling in Hickory Grove township. Here

he took up government land, improved it, and is now one of the leading farmers of his section as well as a prosperous banker, being prominently identified with one of the banking institutions of Boscobel. His marriage occurred at Fennimore, and to himself and wife were born thirteen children, of whom are mentioned: Norah, Mrs. Murley, of Hickory Grove; Justin, of Hickory Grove; Cornelius, of Hickory Grove; Lizzie, of Rockton, Ill.; Leona, Mrs. Richter, of Centerville, Wis.; Gertrude, Mrs. Sabins, of Hickory Grove; Myrtie, Mrs. Botten, of Hickory Grove; Leatea, Mrs. Updyke, of Hickory Grove.

J. R. Walker was reared and educated in Hickory Grove township, remaining there until he attained his majority, when he went upon the road as a traveling salesman for machinery, in Illinois. Later he located in Boscobel, handling machinery and vehicles, pianos, organs and sewing machines, until 1899, when he purchased a fine farm of 173 acres in Watters-town township, from C. Olesen, and has since devoted his attention to its cultivation and improvement.

On Feb. 18, 1893, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Helen Botten, a native of Norway, daughter of Martin Botten, of Hickory Grove township. Four children have been born of this union: Leonie Isabel, Jerome Newcomb, John Fulten, and Stella Annetta. In politics Mr. Walker is a stanch Republican, and takes an active part in the work of that party. Thoroughly identified in all movements having for their object the advancement of the material welfare of the community, Mr. Walker is well known throughout the county, and is highly respected for his many excellent qualities.

ISAAC LEWIS WILLIAMS, whose well-cultivated farm of 120 acres in Section 19, Monroe township, Green county, speaks well for the thrift and industry of its owner, was born July 13, 1851, in Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co., Penn., where his father still resides.

Stacy B. Williams, his father, was born in New York State, and when quite small was brought by his father to Pennsylvania. He is a merchant and lumberman, and has engaged in school teaching to some extent, although of late years he has given the major portion of his attention to farming, residing within a

mile of his father's old home. He married Caroline Lewis, daughter of Isaac Lewis, and of this union ten children were born, four of whom survive: Thomas M., of Punxsutawney; Isaac Lewis; George, of Jefferson county, Penn.; and John C., of western Virginia. The mother of these children died in 1864, and Mr. Williams married for his second wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Law, widow of Harrison Law, and daughter of Theodore and Matilda Morris. To this second union came six children, but Joseph and Martha alone survive. Stacy B. Williams was a son of Thomas Williams, a native of New York State, who migrated with his family to Pennsylvania, Stacy B. being the youngest of fourteen children. Isaac Lewis, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Isaac Lewis Williams, was a farmer of Pennsylvania, where he raised his family of five children.

Isaac Lewis Williams lived on his father's farm until he had attained to man's estate, and received his education in the common schools of Punxsutawney, after which he worked at the lumbering business in the employ of his father for nine years. In 1877 he located in Green county, Wis., and for five years worked by the month. In 1882 he purchased his present farm of 120 acres, which he has since improved and brought to a high state of cultivation. He has seen his efforts crowned with success, and can now look over his broad fields, and see the wonders his systematic labors have wrought.

On Feb. 23, 1882, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Clara Russell, who was born in Beloit, Wis., Jan. 31, 1859, a daughter of John Milton and Teresa J. (Morris) Russell, and one son, Stacy Hurley Williams, born July 29, 1883, has come to bless this union (he is a graduate of the business college in Monroe). Socially Mr. Williams belongs to the Modern Woodmen, and he and his wife in their religious belief are Methodists, but not identified with any one church.

Mr. John Milton Russell was born in Indiana, and when quite small accompanied his parents to California, but later returned East, and was married when quite young in Monroe, Wis. A year after his marriage he started back to California across the Plains, but he was not heard of again; it is believed he was murdered while on the way. His wife, Teresa J. (Morris) Russell, never married a second

time, but makes her home with her daughter. She is a Universalist in religious belief. John Russell, father of John Milton Russell, was a native of Indiana, and after his removal to California engaged in farming and became the owner of a large ranch. He died there aged sixty-seven years, and his wife, Margaret, died Jan. 11, 1892, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Muzzy, in her ninetieth year; she was a devout member of the Baptist Church, having been converted in her girlhood, and her love of prayer and deep attachment to the Bible characterized her private Christian life. William Morris, father of Mrs. J. (Morris) Russell, and grandfather of Mrs. Williams, was a native of Virginia, of English descent, was a farmer by occupation, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Mary Kilgore, who died in 1884, aged eighty-one. He came to Wisconsin in 1844, and lived in Green county until 1877, when he passed away.

MARTIN McNEIL, the manager of the McNeil estate in Section 25, Clinton township, Rock county, is a man of much character and energy. He is not afraid of hard work, and is a student of modern and progressive farming, joining thrift and industry, in his personal career, and is getting ahead in the world.

Mr. McNeil was born in Beloit, Rock county, July 15, 1861, and obtained his education in the district schools of the town of Clinton. When he became a young man he worked on the farm for his father, and in 1885 and 1886 was a train hand on the Burlington & Missouri River railroad in Nebraska. In 1887 he returned home, and since that time has had charge of the paternal homestead, managing his father's property in a most satisfactory manner. He is capable and pushing, knows his business, and is popular among the neighboring farmers. He is well read, and takes much intelligent interest in public affairs. He is a strong Democrat, and religiously a member of the Catholic Church.

Martin McNeil, the father of the gentleman whose name introduces this article, was born in Ireland Nov. 11, 1817, and came to this country in 1842, settling first in Providence, R. I., and going from there to California in 1850. He spent two successful years in the gold mines, and then returned to Providence. In 1857 Mr. McNeil came to Wisconsin, and

bought the present McNeil estate, paying for it in gold. Here he resided until his death, June 20, 1890. In November, 1857, he was married to Miss Eliza Lannon, a daughter of Michael and Winifred (McIntyre) Lannon, of Providence, R. I., who came to Wisconsin in 1862, and remained here thirteen years. They then returned to Providence, where they died in 1880. Mrs. McNeil is still living, at the age of sixty-one, with a daughter who is teaching school in Sharon, Wis. She is the mother of eleven children, Martin, John, Hugh, Charles, George, Mary, Ellen, Margaret, Agnes, Winifred and Frances. Hugh died at the age of sixteen. Ellen married Arthur Friedendahl, of Clinton, and has five children, Martin, Guy, Howard, Myrtle and Marie.

REV. P. J. JONES, pastor of St. Charles Catholic Church, of Cassville, Grant county, was born at Holy Cross, Ozaukee Co., Wis., Jan. 27, 1861, a son of Peter and Margaret (Schumacher) Jones. The father was born in Brussels, Belgium, in December, 1832, and was eleven years of age when he came to Wisconsin, locating in Ozaukee county. Peter Jones attended a college in Michigan, and for thirty-two years was engaged in teaching in the schools near Port Washington, Ozaukee Co., Wis. He served as town clerk thirty-five years, and also filled the office of postmaster. There he married Margaret Schumacher, a native of Luxemburg, Germany, who came to Ozaukee county at the age of seven years. To this union were born six children: Nicholas, a resident of Appleton, Wis.; P. J.; Mary, Mrs. Clohisy, of Eagle, Waukesha Co., Wis.; Michael and Maggie, Mrs. Corey, both of Milwaukee; and Anna, at home.

Father Jones attended the public schools of his native place, and at the age of eleven years entered Calvary College, Fond du Lac, Wis., where he was a student for five years. For two years he attended Grand Seminary, Montreal, Canada, and for three years pursued his studies at St. Francis College, where he was graduated June 29, 1885. After his ordination as priest he became pastor of the church at Eagle, Wis., where he remained sixteen months, and then took pastoral charge of the Catholic Church at Mazo Manie, Dane county, where he was located for twelve and a half years, at the same time having charge

of two missions, at Blue Mounds and Mill Creek. He built St. Barnabas Church, at Mazo Manie, which was commenced in 1890, completed in 1891, and cost \$18,000. He also erected a frame school house, and opened a parochial school, in charge of the Dominican Sisters, in 1889. From Mazo Manie Father Jones came to Cassville, July 16, 1899, and has since done a great work in building up the church at this place. He is a member of the Order of Catholic Knights. Broad in his views and sympathies, a friend of the poor and oppressed, ever ready with helpful counsel for the perplexed and sorrowful, he has a wide field for labor, and well does he discharge its arduous and sacred duties.

St. Charles Catholic Church. Services were first held in Cassville by Rev. Father L. Galthier, of Prairie du Chien, and a father from Sinsinawa also made occasional visits here. Early in the 'fifties Rev. Hobbs, then stationed at Potosi, said mass in private residences near Cassville, there being five or six Catholic families in the neighborhood at that time. In 1856 Rev. Vivaldi, of Potosi, held services in the public school building of Cassville, and this became a regular mission of Potosi, with Rev. Gibson for the English-speaking people, and Rev. Zuber for the German. Before the close of 1857 a brick church was erected by Rev. Vincent Verhof and J. M. Albers, both of Potosi. In August, 1865, Father Thiele took charge here, becoming the first resident pastor, and within two months had built a parsonage. In February, 1867, he was succeeded by Rev. J. A. Moes, who built the church at Glen Haven, and established a mission at that place. He was followed by Rev. J. M. Albers, who was stationed here from 1868 to 1871, and was succeeded by Rev. M. DeBecke, who was pastor here from May, 1871, to January, 1873; Rev. T. F. Schraudenbach officiated from March, 1873, to January, 1876. The latter died at Boscobel, Wis. The next in charge was Rev. J. Gemeiner, from February, 1876, to September, 1878. During his pastorate a frame school house, now the parsonage, was built. Father Meurer was pastor of St. Charles from October, 1878, to April, 1880, and was followed by Rev. J. Decker, who assumed his duties in Cassville the following May, but remained here only until November, during which time the parsonage was sold, and the former school building

converted into a parsonage; he is now connected with the Milwaukee diocese. From April, 1881, to March, 1882, the church was under the pastorate of Rev. A. Gardthaus, now of Minneapolis, and of Rev. L. C. Drexel, now a professor in St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, from August, 1882, to April, 1888, when he was succeeded by Rev. A. M. Rossbach. In the spring of 1889 the latter began the erection of the present church, the corner-stone being laid April 30, that year, and the church dedicated Nov. 20, by Rt. Rev. K. Flasch, of La Crosse, Wis. It is a fine brick structure, 50x100 feet, in the Gothic style of architecture, and cost \$14,000, not including the inside furnishings. In June, 1893, the present school building was commenced, the corner-stone was laid Feb. 1, 1894, and the building was dedicated March 7, same year, by the Most Rev. F. X. Kratzer, Archbishop of Milwaukee, and the Very Rev. A. Salick, of the same place. The building contains two school rooms and an apartment for the Sisters and boarders, the school being under the direct control of the Franciscan Sisters, of Alvarno, Manitowoc Co., Wis. It was opened with sixty-two pupils in attendance, and now has ninety-five, while the church now has a membership of about 180 families. Rev. A. Rossbach was pastor from 1888 to 1897, and was succeeded by Rev. Francis O. Pichery, who in turn was succeeded by Rev. P. J. Jones, the present pastor, July 16, 1899. During the pastorate of Father Jones the church indebtedness has been raised, and there is now money in the treasury, while a contract has been made with Henry Gaertner, of Milwaukee, for inside decorations to cost \$1,200. In connection with the church there is a society, known as the Catholic Order of Knights, which now has about sixty-five members, with Patrick McDermott, president; G. P. Diedrich, vice-president; J. W. Niemer, treasurer; Michael Esser, trustee; and A. J. Diedrich, sentinel.

LEWIS W. TERRY, a general merchant of Brodhead, Green county, has by close application to his business, together with a readiness to accommodate and please his customers, and a uniform integrity and fair dealing with all, built up a large and flattering trade, and is placed among the representative men of the county.

Mr. Terry was born in Durand, Ill., Sept.

17, 1855, and is a son of Nirie and Sarah (Quisley) Terry, natives of Norway. They were the parents of seven children: Thomas, of Sweetwater, Neb.; Lewis W., of Brodhead; Bessie, the wife of Fred Krogh, of Chicago; Ole E., of Stoughton, Wis.; Carrie, the wife of W. Lee, of Sweetwater, Neb.; Tillie, of Chicago; and John, of Sweetwater, Neb. The father was a farmer and came to America about 1845, locating at Durand, Ill. He worked in the northern pineries for several years during the winter season. After a time he married, and bought a farm near Durand, Ill., where he lived some twenty-five years. At the expiration of that period this land had become too valuable for farming purposes, and the senior Terry sold it and moved to Brodhead, Wis., living here for some two years. After this he went to Nebraska, and settled at Sweetwater, which is his present home. His wife died in 1873 at the age of forty-eight. They were both Lutherans in their religious faith. His father died in Norway. Mrs. Terry's father bore the name of Lars Quisley, and was a Norwegian farmer, dying in his native country at an advanced age. He was the father of a numerous family.

Lewis Terry was reared on the farm at Durand, attending the high school at that place, and the Rockford business college. He was a farmer for a time, and then entered a store at Lyle, Minn., where he was a clerk for some months, and then for a year engaged in similar work at Clear Lake, Iowa. After this he came back to Brodhead, where Jan. 1, 1877, he entered the store of B. R. Clawson, and was in his employ three years. In 1880 he formed a partnership with G. C. Aurand, and bought out Mr. Clawson. The firm was Aurand & Terry until 1885, in which year Mr. Aurand sold his interest to Ole E. Terry, and the firm was changed to Terry Brothers. In 1897 Lewis W. Terry bought his brother's interest and has since continued the business alone. He has made a large success of it, dealing extensively in wool and tobacco, and is one of the leading country merchants in the southern part of the State.

On Sept. 8, 1880, Mr. Terry was married to Henrietta M. Bavliss, a daughter of Henry M. and Angelette (Batchelder) Bayliss. Two children were born to this union, Mabel E. and Maude L. Mrs. Terry died in 1890, when only twenty-nine years old, and her loss was deeply

felt by a large circle of friends and relatives. She was a woman of much character and a fine spirit. On Oct. 5, 1895, Mr. Terry wedded Miss Anna B. Burtness, the daughter of H. T. Burtness. Socially Mr. Terry belongs to Bicknell Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America, and is a valued member of these various organizations. Politically he is a Republican. He resides in a comfortable home on Main street.

SAMUEL HUTZEL, a wealthy and retired farmer of Green county, who is spending his last years in peace and comfort at Juda, was born Dec. 3, 1827, and is a son of John G. and Elizabeth (Shultz) Hutzel, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

The Hutzel family is of German origin, and George Hutzel, the grandfather of Samuel, was a native of Germany, coming to America before the breaking out of the American Revolution. John G. Hutzel and Elizabeth Shultz were married in 1826, and to this union were born ten children, the eldest being Samuel, whose name introduces this article; Veronica, who married Isah Deal, of Pennsylvania, and died in Wisconsin; Jeremiah; George, deceased; Abraham, deceased; Joel, deceased; William, deceased; Peter, deceased; Eliza, wife of John Geise, of Wyoming; and William. The mother of these died in 1848, and Mr. Hutzel married for his second wife Miss Hannah Suder, of Pennsylvania. To this union were born five children, all of whom are residing in Nebraska.

Samuel Hutzel came to Wisconsin in 1852, and the following year married Miss Lavina Blackford, daughter of William Blackford, of Green county. To them were born the following children: (1) Elizabeth married William Baird, a Green county farmer; (2) Rebecca is the wife of Daniel Stull, of Shenandoah, Iowa; (3) John married Miss Alice Gans, and lives in Iowa; (4) Ida is the wife of William Keefer, of Green county; (5) James married Miss Edith Bloom, and is a farmer in Nebraska; (6) Alice married Emory Blackford, and is now deceased; (7) Ada married Frank Carter, of the town of Jefferson; (8) Nora is the wife of Edward Hefty, of Iowa.

Mr. Hutzel lost his first wife in 1881; she was born in 1835. For his second wife he married Miss Mary Berryman, who died in



*Samuel Hutzel Minerva Hutzel*





1888, after four years of wedded life. Mr. Hutzel's third wife was Mrs. Minerva Harrington, the widow of Abraham Harrington. She was born in 1834, and married our subject in 1893. Mr. Hutzel was reared on the farm, where he received a common-school education and invaluable lessons in honor, manliness and self-reliance from the teachings and example of his parents. Mr. Hutzel began life for himself with an axe and a grubbing hoe, and worked in Pennsylvania at grubbing and cleaning up forest lands. In 1852 he came to Wisconsin, and settled in Green county, and up to this time had scarcely made any headway. Here he has worked hard, taken advantage of the opportunities, and, by industry, economy and perseverance, is now counted among the wealthier farmers of this region. Two farms belong to him, and he owns over 500 acres of land, in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Hutzel is a Prohibitionist, and belongs to the Baptist Church. He is a man of strong domestic virtues, and has lived a life of honor and integrity.

BENNETT W. NIEHAUS is one of the well-known veteran soldiers of the war of the Rebellion who are residents of Fennimore, Grant county. Mr. Niehaus was born in Hanover, Germany, Aug. 4, 1845, a son of Herman Niehaus, and eleven years later the family came to Wisconsin, locating in Platteville, where the elder Niehaus found work at his trade as a merchant tailor. He died in Platteville in 1861. His wife died before he left Germany. Four of the children accompanied him to the United States, Bennett W., Charles W., Minnie and Frederica May, all of whom are yet living except Minnie.

Bennett W. Niehaus learned the wagon-making trade at Platteville, in the shop of Alexander Butler, and was becoming an excellent workman when he determined to enlist. In 1864. In May of that year he became a member of Company A, 41st Wis. V. I., which became a part of the Western Army, and was engaged most of the time in guard and garrison duty. His first term of enlistment expiring, our subject re-enlisted, in January, 1865, as a member of Company K, 47th Wis. V. I. He served in the Army of the Tennessee, in the rear of Gen. Sherman. Mr. Niehaus was finally discharged from the service in September, 1865, and came back to Wisconsin much broken

in health, but proud of the fact that he had been permitted to fight for the nation that had welcomed him as a son. He brought out of the service a severe case of hernia, the result of some painful injuries received while on duty, and he has never fully recovered.

Mr. Niehaus came back to Platteville, and resumed work at his trade. In 1866 he removed to Annaton, Grant county, and thence to Danville, Ill., only remaining fourteen months at that point, however, and returning to Annaton. There he made his home until 1870, when he became a resident of Fennimore, and here he has since carried on wagon-making and repairing, with a good patronage and many friends throughout that part of the county.

Mr. Niehaus married Miss Mary Schmidt, and they have one son and one daughter. Their daughter, Minnie, is the wife of Albert Weber; and their son, Charles J., is a drug merchant at Fennimore. Mr. Niehaus belongs to Sam Monteith Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Fennimore, and is popular among its members. He was a good soldier in the war for the Union, and is a worthy and respected citizen at home.

EDWIN A. LOVELAND, a contractor and builder at Monticello, Green county, was born in the town of Washington, that county, May 7, 1855, and is a son of Argalus and Jane (Orwick) Loveland, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Ohio. They were the parents of nine sons and four daughters, and eight of their children are now living: Franklin, of the town of Washington; Orrilla, wife of E. N. Fessenden; Emina, wife of Thomas Lemon, of Iowa; Temperance, wife of I. W. Wilson, of Albany, Wis.; William A., of Coggon, Iowa; Edwin A.; Alfred E., of Coggon, Iowa; and Silas E., of Corona, South Dakota.

Argalus Loveland was a farmer, and came to Wisconsin in 1854, locating on a farm of 160 acres in the town of Washington, where he reared his family. He died in 1896, at the age of eighty-three years; his widow died in 1898, when eighty-one years old. In religion he was a Seventh Day Adventist, but she never identified herself with any church. In politics Mr. Loveland was a Republican, and took quite a leading part in local matters, having served on the board of supervisors for a number of

years, and also as treasurer of the town some ten or twelve years. Andrew Loveland, his father, was a native of Pennsylvania, of English descent, followed farming as an occupation, and he died in 1869, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. He was four times married, and had twenty-two children by his first two wives. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Loveland, of Monticello, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and came of Dutch descent. He married an Irish woman, who bore him ten children. His death occurred when he was about fifty years of age, after having devoted his life to farming.

Edwin A. Loveland was reared on the farm in the town of Washington, and acquired his education at the district school. After his marriage he learned the carpenter's trade, and this has been his main occupation through life, although for several years he was a railroad man, and was foreman of the yards at Kearney, Neb., for the Black Hills & Kearney railroad up to 1891. That year he returned to Monticello, where he has remained to the present time, engaged in carpentering and contracting.

On June 27, 1875, Mr. Loveland was married to Miss Sarah Hutchins, a daughter of Ward and Mary (Parcell) Hutchins. To them were born eight children: Harry, Thomas Benjamin, Iva, Edwin, Virgil, Frances, Merle and Joy. Harry died at the age of fifteen years; Thomas B. died at the age of two years, and Edwin at the same age; Iva is a teacher; and the other children are living at home. Mr. Loveland, his wife and children have many friends in the community. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being enrolled in Riverton Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F., Monticello Lodge, No. 83; to Garrison, No. 6, Knights of the Globe; and to the Pilgrim Knights, or Oriental Order of the Palm and Shell. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been village clerk for the past four years. His home, which he built in 1892, is in the eastern part of the village.

HENRY H. FASSBENDER, one of the successful agriculturists of Wyalusing township, Grant county, is numbered among those who fought for the Union when the States of the South threatened its dissolution. He was born in Germany, in 1836, a son of Adolph Fassbender, and was about nine years of age

when the family emigrated to the United States, locating in Dane county, Wis., where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. Of their nine children Henry H. was the only one in the war.

Our subject entered the service as a member of Company F, 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, being enrolled Nov. 19, 1863, as a private, but when discharged, July 19, 1865, he was holding the rank of corporal. He was in active service during the whole time, either with his regiment or on detached duty, and took part in the Chattanooga and Atlanta campaign, and also in Wilson's famous raid, near the close of the war.

Mr. Fassbender has resided on the farm in Wyalusing township, Grant county, which he now occupies, since 1862, and has successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Miss Melinda Sutton, came to the county with her parents when but two years old, and here made her home until called to her final rest, March 18, 1896, at the age of fifty-three. By her marriage to Mr. Fassbender she became the mother of ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom all the sons and three daughters are living at the present writing (1900). The family have quite a comfortable home, and its members are people of prominence in the community where they reside. Notwithstanding his arduous service, Mr. Fassbender still enjoys fairly good health. He was a faithful soldier, is a good citizen, and is an honored member of Grand Army Post, No. 23.

RANSOM B. FOLTS, a well-known farmer of Jamestown, Grant county, was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., in 1843, a son of David and Mary (Hoag) Folts.

The parents of our subject were born in New York, the father in 1813, and the mother in 1811. They received a limited education, were married in 1836, and lived in New York until 1843, in which year they came West to Milwaukee, which was their home for a time. They moved into Kansas, and then came back to Wisconsin. Here Mr. Folts had one or two locations, and then settled at Louisburg, where he has lived for over forty years, now aged eighty-seven. Mrs. Folts died in Jamestown in June, 1875. Mr. Folts has been a Whig and a Republican. In religion he and his wife were connected with the Methodist

Church. Of their seven children, three are now living: (1) Albert died in Milwaukee when a boy. (2) Richard, born in New York in 1840, enlisted in Company I, 3d Wis. V. I., was taken sick, and died in hospital at Fredericksburg in the fall of 1861. (3) William died when a young man while his parents lived at Fair Play, Wis. (4) Fred C., born in New York, enlisted in Company I, 3d Wis. V. I., served three years in the Army of the Potomac, and saw much hard fighting. He married Miss Jennie Wilson, of Grant county, settled in Iowa, and engaged in milling. He died in 1889, leaving a widow and six children, who settled in Wisconsin. (5) Ransom B. is our subject. (6) Mary M. is the wife of Edward Cummins, lives in Platteville, and has five children. (7) David B. when a boy enlisted in Company K, 44th Wis. V. I., and served in the Army of the Tennessee. He married Miss Nora Shinoe, and is living on his farm near Dickeyville; they have one son, Lisle.

Ransom B. Folts obtained a limited education in the common schools of Wisconsin. When nineteen years of age he enlisted in Company I, 25th Wis. V. I., and served in the Army of the Cumberland, Gen. Grant commanding. In 1863 Mr. Folts re-enlisted, in Company D, 43d Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war under Gen. Thomas.

In 1869 Mr. Folts married Miss Annie Thurtell, daughter of Edward B. and Amy (Burns) Thurtell, old pioneers of Grant county. Mr. Thurtell was born in England, and his wife in North Carolina in 1820. They settled on a farm one mile north of Louisburg, where they lived until his death, in 1876. Mrs. Thurtell still survives, at the age of eighty. There were nine children in their family: (1) Edward died in the Civil war. (2) Walter is a resident of Honolulu. (3) Mary is the wife of George Withrow, of Chicago, and is now in the Klondike. (4) Frank is a farmer in Iowa. (5) Frederick is a resident of the State of Washington. (6) Harriet is the wife of Hugh Cattnach, of Minnesota. (7) Grace is the wife of John McKann, of South Dakota. (8) Belle is the widow of Henry Travers. (9) Annie is the wife of Mr. Folts, was born in 1844, and received a district-school education in Jamestown.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Folts purchased the present home near Louisburg, where he and his family are living. Children have

come to Mr. and Mrs. Folts as follows: (1) Edward R., born in March, 1870, obtained his education in the Louisburg schools, and for six years was one of the successful teachers of Grant county. He married Miss Julia Howard, and is now living on his farm in Dickeyville. (2) Eva May, born in Jamestown, in October, 1874, was a student of the State Normal at Platteville for two years, and was then a teacher for four years. She is now the wife of Harry Howard, a young business man of Platteville. (3) Mary A. died in childhood.

Mr. Folts has always voted with the Republican party. He and his wife both belong to old and honored pioneer families of the county, and for many years have been associated with all forward movements in the community. Both families were noted for their loyalty in the war, and were largely represented on the "firing line."

REV. THOMAS DEMPSEY. The face and figure of the Rev. Father Dempsey, pastor of St. Victor's Catholic Church at Monroe, Green county, are familiar, he having been in charge of that parish for more than eight years. Nor is it too much to add that by his gentle manners, kindly sympathy and consistent Christian life he has endeared himself, not only to his flock, but to the community at large, without distinction of creed.

St. Victor's was originally a mission station, established about 1850, and the first mass was celebrated by Rev. J. Colton, of Shullsburg. Masses were said from time to time, and the sacraments administered, as occasion permitted, by clergymen from that point and from Janesville until 1860, when the number of the Catholics in the locality appeared to the Bishop of the diocese to be sufficient to justify the establishment of a parish, and the appointment of a resident pastor. Rev. T. Sullivan was the first to fill the position. During his pastorate, which extended over a period of six years, the first church edifice was erected. Father Sullivan was transferred to Beloit, July 1, 1866, where he died, many years ago. He was succeeded by Father William O'Connell (until May, 1867), John Murphy (until June 18, 1868) and John Casey. Father Casey was a believer in the efficacy of a well-conducted religious paper, and in association with Dr. Nolan he founded the "Catho-

lic Vindicator," the office of publication being subsequently removed to Milwaukee, and the name of the journal being changed to the "Catholic Citizen," under which caption it has attained a widespread influence and a large circulation. Father Casey was assigned to another parish in July, 1871, and finally closed his long life of active service and good works at Milwaukee, in the spring of 1900. His successor at St. Victor's was Rev. Michael Wenker, who was followed by Rev. E. McGinty. The latter, in 1880, was transferred to a parish at Janesville, where he still remains. The next pastor of the church at Monroe was the Rev. Father Wrynn, who gave way, in 1883, to the Rev. H. O'Brien. He remained until 1892, in which year began the pastorate of the devoted and zealous clergyman whose life is briefly sketched in the succeeding paragraphs.

In 1891 fire destroyed the sacred edifice around which centered, for thirty years, the pious aspirations of St. Victor's parishioners, and which was the focus of so many tender and sacred memories. It may be perceived, therefore, that the task confronting the new rector was no easy one. A weaker man, or one who had less faith, might have been appalled. But Father Dempsey's courage never faltered nor did his confidence in the sustaining grace and power of God for a moment desert him. He at once set about the task of rebuilding, in which he found the self-sacrificing piety of his people a cause for thanksgiving. In September, 1893, a new building was dedicated, in which the congregation still worship. It is a handsome structure of brick, and stands surrounded by large, well-kept grounds, on which has been built a neat, yet commodious parochial residence. The church and rectory are a monument—silent yet speaking—to the piety, self-denial and earnest zeal of the Roman Catholics of Monroe. The congregation comprises some 125 families, and in 1899 a new altar was built in the church, at a cost of eleven hundred dollars.

The Rev. Thomas Dempsey is a native of the State which he well loves, having been born in Dodge county, of which his father, Cornelius, was one of the pioneers. The father is deceased, but his widow (Father Dempsey's mother) is yet living, her home being at Spokane Falls. To them were born fourteen children, three of their sons having served with

gallantry through the war for the preservation of the national integrity, one of whom laid down his life in the service of his country. Michael was a member of the 14th Wis. Inf.; James, who was killed in the battle of Corinth, was in the 17th Inf.; and Edward belonged to the First Heavy Artillery; another son, Dr. Peter Dempsey, was for several years a successful physician at Milwaukee, but failing health enforced his retirement from practice; he sought health in Mexico, and died in that country. The only surviving daughter of the family is in the convent of Notre Dame, and is known as Sister Edgar.

Father Dempsey received his early education in the public schools, and studied theology at St. Francis Seminary, near Milwaukee, where he was ordained to the priesthood in June, 1876. For six months after ordination he was assistant to Rev. George Willard, of St. Joseph's, Fond du Lac, where he was given pastoral charge of the congregations at Eden and Byron, in Fond du Lac county. His next charge was at Highland, Iowa county, from which post he was transferred to Monroe.

DAVID B. WALKER, a worthy representative of an old and prominent pioneer family of Grant county, was born there April 2, 1847.

Our subject is a son of John and Jane (Bradbury) Walker, both of whom were born in Yorkshire, England, in 1814, and came to Wisconsin in 1840. Both at that time were unmarried. Mr. Walker came immediately to this State, feeling confident that plenty of work awaited him. Mrs. Walker, then Jane Bradbury, went to visit with friends in Meadville, Penn., remaining there several years. After she came to Grant county the old friends met, and were married in Potosi, where they lived until 1846, Mr. Walker in that year buying eighty acres of land in Smelser township, Grant county. This farm was purchased from Henry Snowden, who bought the eighty acres adjoining, paying \$25 per acre. On this place Mr. Walker erected a house, and the young people settled down to pioneer life in the great Northwest, as it was then regarded. Until 1873 the family resided there, and Mr. Walker then purchased a small farm near Big Patch, on which place they remained until their deaths, which occurred in 1892 and 1895, respectively. Always to be found at the post of duty.

it is no wonder that these good people were sincerely mourned, not only in the P. M. Church, where they had long been members, but in the community at large. In politics Mr. Waiker was a Whig, then a Republican, and for many years his services were in demand on the school board of the township. The family born to the parents of our subject numbered six: David B.; Margaret A., who died in childhood; Mary E.; Harriet A.; Sarah E., born in Grant county in 1849, who married James D. Bell, of Seymour, Wis., and has six children, Margaret, John W., Nellie, Jennie, Edward and Woodward; and Hannah A., born in 1852, who married James Kay, and now lives in Platteville, Wis. (she has one son, Albert).

Our subject was reared in the present home and was educated in the district schools of Smelser township. Being his father's only son, he remained on the farm, where his services were needed, and became the efficient manager of the farm some years before his father's demise. On Jan. 16, 1873, he was married to Miss Mary J. Douglass, of Hazel Green, the estimable daughter of John and Jane (Bradley) Douglass, both of whom were born in Scotland, and on coming to America located in Michigan, later moving to Hazel Green, Wis., where Mr. Douglass engaged in mining. Mr. Douglass became interested in the mines of California, and crossed the plains to that State, but accident must have terminated his life, as he has never returned; Mrs. Douglass is still a resident of Big Patch, Wis. Five children were born to them: John resides in California; James resides in California; Wealthy married John Jones, of Smelser; Abner resides in California; Mary J. is the wife of Mr. Walker.

After his marriage our subject made a great many improvements about the farm, making it one of the finest homes in the township. He owns 500 acres of fertile land, and has been for some time one of the largest cattle dealers in the county. To him and his wife have come four children: John D., born in November, 1873, was graduated from the Platteville Normal School in the class of 1895, engaged in teaching in the public schools for one year, and followed that with a year in the great University of Chicago, where he took up the study of vocal music, now occupying that chair in one of the institutes at Fort

Worth, Texas; Nellie J., born in 1877, was educated in the Platteville Normal School; James E. was born in October, 1883; and George W., in August, 1887.

Mr. Walker has been identified with the Republican party, has served as chairman on the town board, and has been school director. Both he and wife are valued members of the M. E. Church, to which he liberally contributes. He has taken a great pride in the adornment of his farm, and has made his property a beautiful and ideal spot. The family has the respect of the neighborhood, where all are personally popular.

CHARLES P. SCHNEIDER is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war and one of the highly esteemed citizens of Lancaster township, Grant county. He was born May 25, 1843, near Sinsinawa Mound, Grant county, a son of Frederick and Mary (Fager) Schneider.

Frederick Schneider, his father, emigrated from Germany with his family in 1839. In the Fatherland he was a comb maker, but after coming to this country he was employed in lead mining, and later followed the life of a farmer. His home was near Hurricane, Grant county, where he died in 1899, after reaching the age of eighty-five years, having buried his wife many years before. Of his thirteen children, nine—five sons and four daughters—are yet living: Charles P., Lewis, Joseph, Mary (Mrs. Hoffman), Frederick, Samuel, Louisa, Emma (Mrs. Schaub), and Carrie (Mrs. Pollock).

Charles P. Schneider, together with a younger brother, Lewis, enlisted in Company K, 47th Wis. V. I., and served with that organization, with marked gallantry, until the regiment was mustered out, at the close of the conflict. At the outset he was chosen corporal, and was later made color-bearer, and as such bore the regiment's standard safely and triumphantly home at the end of the war. He keeps his memory of these stirring experiences green, and at the same time perpetuates old comradeship by membership in Tom Cox Post, No. 132, G. A. R., of Lancaster. Mr. Schneider's health was badly shattered through exposure and privation while in the service, and it is unlikely that he will ever regain his former strength and vitality.

On March 24, 1874, our subject married

Mary Magdalena Schneider, who was born at Platteville, Grant county. The issue of the marriage has been ten children, three sons and seven daughters, namely: Lydia A., Minnie M., William C., Elsie E., Martha M., Lillian H., Estelle H., Alberta J., Edgar P. and Elgar H.

JOHN A. BOSSI, an honored and highly respected citizen of Grant county, whose home is on section 34, Wyalusing township, is a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, having served his adopted country faithfully and well as a member of Company I, 43d Wis. V. I. A native of Switzerland, he was born in Canton Graubunden Sept. 1, 1844, a son of John Francis and Barbara Bossi. He lost his mother when he was a small child, and his father died about 1861.

In 1863, at the age of eighteen years, Mr. Bossi came to America, leaving Switzerland June 15, and arriving in Grant county, Wis., July 15. He is the only one of his father's family who ever came to the New World. On reaching the shores of this country he could not speak a word of English, but after working on a farm one summer he entered school at Bradtville, Wyalusing township, and made such rapid advancement in his studies during the winter that he was soon able to speak English with very little foreign accent.

On Aug. 29, 1864, Mr. Bossi entered the service in defense of his adopted country, as a member of Company I, 43d Wis. V. I., and with his regiment went directly to Nashville, and thence to Johnsonville. He fought under Gen. Schofield, in the 23d Army Corps, in the engagement at the latter place, and was with Gen. Thomas in the famous battle of Nashville. After that engagement the command to which he belonged, like a large part of Thomas' army, did guard duty most of the time until the close of the war. Mr. Bossi had many narrow escapes from the bullets of the enemy, but was never seriously injured. He was honorably discharged at Nashville June 24, 1865, and is today the youngest but one of those belonging to Grand Army Post No. 23.

After receiving his discharge Mr. Bossi returned to Wyalusing township, Grant Co., Wis., where he has always made his home since coming to the United States. On Sept. 30, 1869, he married Mrs. Martha G. Gulick, widow of Edward D. Gulick, who was also a soldier in the war for the Union, being a mem-

ber of Company C, 2d Wisconsin Cavalry; he died in the service, at Helena, Ark., Oct. 2, 1862. Mrs. Bossi was born in the town of Sherman, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., in 1840, and bore the maiden name of Martha Goodrich Barnes, being a daughter of Charles D. and Sophia Barnes. Her family came to Grant county, Wis., in 1853, and the parents made their home in Wyalusing township until death. Of their nine children, Mrs. Bossi is now the only survivor. Her brother, Allen J. Barnes, enlisted at the age of eighteen years in the 33d Wis. V. I., and died at Memphis, Tenn., in March, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Bossi have one daughter living, Mrs. Catherine Isadore Glass, of Wyalusing township. They have lost two children: Barbara Sophia, the eldest, who was married March 19, 1890, to Clarence E. Patch, of Patch Grove, and died Jan. 1, 1900, at the age of twenty-nine years; and Charles Francis, who died at the age of twenty months. Mrs. Bossi has two daughters by her first marriage: Ann, now the wife of Charles Schuyler, living near Sioux City, Iowa; and Rosa, wife of Henry Day, of Wyalusing township. Her stepdaughter, Nancy Jane Gulick, born Aug. 5, 1855, married Christopher Eggleston, a soldier, who died three years ago; Mrs. Eggleston now resides at her old home in the town of Wyalusing.

Mr. Bossi's army life broke down his health and from the effects of the same he has never recovered. To add to his misfortunes he has become almost entirely deprived of his eyesight, being practically blind. In many respects he is quite a remarkable man. As stated, he came to this country when but a youth, and found himself a stranger in a strange land, ignorant of the habits and language of the people; but applying himself to study he soon mastered the language, and adapted himself to the conditions of his new surroundings. Scarcely had he been in the country a year when he volunteered to fight in defense of the flag of his adoption, and his war record was an honorable one, being that of a good and faithful soldier.

To the general public, perhaps, Mr. Bossi is best known for his skill as a musician. He organized the Wyalusing Cornet Band, of which he was long the popular leader. He is a natural musician, playing with equal facility all musical instruments. His daughter seems to have inherited much of her father's talent in this direction, while the little son,

though not two years old at the time of his death, displayed a remarkably musical ear and discernment of harmony in musical sounds. Mr. Bossi's first vote was cast, in 1864, while at the front, and he is pardonably proud of the fact that he supported Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency.

Mrs. Bossi, the only living representative of one of Grant county's early families, deserves more than a mere passing mention in this article. In early life, only a short time before the inauguration of the Civil war, she married Mr. Gulick, and when the struggle began her young husband departed for the field of strife, never to return. She was thus left with two small children, one two years old, the other but two months. However, she bore her troubles with patience and resolution, as became the widow of a soldier. Like her husband, Mrs. Bossi is held in high esteem.

**JOHN B. VANCE.** Among the many excellent citizens and honest and prosperous residents of Sylvester township, Green county, none is more esteemed by his neighbors, or holds a higher degree of respect in every relation of life, than does our subject, who occupies a fine farm about four miles east of Monroe, Wisconsin.

The grandfather of our subject, Hugh Vance, was born in Pennsylvania June 13, 1784, and died in 1827. In 1809 he married Margaret Deitrick, who was born Oct. 20, 1790, and they reared a family of nine children: Mary, Malinda, Eliza, Samuel, Ezekiel, Keziah, Robert, George and Hugh, all of whom are deceased.

Samuel Vance, the father of our subject, was a native of Fayette county, Penn. In 1841 he married Lavina Johns, who was born Nov. 12, 1814, and died April 4, 1883. They came to Green county, Wis., about 1845, settling in Sylvester township. Mr. and Mrs. Vance reared seven children: James P., deceased; George D., who resides in Kansas; John B., our subject; Hugh J., who resides in California; Ezekiel T., a retired farmer, of Monroe; Daniel W., a retired farmer, of Monroe; and Rebecca R., the wife of William Roderick, a farmer of Jefferson. Samuel Vance died Oct. 11, 1898. He was a well-known citizen, and one of the first settlers in the township, where throughout life he followed agriculture. He was a consistent mem-

ber of the Democratic party, and religiously one of the supporters of the First Baptist Church of Juda, Wisconsin.

John B. Vance, the subject proper of this sketch, was born Nov. 26, 1846, and grew to manhood on the farm, receiving his education in the district schools. As an agriculturist he has worked industriously all his life, and although he began as a poor boy his success has been as gratifying as that of many others who also began on a farm and later entered other professions. Mr. Vance is now the owner of one of the fine farms of Green county, comprising 120 acres of well-improved land, with excellent buildings and fences, and a comfortable and substantial dwelling. All the buildings are new, both house and barn having been destroyed by fire and rebuilt since 1894.

The marriage of our subject was celebrated on Nov. 26, 1871, to Mary E. West, who was born April 24, 1852, the daughter of George W. West, a retired farmer of Brodhead, Wis., and eleven children have been born of this union: Allie R., born in 1873, is now Mrs. W. J. Harper; Jessie M., born in 1874, is the wife of Patrick H. Ward; Nettie L., born in 1875, is the wife of James L. Stevenson; George N. was born in 1876; Clara Zoe, in 1880; Samuel J., in 1882; Susan Zell, in 1884; Kate W., in 1886; John G., in 1891; James B., in 1893 (died in 1894); and Mary G., in 1897. Both father and mother are still spared to this happy family.

In politics Mr. Vance has inherited his Democratic belief, all his family having been adherents of that party in the past. Although he does not belong to any particular religious denomination, our subject has always given his influence in the interests of morality, and lives up to the doctrine that honesty and fair dealing are necessary requisites in a man, whether he is bound by church discipline or not. He has reared a large family, and has been blessed with prosperity, and he possesses the esteem not only of his relatives, but of the whole neighborhood in which he has founded his home.

**JOHN WARRICK,** a well-to-do farmer in the town of Paris, Grant county, was born in his present home March 8, 1857, and is a son of Joseph and Annie (Esterbrook) Warrick, natives of Cornwall, England. They



came to Pennsylvania in 1854, where he worked a year in the coal mines, then coming West to work in the mines at Jamestown, Grant county. In 1856 he purchased a large tract of farm land, one mile south of Dickeyville, and erected good buildings thereon, and has converted the land into a fine farm. The buildings which he put up almost half a century ago are still in a good state of preservation. The worthy wife, who shared with him the hardships and trials of a pioneer life, died in 1882, and he passed away in 1897. Both belonged to the Methodist Church, and were liberal supporters of its work. Mr. Warrick was in early life a strong opponent of human slavery, and always acted with the Republican party. To this marriage only one son was born, John, whose name introduces this article.

John Warrick had his early education in the home schools, and finished his school days in the State Normal at Platteville. Always remaining at home with his parents, the care and management of affairs naturally fell into his hands as his father grew old and feeble. In March, 1883, he married Miss Elizabeth Tracy, a daughter of William and Ellen (Carr) Tracy, natives of Ireland, and settlers of Grant county at an early day. William Tracy crossed the plains and spent some time in the California gold fields, but came back and died in 1869, his wife following him in the same year. Mrs. Warrick is one of twelve children, and she was born at Council Hill, Lafayette county, in 1856.

After their marriage John Warrick and his wife settled on the old homestead, where they have lived to the present time, becoming prosperous and universally respected. Their family consists of five children: Annie, the oldest, was born in 1884, and is now a student at the State Normal at Platteville; William J., born in 1886; Lillie, born in 1887; Cora, born in 1891; and Bessie, born in 1897. Mr. Warrick has followed his father's footsteps in politics, and has always been identified with the Republican party. For fourteen years he has been school treasurer. Mr. Warrick is one of the leading farmers of this section of the county, and is respected alike for his industrious habits and upright character.

CHARLES C. DICKINSON, sheriff of Grant county, and an extensive stockman, cheese maker and farmer of the town of Lima,

that county, was born at his present home Aug. 29, 1861, a son of Ensign P. and Fannie S. (Whitcher) Dickinson, old and much respected pioneers of the county.

The father of our subject was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in May, 1819, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Dickinson, who moved from Massachusetts to Ohio, where they found a home in the wilderness at a very early day, and reared their children. Ensign P. Dickinson grew up in Ohio, where he was married. Fannie Whitcher, his wife, was born Jan. 23, 1823, daughter of John and Anna (Cuiver) Whitcher, who migrated from Ohio to Wisconsin as early as 1844, and settled in the town of Lima, where they lived until their death. Mr. Dickinson and his wife came to the town of Lima, Grant county, as early as 1843, made their first location on the property in the town of Platteville which A. Rewey now owns, and there put up a hewed log house on ground purchased from the government, making it their home for about three years. At the end of this period Mr. Dickinson bought eighty acres of good land in the town of Lima, and increased his real estate holdings from time to time until he owned nearly 300 acres of choice land. In politics he was a Republican, and for eighteen years served as treasurer of the town of Lima, also serving the people very efficiently as a member of the county board. In 1883 he was elected a member of the General Assembly, and served with distinction. During 1881 he made a journey to California, and returned with freshened devotion to his home in Wisconsin. He was a farmer, and by general consent a representative of the best farming interests of his generation. Mr. Dickinson was more or less intimately identified with the Methodist Church. He died Oct. 10, 1897, and his aged widow still survives, at the age of seventy-eight years. Eight children are living out of the family of eleven born to them: (1) Elizabeth, born in Ohio in October, 1842, married Eli McKee, who died March 10, 1901, of heart failure. Mrs. McKee lives in California with her family of seven children, Ida, John, Frank, Charles, Lilla, Flora and Anna. (2) John, born in September, 1844, was a soldier of the 43d Wis. V. I., in the Civil war. He married Clara Huling, of Grant county, and they have three children, Ensign, Fannie and Inez. He now resides at Lincoln, Neb., where he has become very prom-



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inent, and has been sent to the State Legislature. (3) Lorain, born in Grant county in September, 1846, is now the wife of Wright Cowell, of Stockton, Cal., who is an extensive ranchman. They have two children, Ensign and Francis. (4) Samuel, born in August, 1848, married Miss Luna Barstow, of Grant county, and lives in Stockton, Cal.; they have had three children, Frances (now married to J. Jones, of that State), Rosa, and Bert (who was accidentally shot while on an outing, in 1897). (5) Phoebe, born in June, 1850, is the wife of Warren Johnson, of Lima, Grant county. (6) William, born in 1852, is a miner in Arizona. (7) Everett C., born Nov. 18, 1854, was married May 14, 1882, to Miss Nellie L. Yapple, of Ripon, Cal., and they have had two sons—Clarence, born March 30, 1883, and Perry Yapple, Aug. 14, 1889. E. C. Dickinson graduated from the State Normal at Platteville. In 1878 he went to California, where he still resides. He followed school teaching there for some years, and is now a member of the firm of Wright & Dickinson, wholesale and retail dealers in grain and hay, warehousemen, and manufacturers of steamboats. At present they have a steam barge of 600 tons burden running on the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers and San Francisco bay. At one time Mr. Dickinson had three general stores and three large warehouses in the State, located, respectively, at Whitton, LeGrand and Dickinson. The latter place was named in his honor. (8) Ida died in infancy, in Wisconsin. (9) Ina, born in October, 1859, married Allie Grindell, of Platteville, now living in California, and died in 1884, leaving one daughter, Ina. (10) Charles C. is our subject.

Charles C. Dickinson was reared to manhood on the home farm, and had the benefit of the excellent schools to be found in Grant county, including attendance at the State Normal, at Platteville. For several years previous to his marriage he was manager of his father's farm and business. In 1881 he married Miss Eva Stevens, of the town of Harrison, daughter of Leonard and Martha Stevens, old pioneers of Grant county, originally from Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson settled on the old homestead, which had come into his possession some years previously. In 1897 Mr. Dickinson erected a large modern dwelling, finished in hard wood, with every modern

improvement, and this is counted one of the choice homes in the county. He has also erected on his farm a large cheese factory, and is doing a very extensive business in that line. To the old farm he has added 120 acres adjoining, and it is now one of the fine places in the town.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson have been born seven children: Mabel, in May, 1882; Walter C., in December, 1883; Guy E., in October, 1885; Flora P., in November, 1887; Elizabeth, in August, 1889; Edward P., in April, 1894; and Susie W., in October, 1897.

Mr. Dickinson is a member of the Republican party, has been a member of the town board for several years, and on Nov. 6, 1900, was honored with election to the office of sheriff of Grant county, receiving a majority of 2,302, the largest ever given any candidate for the office in Grant county. Mr. Dickinson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a leading spirit in the Knights of the Maccabees. The Dickinson family has long been held in high esteem, and our subject is one of the leading men of his town.

JACOB D. SCHINDLER. Canton Glarus, Switzerland, has contributed a number of the most highly respected citizens of Green county, prominent among whom is Jacob D. Schindler, now a retired merchant living at No. 221 West George street, Monroe. He was born April 4, 1852, son of Andreas Schindler, who was born in Schwandi, Canton Glarus, Switzerland, Feb. 14, 1821.

Andreas Schindler was a carpenter in Switzerland, where his father, Andreas Schindler, and his mother, Anna Zimmerman, both lived and died, the former at the age of seventy years, and the latter when she was aged sixty-nine years. Andreas Schindler, father of Jacob D., came to America with his family in February, 1855, and passed the first year in Monroe, Wis., and then removed to New Glarus, a settlement largely composed of people from his native canton, where he remained for eleven years, when he again located in Monroe, where his death occurred in the spring of 1897, at the age of seventy-six years. He married Katharina Knobel Oct. 3, 1844, who was born March 24, 1824, daughter of Adam and Anna (Schiesser) Knobel. Adam Knobel was an employe in a cloth factory in Switzerland, and lived until he had attained the age

of seventy-three; his wife entered into rest when she was aged forty-seven years. Twelve children, of whom seven are yet living, were born to Andreas Schindler and wife: Anna, widow of Paschal Monti, of Denver, Colo.; Andrew, of Monroe; Katharina, wife of A. T. Thayer, of Denver, Colo.; Emma, of Monroe; Rose, of Monroe; Jacob D., our subject; and Fridolin, also of Monroe. Mrs. Katharina Schindler died April 23, 1900. Both she and her husband originally belonged to the Swiss Reformed Church, but later united with the German Evangelical. Mr. Schindler had been a soldier in the Sonderbund war in Switzerland in 1847, and for nine months he was a member of the 46th Wis. V. I. during the Civil war.

Brought to this country when but three years of age, Mr. Jacob D. Schindler has passed the greater part of his life in Green county, acquiring his education in the public schools. In his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, working at it some three years, and now is a general mechanic. In 1879 he formed a partnership with Baltzer Heitz, and engaged in the grocery business in Monroe. A few months later Mr. Heitz sold his interest in the establishment to Mr. Schindler's brother Andrew, the firm then becoming known as Schindler Brothers, which continued with uninterrupted success for several years, when Andrew sold his interest to his brother, shortly after repurchasing it, and in 1888 Mr. Jacob D. Schindler sold out to Andrew, who then assumed entire charge of the store. In 1883 our subject purchased a beautiful home which he still occupies, and which originally had eight acres of ground. This ground, with the exception of some five or six lots, has since been sold. When Mr. Schindler retired from business it was to leave behind him an untarnished reputation for business integrity. His genial manners won him many personal friends who have heartily rejoiced with him in his prosperity.

On Oct. 26, 1879, Mr. Schindler was united in marriage with Miss Rosina Burgi, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Luchsinger) Burgi, and to brighten their home have come seven children: Frank S., a photographer at Monroe; Arthur J., a dental student in Chicago; Herman L.; Edna R.; Charles A.; Alice E.; and Olive E. Mrs. Schindler is an active worker in the Evangelical Church. Socially Mr. Schindler is a member of the Royal Arca-

num, and politically is a strong Republican, although in no sense can he be called a politician.

Jacob Burgi, father of Mrs. Schindler, was born in Switzerland Jan. 23, 1837, and was a farmer by occupation. He came to America when twelve years of age, and located in Green county, Wis., about 1851, where he purchased land in New Glarus township. About 1893 he removed to Monroe, where he lived retired until his death in 1895. On July 1, 1858, he married Barbara Luchsinger, who bore him eleven children, one of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Burgi was born in Philadelphia Jan. 16, 1842, a daughter of John Luchsinger, and a sister of John Luchsinger, now a prominent attorney at Monroe, Wisconsin.

Jacob Burgi was a son of Jacob Burgi, Sr., who was a Swiss soldier in the French service, and participated in the wars of the restoration after Napoleon's downfall, later coming to this country. He died in Washington township, Green county, aged eighty-one years.

GEORGE W. BARROWS, of Cassville, Grant county, is carrying on an extensive business as a manufacturer of brick, and, being a man of superior executive ability and sound judgment, he occupies a good position in the commercial world.

A native of Grant county, Mr. Barrows was born in Cassville in 1858, a son of Joseph and Adelle (Lovely) Barrows, who were born in Canada, and came to Wisconsin in 1857, in company with the grandfather, John Barrows. After working for a time in the village of Cassville Joseph Barrows engaged in farming in Cassville township for some years, and also in the manufacture of brick. Returning to Cassville in 1867, he established a yard at that place, which he successfully conducted up to the time of his death, dying at his post of duty in the yard, May 24, 1899. In religious belief he was first a Baptist, but later in life united with the Methodist Church, of which he remained an active and consistent member. Politically he was a staunch supporter of the Republican party. His widow still survives, and continues to reside in Cassville. In their family were six children, two sons and four daughters. The latter, Mrs. Jane Totman, Mrs. Lilly Groom, Mrs. Olive Bryant and Mrs. Alice Wright, are all living in

Storm Lake, Iowa; while William is engaged in the manufacture of brick at Lancaster, Wis.; and George W. follows the same business at Cassville.

George W. Barrows was reared and educated at Cassville, and at the age of eighteen years went West, making Denver, Colo., his headquarters while he traveled all through the Western country. In 1888 he returned to Cassville, where he has since engaged in the manufacture of brick, having charge of the yard established by his father in 1867. He is also a member of the firm of Barrows, Knapp & Millard, who are extensively engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of building brick at Oelwein, Iowa. He is thoroughly familiar with every department of the business, and in his operations is meeting with well-deserved success.

At Cassville, in 1889, Mr. Barrows was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Lawrence, a native of that place, and a daughter of Thomas and Deborah (Smith) Lawrence. Her father was born in Ireland, and was married in New York, where he made his home for a time, but in the early 'fifties came to Grant county, Wis., and took up his residence in Cassville. During the war he entered the Union army, and died in the service. His widow is still a resident of Cassville.

Faternally Mr. Barrows is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and as one of the popular and influential citizens of Cassville he has been called upon to serve as a member of the town council.

**FREDERICK W. BYERS, M. D.**, physician and surgeon, whose home and office are in Monroe, Green county, has a reputation extending throughout the Northwest for both professional and personal qualities. He is an eminent physician, a skillful surgeon, and a genial and accomplished gentleman, with a legion of friends. His career has been in every way honorable and successful, and its record is a pleasing task for the historian's pen.

Dr. Byers was born in Shippensville, Penn., Feb. 10, 1837, a son of Jacob and Mary (Shakeley) Byers, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania. They were the parents of six sons and four daughters, and six of their children are now living: Samuel W., of Nashua, Iowa; Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Kepple, of Ionia, Iowa; Jacob L., of Queenstown, Penn.;

Dr. Frederick W.; Maria, wife of Jacob W. Kahl, of Shippensville, Penn.; and Albert L., who lives on the old home farm at Venus, Venango Co., Pennsylvania.

Jacob Byers began life as an apprentice and mechanic, but after some years he turned to keeping tavern, became a farmer in middle life, and spent many years on a farm near Venus, in Venango county, where he died in 1876, at the age of seventy-eight. His widow survived him three years, and died at the age of sixty-seven. They were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and he was a very active worker in that denomination. He was a Democrat up to near the breaking out of the Civil war, when he joined the Republican party, as did his sons. His father, Frederick Byers, was killed in 1800 while engaged in felling trees. He was of Irish descent, and two of his ancestors participated in the siege of Londonderry. There were four brothers of this name who came to America, settling in Virginia and Maryland, and from them the family under consideration has sprung. Henry Shakeley, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Byers, was of German descent, and a native of Pennsylvania. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and survived the dangers of the battlefield to be killed long afterward by accident at a house raising. He left a large family. Dr. Byers' maternal great-grandmother, who was in her maidenhood a Miss Snyder, was scalped by the Indians, when a girl, and left for dead. She recovered, and afterward married Nikolas Allimonge, who spoke both French and German, and is supposed to have come from Alsace or Lorraine.

Frederick W. Byers was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Pennsylvania, and spent his youth in hard work and study. He attended the public schools, and Coopers-town Academy, and then taught school for seven years, partly in the East and partly in Illinois, to which State he had come in 1857, seeking the opportunities that are said to abound in a new country. The young man taught school in that State four years, and in the meantime kept up his medical studies, with a view to adopting the healing art as a life calling. Early in 1862 he obtained appointment as nurse and hospital assistant in Camp Douglas, Chicago, and in February, 1863, was graduated from Rush Medical College. The young physician was appointed assistant surgeon of the 96th Illi-

nois Infantry, and served with much credit throughout the war. His career was a commendable one, and he was promoted to chief surgeon of the artillery brigade of the 4th Army Corps, and later, while at Atlanta, was detailed to the field hospital of the corps. He was on continual duty with that hospital in the field until mustered out at Chicago July 7, 1865.

With a professional reputation thoroughly established, and an experience in the common ills and pains of mankind, as well as a fine knowledge of operative surgery, Dr. Byers established himself at Lena, Ill., and for twelve years was engaged in professional work in that part of the West. In 1877 he came to Monroe, and at once entered upon a lucrative practice. Dr. Byers received the appointment of United States examining surgeon for pensions in 1880, and is still serving in that position.

Frederick W. Byers and Miss Olive DeHaven were united in marriage July 5, 1865. The DeHavens were Huguenots driven from France. They went to Holland, but before the American Revolution, emigrated to Pennsylvania. Mrs. Byers is a daughter of Alpheus and Eliza (Hawley) DeHaven, and is of an unassuming and womanly character, devoted to home and church. To Dr. and Mrs. Byers have been born ten children: Morna, Winifred, Stanley, Harry, Mary, Joe Rodney, Grace, Amy, Fred and Ben B. Morna lives with her parents. Winifred married E. C. Cornelius, and died Sept. 20, 1899, leaving one child, Alice, now (1901) eleven years old. Stanley died Nov. 5, 1872, when three years of age. Harry lives in San Francisco, Cal., where he is in the service of a telephone company; he is married and has one daughter named Olive. Mary, Amy and Fred died in infancy. Joe Rodney was teller in a bank at Monroe six years, and now holds a similar position in a bank at Minneapolis. Grace is a teacher in the Monroe schools. Ben B. is a pharmacist at Janesville, Wis. Joe Rodney and Ben B. both enlisted in the Spanish-American war in 1898, the former being a first sergeant and the latter a bugler in the 1st Wisconsin Infantry. The family home at Monroe is quite a social center.

Dr. Byers had three brothers, Samuel W., Jacob L., and Joseph K., who were soldiers in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, and served until its close. Joseph K. en-

tered the service as a lieutenant in the volunteer service, was transferred to the regular army, and retired a major. He lost an arm at Fredericksburg, and was a prisoner of war five months in Libby prison. He is buried in the National Cemetery at St. Louis.

Mrs. Byers is a member of the Episcopal Church, while her husband is of the Lutheran persuasion. He is well versed in Masonic lore, and his name appears on the membership rolls of Lena Lodge, No. 174, A. F. & A. M.; Lena Chapter, No. 105, R. A. M.; Freeport Commandery, No. 7, K. T.; and the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois. This last body meets once a year, and he is its assistant chief. Gen. Byers has been an active worker in the Grand Army of the Republic since its organization and is past post commander and past medical director of the Department of Wisconsin. He is a member of the Wisconsin Commandery of the Loyal Legion, has been vice-commander, and is also a member of the commandery-in-chief of the United States.

The Doctor has received political honors of no slight importance from his fellow citizens. In 1885 and 1886 he represented his district in the State Legislature, was chairman of and rendered important service on the military committee, introducing and securing the passage of the bill that effected the reorganization of the National Guard of Wisconsin. He was surgeon in the National Guard of the State from 1882 to 1895, with the rank of major. In 1895 he was made surgeon general of the State of Wisconsin with the grade of brigadier general, which position he held until Jan. 7, 1899, when he was retired from active service with that rank. General Byers assisted in the organization and equipment of Wisconsin's Spanish-American volunteers, and officially inspected the camps and hospitals at Chickamauga, Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C. He is a Republican.

Dr. Byers belongs to the Wisconsin State Medical Association, and the Southern Wisconsin Medical Association, and is an honorary member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. In addition to his course at Rush Medical, he attended lectures in the Medical Department of the University of Nashville; also the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis; completed the Sophomore year in Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio; and all

his life has been a close student, a thorough reader and a hard worker.

Our subject's commander, Gen. John C. Smith, once wrote of Dr. Byers, and with his words this biographical sketch concludes :

So it is of the surgeon, to whom the writer once owed his life, who, in disobedience of his commander's orders, remained on the battlefield, up in what our comrades of the Spanish-American war would call the firing line, and in that dread night assault on Kenesaw Mountain, was beside his commander when he fell, stricken by a bullet, assisted him from the field, and carefully aided in dressing his wounds. There are three who will not forget that wild night in Georgia, Corporal Barnum, Surgeon Fred. W. Byers, and their commander. Brother and Sir Knight Dr. Byers, now surgeon general of the State of Wisconsin, is also a great sufferer from exposure and hardship endured in that famed Atlanta campaign and other marches and battles of the war of 1861-65.

Lying upon a rudely constructed table, with surgeons probing my wounds to extract the bits of flannel shirt, vest, uniform and over-coat, which had been driven by the bullet into the wound, I well remember one of the surgeons forcing a finger from opposite directions into my wound to find it clean, saying to Dr. Byers, "Reach hither thy hand, and put thy finger into the wound in his side," but the Doctor, who had been on the firing line, needed no such proof, and promptly answered, "I was with my colonel when he received the shot, and assisted him here that you may dress his wound."

Surgeon General and Sir Knight Fred. W. Byers was a member of my military family all through that long and dreadful struggle for our National existence; he is still of my family, and loved by every member of it as he is by myself.

JOSEPH GUNDRY, whose death occurred at Mineral Point July 17, 1899, was one of the most successful business men of that city, and was recognized by his associates as one of the most worthy and progressive citizens of Iowa county. During his residence of more than a half century there he advanced to a position of independence and influence in the community, and it was no fault of his if the material, moral and intellectual development of that community failed to keep pace with his individual progress, or if any of his fellow citizens did not attain the ideals which he sought to encourage by precept and example.

Mr. Gundry was born at Porkellis, parish of Wendron, Cornwall, England, May 11, 1822, a son of Richard and Jane (Murton) Gundry. The original home of his ancestors was in the south of Ireland, where, being Protestants, members of the family suffered more or less persecution in the time of Oliver Cromwell, and emigrating to Cornwall were numbered among the sturdy yeomen of the parish of Wendron for a number of genera-

tions. Richard Gundry passed his life there in peace and comfort. Having received such intellectual training as was afforded by the parish school, Joseph Gundry came to the United States in 1845. Following the example of many of his countrymen, he located at Mineral Point, Wis., where he purchased land and set about the improvement of his condition with a will and determination, while, by the exercise of good judgment and integrity, he established a reputation which secured the confidence and good will of those with whom he came in contact. For the next few years he gave most of his attention to lead mining, but in 1849 he engaged in mercantile business. Next year was virtually formed the firm of Gundry & Gray, which has ever since been one of the leading business houses of Mineral Point, being now entirely in the hands of the second generation of both branches of the partnership. Mr. Gundry retained an interest in the establishment until his death, though, on account of his health, he retired from active participation in the business in 1866. He also became interested in other important enterprises, among which may be mentioned a zinc smelting plant at La Salle, Ill., the ore being shipped from Mineral Point to that place on account of the advantages in the way of cheap fuel, etc., to be obtained there. He was also a stockholder in the First National Bank of Mineral Point, and a member of its board of directors for some years. He continued to be interested to some extent in agriculture and mining, and was always ready to assist in promoting any undertaking calculated to serve the best interests of the town. The large stone mansion which he built, upon an eminence overlooking the town, and the double stone store erected by the firm of Gundry & Gray in 1869, are still among the most conspicuous buildings in the city. A Republican in sentiment, Mr. Gundry never sought official position, but served his constituents well when chosen, in the capacities of alderman and member of the county board of supervisors.

In 1847 Mr. Gundry made a trip to his native land, where he was married, and returned the next year to the home of his adoption. The now venerable lady who became the partner of his joys and sorrows, and who survives him, was Miss Sarah Perry, daughter of William and Sarah Botterell (Reed) Perry, and was born in Carthew, parish of Wendron,



her ancestors having also been among the Protestant emigrants from Ireland who settled in Cornwall during the wars of Cromwell. Of the ten children born to Joseph and Sarah Gundry, seven reached mature years, as follows: Joseph H., who died at Mineral Point in 1893; Richard, who died at El Reno, Okla., in 1900; William P., who succeeds his father in business; Jane, deceased wife of G. M. Lambertson, of Lincoln, Neb.; Mary R., of Mineral Point; John M., a banker of Cleveland, Ohio; and Margery, Mrs. H. W. King, of the same city.

WILLIAM PERRY GUNDRY, of the present firm of Gundry & Gray, and a well-known citizen of Mineral Point, was born in that place, receiving his early education in its public schools. Thence he went to the University of Wisconsin, but, his health failing, he abandoned the course in the Senior year, and went abroad, spending one winter in a French school in Paris. Having recuperated his health, he returned to the United States, and in 1876 became bookkeeper for the La Salle Zinc Co., of La Salle, Ill., in which concern his father was interested. In 1879 he went abroad and accepted a similar position with the London branch of the famous stationery house of Cameron, Amberg & Co., of Chicago, the junior member of which firm had once been a clerk in his father's store at Mineral Point. Since 1893 he has been a member of the firm founded by his father more than fifty years ago, and which is now the oldest customer of the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, and one of the oldest mercantile houses in the State of Wisconsin. Socially Mr. Gundry is identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Madison. He is a liberal Republican, though in no sense a politician, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people among whom most of his life has been spent.

PETER LESER, of Fennimore, Grant county, is one of the early settlers of this region, and a veteran soldier, who fought bravely to uphold the Union, when it had need of just such men as he.

Peter Leser is a native of Saxony, Germany, where he was born Feb. 18, 1835, a son of William Leser. In 1843, William Leser, his wife and five children, came to the United

States, and settled in Albany, N. Y., where the mother died shortly after. William Leser died at the home of his son, Peter Leser, in Grant county, in March, 1887. Of the three sons and two daughters who came with the parents to America, four are living, in 1901: Adolph, a resident of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; Rachel, a resident of Albany, N. Y.; Peter; Regine, also in Albany. The other son, Albert, went to California, in 1860, and, as he has not been heard from for a good many years, his relatives are convinced that he is no longer living.

In 1855 Peter Leser came to Grant county, where he engaged in farming. On May 10, 1860, in company with Mike Conkel, and others, Mr. Leser started for Denver "across the Plains"—a most dangerous journey at that time, owing to the state of war existing between the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians, and the wild animals that then infested the unsettled country. The Indians were so afraid of one another that both tribes had forsaken their respective hunting grounds. Antelope and buffalo were frequently seen, and Mr. Leser was fortunate in killing several of the latter. He met Beckwith, the Crow Indian and old mountaineer, who raised the noted Kit Carson, and who, though over seventy years of age, was very influential with the Indians. Mr. Leser arrived in Denver about July 4, and then went about 120 miles back into the mountains. Three of the party engaged in digging a trench to drain a branch of the Platte river, for the purpose of finding gold in the old river bed. They found an abundance in the quartz, but as there were no crushers that was valueless to them. They were within the snow line, and water froze every night during July and August, but the days were quite warm. They left that region the latter part of August, at which time there was a four-inch snow on the ground. In Denver Mr. Leser hired out at \$1.25 per day to make hay, and in September, in company with Bert Marshal, started home, with a pair of cows and a span of mules. They forded the Platte near Fort Kearney, and arrived home on election day—the day Abraham Lincoln was elected. Neither voted, as they had "paired off."

When the war broke out Mr. Leser decided to defend the Union at any cost, and enrolled, Aug. 11, 1862, in Company C, 25th Wis. V. I., and was honorably discharged June 7, 1865, after serving two years, nine months

and twenty-six days. The company was organized at Lancaster under Capt. Farquharson; the regiment rendezvoused at Camp Solomon, La Crosse, and was mustered into the United States service Sept. 14, 1862. On Oct. 19, 1862, the regiment left for St. Paul, to assist in quelling the noted Indian uprising of that year, after which the regiment was divided, part being sent to New Ulm and the remainder to Sauk Center. The insurrection was about subdued when they arrived, and in the latter part of November the regiment returned to La Crosse, and thence to Camp Randall. On Feb. 17, 1863, the regiment left for the South, reporting first at Cairo, and proceeded to Columbus, Ky. Here it was attached to Gen. Hulbert's command, and engaged in picket duty. In May, 1863, the 25th Wisconsin moved down the Mississippi to Young's Point, and thence to Satastia, on the Yazoo river. Their next stopping place was Snyder's Bluff, where they formed part of the force assailing Vicksburg. During this time the ranks were thinned by sickness as well as by the enemies' bullets. On July 26th the regiment left Snyder's Bluff, moved up the Mississippi to Helena where it was detached from the brigade and assigned to provost guard duty. The rapid marching, climate and excessive heat told upon the men and at one time scarcely any of them were fit for duty, but the regiment remained at Helena until Feb., 1864, when it moved down to Vicksburg, and joined Gen. Sherman's Meridian expedition, in which it did good service. From this time on, until May, 1864, the regiment did good service in Tennessee and Alabama, and at that date proceeded to Chattanooga to join the forces under Gen. Sherman, where, as part of the 16th Army Corps, they formed a part of the Army of the Tennessee, under Gen. McPherson. They took part in both advances on Resaca, and on the 14th joined the 17th Corps for an attack on the enemy's works on the left, and on that day distinguished themselves by charging across an open plain to relieve the 30th Iowa, which had run out of ammunition, and holding the crest of the hill in the face of three charges, in which the enemy sustained heavy losses. All the way to Atlanta the regiment took part in the various engagements, participating in the siege of that city, and also in the pursuit of Hood after the evacuation. Afterwards it returned to Atlanta and began to prepare for

the march to the sea. All through Georgia to Savannah, the gallant 25th Wisconsin bore its part bravely; thence it moved to Beaufort, encamping there in January, 1865. The next move was through the Carolinas to Washington, where the brave soldiers of this noted regiment took part in the Grand Review, and returned to their homes, private citizens once more. Peter Leser was with his regiment during the whole term of its service, except a short period after the surrender of Vicksburg, when, being taken sick, he was sent to a hospital at Memphis, and remained about six weeks, rejoining his regiment at Helena, Ark., in time to participate in the Meridian raid; and thirty days after the siege of Atlanta, when he procured a furlough and returned home. At the expiration of this time, upon its return from the pursuit of Hood to Atlanta, Peter Leser rejoined his regiment. Here Mr. Leser was taken very sick, and had to be cared for by the surgeon as though in a hospital. Finally he was sent, in an ambulance, to Nashville, where with other convalescents he assisted in the defense in that place under Gen. Thomas, when it was attacked by Hood, and in the pursuit, after the battle. During the engagement Mr. Leser was so situated that he had a fine view of the conflict, and remembers it was a grand and thrilling sight. The regiment was then on its way to the coast, and Mr. Leser, with others, joined the command, traveling via Baltimore and Newbern, N. C. At Goldsboro Mr. Leser met his regiment, and took part in all the succeeding engagements in which it was a participant, including the Grand Review.

After his return from the army Mr. Leser resumed farming in the town of Liberty. In March, 1888, Mr. Leser with his family moved to Palo Alto Co., Iowa, where he resided five years, engaged in farming. In March, 1893, he returned to Fennimore, where he has since resided. Having acquired a competence, Mr. Leser retired, feeling he had worked hard long enough.

Peter Leser was married, in 1859, to Miss Sarah Short, a native of Missouri, who died May 1, 1884. Later Mr. Leser married Mrs. Hulda A. Doolittle, whose first husband was also a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. Four children were born of the first marriage: Carrie, Mary, Rena (who died in February, 1887), and Adolph. Fennimore has no better citizen than Mr. Leser, and he is prominent

in the G. A. R., being a charter member of Sam Monteith Post, No. 173. In political opinions he is a Republican, and takes an interest in the various campaigns. Genial, kind-hearted, beloved at home, and with many friends throughout the county, Mr. Leser is now enjoying the results of his years of labor, and taking comfort in his surroundings.

WILLIAM LANYON represents a family which has been prominent in Mineral Point, Iowa county, for over sixty years. He was born in Henver, Parish of St. Allen, England, in 1833, son of William, Sr., and Mary Ann (Bennett) Lanyon.

His grandparents, John and Peggy Lanyon, were prominent members of St. Allen's Church, where a beautiful window has been placed to their memory. Other members of the Lanyon family were well known in England, five generations having resided in the one parish. Henry Lanyon, brother of John, won no little renown as an officer in the British Navy under Lord Nelson, by whom his skill and gallantry were frequently recognized. Another member of the family, Henry Searle Lanyon, of the Cornish Yeomanry Cavalry, was distinguished for athletic feats.

William Lanyon came to Wisconsin with his parents about 1837, and made his home in Mineral Point, where the father, William, Sr., followed blacksmithing many years, and died Feb. 7, 1898, aged eighty-six years. He was a thorough business man, and taught his son habits of industry and economy, and early instructed him in the blacksmith's trade, which he successfully carried on for a number of years, after which he opened a tinshop, later dealing in merchandise and grain. Since 1887 Mr. Lanyon has been interested in a large zinc works at Pittsburg and Iola, Kansas, where he spends much time, although he retains his residence at Mineral Point.

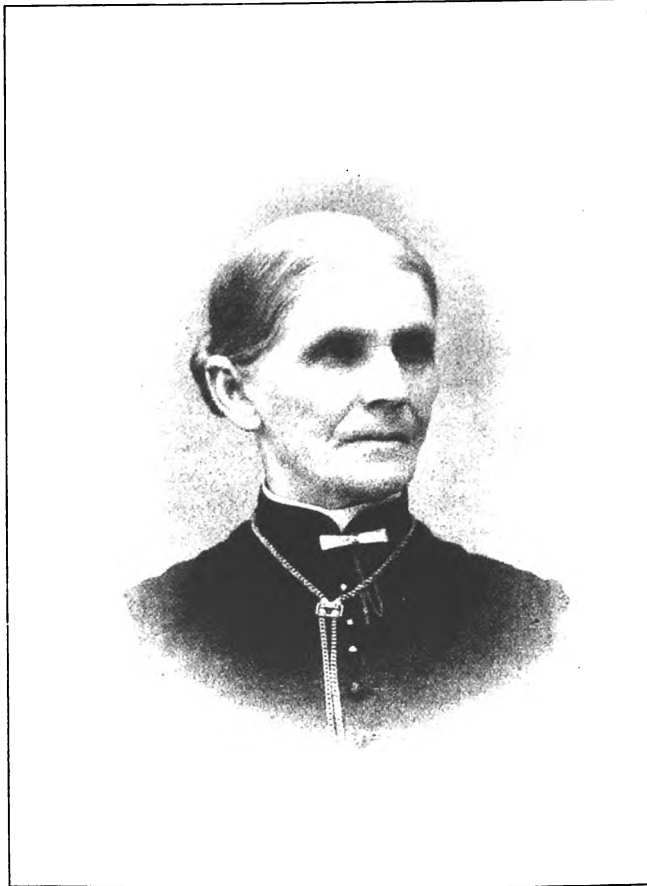
On Aug. 2, 1855, Mr. Lanyon was united in marriage with Miss Maria Thomas, daughter of Samuel Thomas, Esq., and born in Mineral Point, Oct. 20, 1836. Five children have brightened their home—William, of Pittsburg, Kans.; Ella, now Mrs. Vaughan, of Kansas City, Mo.; Colonel, of Iola, Kans.; Myrtle, now Mrs. Meserole, of Mineral Point; and Daisy, Mrs. Posey, of Chicago. The family are active in the work of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Lanyon is affiliated with the Masonic

Order and the Eastern Star. The success Mr. Lanyon has attained has been largely the result of his own sagacity and intelligence, and he has conducted his business affairs both wisely and honorably.

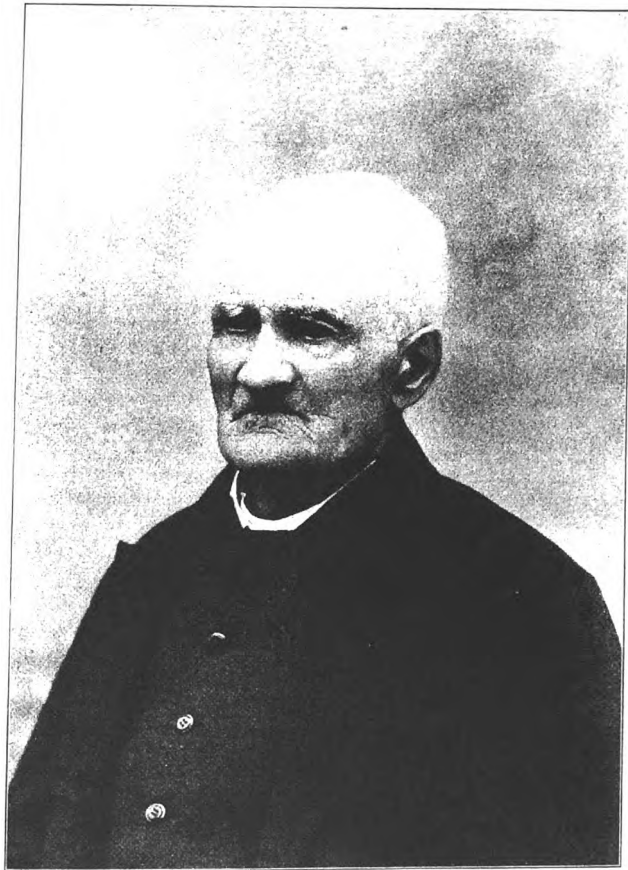
THOMAS WILEY was one of the well-known pioneers of Lafayette county, where he arrived in April, 1827. His birth occurred in Maury county, Tenn., Feb. 3, 1808, and some time afterward the family removed to the State of Missouri, where the parents died, leaving four sons and two daughters. Mr. Wiley came to Wisconsin from Missouri, and made his first stop at Gratiot's Grove, soon after settling on land in Monticello township which he secured from the government, and upon which his sons now live. For a considerable length of time he was engaged in mining, being among the first to follow that occupation in the newly opened lead mines of southwestern Wisconsin. In 1850 soon after the discovery of gold in California, Mr. Wiley went overland to the Pacific coast, where he worked for some time in the gold mines, but eventually returned to his possessions in Wisconsin. He took an active part in the events of those early days, being a soldier in the Black Hawk war in 1832, and for his services received a pension during the latter part of his life. One of the several forts erected for the protection of the settlers against the Indians was located on his land, near the site of the present residence. Honest and industrious, he accumulated an estate of about 900 acres of the most valuable land in the township.

On May 28, 1839, Mr. Wiley married Miss Esther J. Houghton, who was born in Sunbury, Union Co., Penn., Oct. 31, 1820, and came to Wisconsin with a married sister, Mrs. Carpenter Miller, in June, 1827. After their marriage they settled on the land obtained by Mr. Wiley from the government in 1828, and there they passed away. Mr. Wiley's death occurred June 9, 1895, and Mrs. Wiley's Feb. 6, 1900. This aged couple now rest side by side on the home farm near the family residence, on land selected by Mr. Wiley as a last resting place for himself and wife when their long earthly pilgrimage was over. Four sons survive them, John S., Albert, Benjamin and Wesley. One son, Silas, offered his life a willing sacrifice to his country in the war of





MRS. ESIER H. WILEY



THOMAS WILEY



the Rebellion, and was killed at the battle of Shiloh in 1862. The sons occupy the old homestead where they were born, and are numbered among the prominent and wealthy citizens of the county.

**GEORGE FARWELL.** Prominent among the veteran soldiers of the Civil war residing in Ridgeway, Iowa county, is George Farwell, a worthy representative of one of the early families of this part of the county. Mr. Farwell was born in Stephenson county, Ill., Oct. 3, 1838, a son of Russell and Patience (Vanvalkenburg) Farwell, both of whom were natives of the State of New York.

The genealogy of the Farwell family shows that two Farwell brothers came to America from England, previous to the Revolutionary war, one of whom, John Farwell, was the head of the branch in America to which George Farwell, of this biography, belongs. Russell Farwell grew to manhood in his native State, and there married, but in 1836 or 1837 emigrated to Stephenson county, Ill., and there opened up a new farm. In 1842 he removed to Shullsburg, Lafayette county, this State, where he engaged in mining, later removing to Darlington, and continuing there until the fall of 1851, when he removed to Blue Mounds, Wis. In this new home he carried on farming and also did some mining, until 1859, when he located on a farm in Ridgeway, Iowa county, and here passed the remainder of his life. The death of Russell Farwell occurred in April, 1895, at the age of eighty-three, and his wife passed away in 1890. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters, all of whom are still surviving, these being: Mrs. Minerva Ward, of Black Garth, Wis.; George; Frank, a resident of Dodgeville, who served in the 42d Wis. V. I. during the Civil war; Frederick, a resident of the town of Ridgeway; Ella, the widow of Daniel Jarvis, of Madison, Wisconsin.

George Farwell, the immediate subject of this sketch, resided under the parental roof until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he determined to enter the army, enlisting on Aug. 15, 1861, in Company G, 11th Wis. V. I., which rendezvoused at Madison, going thence to Missouri. The following winter was spent by this regiment in guarding the railroad between St. Louis and Pilot Knob, but in the spring of 1862 it marched South, through

Missouri and Arkansas. The summer of 1862 was spent at Helena, Ark., and in the following September it moved up the river to the State of Missouri, and engaged in the campaign against the Confederate General Price. In the opening of the spring of 1863 the regiment returned to Sainte Genevieve, Mo., where it joined the army under Gen. Grant, in the campaign against Vicksburg, and took part in the battle of Port Gibson and other important events immediately preceding the siege of Vicksburg, including Raymond, Champion Hills and Black River Bridge. With his regiment Mr. Farwell took part in the famous charge on the Confederate works at Vicksburg, May 22, 1863, where he was severely wounded by a gunshot, which resulted in his confinement in the Union Hospital, at Memphis, Tenn., for a period of three months, when he rejoined his regiment, then at Brazier City, La., west of New Orleans, marching thence to Opelousas, a distance of 200 miles, to near the Texas line. Upon the return of the regiment to New Orleans it joined the army under Gen. Banks and crossed the Gulf to Texas. In the spring of 1864 Mr. Farwell re-enlisted, and upon his return to New Orleans he was given a furlough of thirty days, by virtue of his re-enlistment. The second rendezvous was at Milwaukee, in the last of April, and from there Mr. Farwell went with the regiment to Memphis, where it became a part of an expedition to Central Tennessee, thence to New Orleans, and a second time to Brazier City, in which locality the regiment was put on garrison duty for ten months. In March, 1865, the regiment returned to New Orleans, and joining Gen. Canby, took part in the Mobile expedition, and the last battle of the regiment was in April, 1865, in which Company G lost a number of men. The command marched then to Montgomery, Ala., where it remained until August, when it went to Mobile, and here was placed on police duty until in September of the same year, when it was mustered out. and soon after departed for Madison, where it was duly discharged, on Sept. 29, 1865, and these brave and loyal soldiers dispersed to the homes they had so valiantly fought to preserve.

As soon as Mr. Farwell could again accustom himself to the ways of peace, he entered upon farming, and continued in agricultural pursuits for seven years, and then opened up a mercantile business, in which he was en-



gaged for the succeeding fourteen years, but again returned to a farming life for a time. This he found laborious, and again became interested in merchandising, but four years later retired from active duties, the wound in his arm, received in his country's defense, causing him much inconvenience and continual suffering.

In March, 1866, George Farwell was married to Miss Flora Meigs, a daughter of Brownson and Rebecca (Tuller) Meigs, early settlers who came to this county in 1857. Mrs. Farwell passed away in June, 1884. By this marriage Mr. Farwell has one daughter, Carrie M., who married Joseph Roberts, of Baraboo, Wis. The second marriage of Mr. Farwell was in September, 1885, when Miss Carrie Chamberlain, a niece of Mr. Farwell's first wife, and a daughter of Henry and Celia (Meigs) Chamberlain, became his bride. Mrs. Farwell was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and when a child of two years she removed to the State of New York with her parents. After the marriage of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain resided at the home of their son-in-law, kindly cared for until the death of the mother in 1889, and the father, in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell have one son, Byron Chamberlain, a bright and intelligent boy, born in 1893.

At the time of the breaking out of the war Mr. Farwell had in view a professional career, and for some time had been a student in the high school in Madison, expecting to pursue a course of study in that city, but he yielded to his duty, and for four long years, or as long as his aid was needed, he stood at his post, with other wishes subdued. Entering the service as a private, he was promoted to sergeant, and finally, in March, 1865, for faithfulness, to lieutenant, and was mustered out as such. Returning with shattered constitution, he renounced, with little repining, his hope of a professional career, and pursued, as he was able, the occupations of farmer and merchant. Of such stuff our heroes are made. Although for many years he faithfully performed his duties as a civilian, it was under difficulties, as the wound in his arm has annoyed him greatly, and rheumatism, also, which afflicts many a brave veteran, has given him much trouble, and has been a leading cause of his retirement from active business life. In politics Mr. Farwell is a staunch Republican, and has ever been deemed

a worthy and honorable citizen. Mrs. Farwell is a member of the Christian Advent Church, and also of the Woman's Relief Corps, while Mr. Farwell is socially connected with Williamson Post, G. A. R., of Dodgeville.

EDWARD E. BURNS, member of the State Senate from the 16th District, is one of the leading representatives of the Bar in Grant county, is a gentleman of unusual attainments, successful in the practice of his profession, and highly respected by his colleagues as well as his fellow citizens.

Mr. Burns was born at East Dubuque, Ill., Jan. 20, 1858, a son of Edward and Clara (Fairbanks) Burns, the former a native of Ottawa, Canada, the latter born near Watertown, N. Y. The father was born in 1828, of Scottish parents. The mother was born in 1832, and was the daughter of Silas and Caroline Fairbanks, descendants of prominent New England families, who were well known during the early days of the country. Edward Burns settled in Chicago, and for some time was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railway Co., later conducting a lumber yard at East Dubuque, Ill., where his first marriage—with the mother of our subject—occurred. After some years' residence there Mr. Burns removed to Jamestown, Wis., where he purchased the farm on which he still resides. In 1863 Mrs. Clara Burns passed away, leaving him with two children: Edward E. is our subject; Carrie L., a native of Jamestown, where she grew to womanhood, married Frank Neat, of Ypsilanti, Mich., and died in November, 1891, leaving no family. For his second wife Edward Burns married Miss Mary Tupper, and to this union two sons were born: Frank L., a graduate of the State Normal School at Platteville, of the class of 1896; and Clifford, now fourteen years old.

Our subject received an academic education in the State Normal School at Platteville, after which he entered the University of Wisconsin law school, at Madison, graduating in the class of 1887. The following year he opened an office for the practice of his profession at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., but after a short residence there returned and formed a partnership with W. G. Palmer, of Boscobel, Grant county. At the close of one year Mr. Burns removed to Platteville, forming a partnership with W. E. Carter on Dec. 1, 1890.

Five years later this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Carter locating in Milwaukee, Wis., and Mr. Burns continuing in Platteville.

When the war with Spain broke out Mr. Burns offered himself as a private, but was rejected on account of a defect in his left eye. Determined to serve his country, he returned to Platteville, and raised a company, of which he was elected captain, and which was mustered into the service as Company C, 4th Wisconsin Volunteers, at Camp Douglas, Wis. Later they were forwarded to Anniston, Ala., where they remained until Feb. 28, 1899, when the regiment was mustered out.

After the muster-out of the regiment Mr. Burns returned to Platteville and the peaceful practice of law. He is notably successful in his cases. In recognition of his ability, the common council of Platteville in 1897 elected him to the position of city attorney, and he has since been honored with election to the State Senate from the 16th District, in which body he is now serving, discharging the arduous duties of this incumbency with marked distinction. In addition to this honor Mr. Burns has also served as member of the county board, and brought to the deliberation of that body not only his legal knowledge, but also a calm, impartial judgment. In politics he is a member of the Republican party, whose principles he upholds upon all occasions. Mr. Burns is not connected with any religious body, but accords to every man the right to worship as his conscience dictates. In April, 1899, Mr. Burns purchased a fine building site on Round-tree avenue, erected a very comfortable home, and now resides there. Public-spirited, genial, thoroughly conversant with his profession, the future before this young man is a very brilliant one. Judging the future by the light of the past, his name is destined to become one of the best known in the State, even if he is not called to fill higher positions. Socially he is a very prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the K. of P. lodge of Platteville.

**HON. JOEL WHITMAN.** The early settlers of Wisconsin are rapidly yielding their places to the generations who have succeeded them. With silvered hair, and sometimes with faltering steps, they are silently marching toward a land where faith is succeeded by vision, and hope gives place to realization. To chronicle their achievements and tell the story

of their lives is, with the historian, a task at once of duty and of love; and among those who for more than half a century have been prominently identified with the material, economic and political development of the southwestern portion of the State, the names of few are better known or more widely respected than that of Joel Whitman.

Mr. Whitman comes of English lineage, as well as of "fighting stock." His American ancestors were among the early settlers of Long Island, when New York was a colony of the Crown, and his grandfather, Isaiah Whitman, a tailor by trade, was one of the intrepid army which, under the leadership of Washington, freed the new republic from the yoke of British domination. Isaiah Whitman, the elder, some years after the conclusion of the war for independence settled in Fulton county, N. Y., where he died in 1799, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was twice married. His first wife bore him one son and one daughter, Jesse and Phoebe. A few years after her death he was united to a Miss Platt, a member of the distinguished and historic family in whose honor Plattsburg, N. Y., was named. The issue of that union was three sons and five daughters, the youngest of the family, whose Christian name was also Isaiah, being the father of the eminent pioneer, public servant and man of affairs whose career constitutes the subject of this narrative.

Isaiah Whitman, Jr., spent his entire life chiefly in farming. He married Hannah Turner, and became the father of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity, and of whom five are yet living. Nelson, Joel, Phoebe, Clarissa and Louisa. Phoebe and Clarissa are widows, and make their homes in New York. Louisa is the wife of Judge W. H. Fry, of that State. Nelson is an ordained clergyman in the Methodist Church, and is now a resident of Fulton county, N. Y., where he was born. For four years he carried a captain's commission and did service in the army of the Union during the war of the Rebellion; about 1858 he came West, and was for a time connected with the Wisconsin Conference, having previously been attached to the Troy Conference for a number of years. Henry Whitman, a son of Rose Whitman (deceased), the eldest of the family, was also a soldier, and lost his life in the service of his country in the second battle of Bull Run, in 1862.

From the narrative given above it may be seen that Joel Whitman is the only member of his father's family to become a permanent resident of Wisconsin. He was born Feb. 2, 1823, in the town of Wells, N. Y., which was then a part of Fulton county, but is now, owing to a readjustment of county lines, within the limits of Hamilton county. His early educational advantages were of the sort enjoyed by the sons of well-to-do farmers of his time and locality, and he learned the trade of a carpenter in his early youth. In 1856 he settled in the town of Ridgeway, Iowa Co., Wis., entering a claim to government land. His natural ability soon won recognition, and, together with his innate energy, early brought him to the front in public affairs. Quick of comprehension, facile of speech, broad in conception, and resolute of purpose, the people found in him a most intelligent servant; while at the same time his high moral sense, which appeared in-born, insured his fidelity to every public trust. In 1860 he was first elected clerk of the circuit court of Iowa county. At that time the county seat was at Mineral Point, and there he resided until, in July, 1861, the seat of county government was changed to Dodgeville, when he removed to that town. With such ability and fidelity did he discharge every official duty that he was twice re-elected to the same important position, with its grave and sometimes perplexing responsibilities, filling the office for six years. So great has been the public confidence in him, however, and so deep-seated has been the faith of the people in his intelligence and integrity, that other offices have been thrust upon him. In 1866 he was chosen to represent his district in the State Senate, in which body he occupied a seat for two years. Of minor and local honors he has been a frequent recipient, having filled the offices of member of the board of town trustees, president of the village, and president of the Iowa County Agricultural Society. Between 1875 and 1879 he was postmaster at Dodgeville, filling the position for over four years.

Mr. Whitman's marriage took place in 1866, when he was united to Anna Belle McClure. Her father, Donald McClure, was a native of Prince Edward Island, where she, too, was born. The family seat was in Scotland, whence Mrs. Whitman's grandparents emigrated before her father's birth. In 1849 the family removed to Wisconsin, their home

being in Dane and Iowa counties. Donald McClure long since entered into eternal rest, but his widow is yet living, at the age of eighty-two, and has her home with a daughter, in Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Whitman is the second of a family of four children. Her elder sister, Christina, is the widow of Willard Fisher, and lives near Omaha. Her two brothers are named George and Chester A. To Mr. and Mrs. Whitman have come three sons, George R., Platt and Ross. George R. Whitman was born in Dodgeville, Dec. 18, 1867, and, after graduating from the high school, he studied two years in the academic department of the State University, graduating from the law department in 1892; he was at once elected district attorney for Iowa county, re-elected in 1894, and subsequently he was chosen a member of the board of supervisors, an office which he held until his death, on Aug. 19, 1898. He also served with distinction as agent for the State Board of Immigration, and just before his death had been notified of his appointment as United States inspector of flour at Chicago. In January, 1896, he was married to Miss Nellie S. Bennett, of Mineral Point. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity, to the Knights of Pythias, and to the Royal Arcanum, and as a Pythian was Grand Master-at-Arms of the Grand Lodge of the Domain of Wisconsin at the time of his death. Platt Whitman, the second son of our subject, was born Feb. 6, 1871, and he, too, is a member of the Bar, having received the degree of A. B. from the State University in 1893, and graduating from the law department in 1895; he began the practice of his profession at Highland, Iowa county, but not long afterward removed to Boscobel, where his success has been commensurate with his recognized ability. Ross Whitman, the youngest son, was born June 5, 1881, and is a student at the Wisconsin University.

JOHN WALSH, a popular dealer in furniture, and undertaker, at Benton, Lafayette county, was born in Walshford, Ireland, Nov. 24, 1850, a son of John and Johanna (Day) Walsh. They were born and married in Ireland, and came to America in 1851, settling near Galena, where he engaged in the work of mining. In the early days of gold mining he crossed the Plains, and for four years was engaged in the mines in California. He did

well in that distant land, where he remained four years. Coming back to Wisconsin with considerable wealth, he bought a farm on the pike in Jo Daviess county, where he lived until his death, in 1885. His widow and her son, John, whose name appears above, moved to Hazel Green, where she died in 1886. They were both devout Catholics, and were highly regarded by those who knew them best. Of their family of six children, (1) Thomas, the eldest, was born in Ireland. When a young man he enlisted in the Navy under Admiral Farragut, and was with him when he destroyed the rebel fleets in the Mississippi river. Later he enlisted in Company B, 45th Ill. V. I., serving until the close of the war. He is a single man, and lives at Dubuque. (2) Robert, born in Ireland, grew up in Jo Daviess county, enlisted in the 13th Ind. V. I., which became a part of the Army of the Potomac, and, with his regiment, participated in many battles. He was wounded by a bursting shell at Lookout Mountain. He is now living in Indianapolis, where he was married. (3) James, born in Ireland, is a saddler by trade, and lives in Hazel Green. (4) Johanna, born in Ireland, is the wife of Christopher McCane, a merchant in Hazel Green. (5) Mary, born in Jo Daviess county, Ill., is the wife of J. E. Kenney, of Cuba City, who is an undertaker and a furniture dealer. (6) John.

John Walsh had his early education in the district schools of Jo Daviess county, Ill. When a young man he learned the trade of a carpenter and builder, and this was his occupation for many years. Many public buildings and private residences through this part of the State attest his ability as a workman. The large school building at Cuba City was put up under his contract, as well as many other notable buildings in this section. In 1878 he went to the Black Hills, where he worked for four dollars a day framing timber for the mines. He was in that country when Deadwood City was destroyed by fire. For four years he remained in the Hills, and then came back to Wisconsin to take up the work of farming, which he followed until 1888, when he purchased ground and erected a furniture and undertaking establishment at Cuba City. In this business he continued for six years, and in 1893 disposed of his business in Cuba City to J. E. Kenney, and started a similar business in the town of Benton, which has

proved highly remunerative, and where he is now engaged in business.

In July, 1889, Mr. Walsh was married to Miss Minnie, the daughter of Frank and Marv (Griffith) Brock, a pioneering and prominent family in Grant county. Mrs. Walsh was born at Big Patch in 1865, and her father was born near East Dubuque, Ill., and her mother in Delaware. They lived at Big Patch for a number of years, and then moved to Cuba City, where Mr. Brock died in 1892. Then family of children is as follows: Emma, now Mrs. Amos Cook, of South Dakota; Mary, who lives with her mother in Cuba City; Minnie, who married John Walsh; and Ira, a traveling salesman.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walsh were born the following children: (1) Mary A., born in Cuba City in July, 1890; (2) John F., born in the same place in 1892; (3) Lynn S., born in 1895; (4) Georgie O., born in 1897; (5) Clifford, born in September, 1900. The entire family are devoted adherents of the Catholic Church. Mr. Walsh has always voted with the Democratic party.

Mr. Walsh belongs to the order of Catholic Knights, where his loyalty and enthusiasm are much esteemed. As a man he has many friends, who know and admire his good qualities.

OLE JEREMIASON holds an enviable place among the farming people, as well as the citizens of the town of York, Green county, where he has his pleasant and inviting home on a farm of some 400 acres on Section 16. Born in Norway June 16, 1830, he is a son of Jeremias Oleson, and accompanied his parents to Wisconsin in 1853, and here they made their home in Green county.

Jeremias Oleson was the father of the following children: Ole, Lena, and four that are now deceased. Lena married Elliott Hanson, and is living in Iowa. Ole Jeremiason, following the Norwegian habit, took his father's given name, and added to it "son." Jeremias Oleson was born in Norway Feb. 6, 1796, and died in the town of York Nov. 16, 1881. His wife was born Jan. 1, 1800, in Norway, and died in York June 30, 1886. Both were buried in the Norwegian Cemetery in that town.

Ole Jeremiason and Miss Margaret Everson were married Nov. 26, 1876, and to them

were born the following children: Ida, born Oct. 6, 1877; Julia, born Dec. 18, 1880; Nettie, born Dec. 21, 1882; Sophia, born June 14, 1884; Martin, born Feb. 2, 1887; and Milla, born Feb. 12, 1892. Mrs. Jeremiason was born March 19, 1854, near Brodhead, and was one of a family of six children: Sveino, of Rock county; Peter, of Brodhead; Even, of Dane county; Helena, the wife of Mangus Freeman, of Rock county; Margaret; and Amon, of Rock county.

Mr. Jeremiason was in very poor circumstances when he arrived in this country, and made the journey from Janesville to York township on foot. There he and his father took up a small tract of government land, and by hard work, economy and industry he has come to own one of the largest farms of Green county, which is entirely free from encumbrance. Mr. Jeremiason is a stanch Republican and a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, and is honest and square in all his dealings. At the present time he is engaged in farming and the dairy business. He milks some forty cows, and belongs to the Co-operative Cheese Manufacturing Company.

In the spring of 1865 Mr. Jeremiason enlisted in the 46th Wis. V. I., and served until the following fall. He made a good record, though late in entering, and his children may well be proud of their father's good name in every walk of life.

JAMES P. COX enjoys the double distinction of being a son of one of Wisconsin's pioneers, and a gallant veteran of the war for the preservation of the Union. He was born in the town of Potosi, Grant county, Jan. 11, 1836, his father being Judge James P. Cox, one of the foremost pioneers of this section of the State, whose name is held in reverential esteem.

Judge Cox was born in Philadelphia in 1802, and, being left an orphan at the age of eight years, was reared in a Quaker family, who gave him the ordinary advantages of rudimentary education and apprenticed him to learn the trade of a tanner. The occupation did not prove to his liking, and on reaching the age of twenty-two years, his mind was made up to seek fresh fields and pastures new in what was then regarded as the extreme West. Accordingly, in 1824 he came to Wisconsin, settling in that portion of the (then)

territory which is now Grant county. By virtue of intelligence and industry, perception and probity, he soon forged to the front. During those early days when Wisconsin was yet a Territory, he held the office of sheriff, his official jurisdiction extending over the region which now embraces the counties of Grant, Iowa and Crawford. He was at Prairie du Chien, when the grizzled old veteran, Zachary Taylor, commanded the garrison and when Jefferson Davis, afterward the president of the extinct Southern Confederacy, was a successful suitor for the hand of Taylor's daughter. Judge Cox was a soldier in the Black Hawk war, and his widow yet draws a pension for his services in that conflict. Mrs. (Judge James P.) Cox was Miss Caroline Dawson before marriage, and her birthplace was Shawneetown, in Southern Illinois. Judge Cox finally settled on a farm near Potosi, Grant county, giving the place the name of Osceola, by which it is still known. He served in the territorial legislature, and was a man of wide influence, and was made one of the judges of the Territory. He was a man of broad mind and deep convictions, to which he was inflexibly loyal. A Whig before the formation of the Republican party, he acted with the latter from the outset of its existence, and was one of its chief organizers in Wisconsin. An ardent patriot, he warmly supported the war policy of President Lincoln, and lived to see the triumph of the old flag and the restoration of the Union. He pre-empted 400 acres of government land in the township of Lancaster, Grant county, and passed his later years in farming. He passed from earth in 1866 leaving an unblemished record in every relation of life, both public and private, and his demise was widely and deeply mourned. He was the father of nine children, all of whom attained maturity, although only four are yet living. Two of his sons, James P., Jr., and Thomas D., served in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion. Thomas D. was a member of Company C (Captain McKee's command), of the 2d Wis. V. I., and was killed in the first battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, two days before completing his twenty-first year; he was the first soldier from Grant county to lay down his life as a sacrifice upon his country's altar, and his memory is honored and preserved in the naming of the Grand Army Post at Lancaster "Tom Cox."

A brief mention of the other members of the family cannot fail to prove of interest. Those who have died were Mrs. Harriet R. Clise, the eldest child, Mrs. Ann M. Clise, Henrietta and Rufus W. Besides Mr. James P. Cox there are yet living Charles, whose home is near his brother James P., on the old homestead; John T., a resident of the township of Paris, Grant county; and Mrs. Elizabeth Language, on an adjoining farm. Mrs. James P. Cox, Sr., the mother of this family, is still living, at the age of ninety years.

James P. Cox, the subject of this narrative, remained upon his father's farm until the outbreak of the Civil war. On Aug. 11, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company H, 25th Wis. V. I. The regiment was mustered into service at La Crosse, and after taking part in the suppression of an Indian outbreak was dispatched to Columbus, Ky., proceeding thence to Vicksburg, Miss., where it participated in the celebrated siege of that city. After the surrender of the Southern stronghold, the young volunteer became ill, and was sent home on furlough. He rejoined his regiment, however, at Helena, Ark., in time to take part in the famous raid on Meridian, Miss. His health giving way a second time, he was sent to the hospital at Vicksburg, whence he was transferred to Jefferson Barracks, in Missouri, and from that point to Prairie du Chien, Wis., where he remained until honorably discharged, at the close of his term of enlistment. His service as a soldier left him physically enfeebled, and he is yet a victim to those twin maladies of the old veterans—rheumatism and chronic diarrhoea. In 1866 he was elected sheriff of Grant county, and filled that responsible office for two years. In 1868 he retired to his farm, where he yet resides, broken in health, but with mental faculties undimmed, and happy in the recollection of a life well spent.

He was married in 1874 to Miss Margaret H. McKenzie, a daughter of the late James McKenzie, one of Grant county's honored pioneers, who was born in Philadelphia in 1794, a son of Alexander McKenzie, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, the story of whose life reads like a romance. While walking along the beach near his home, a mere youth, he was seized by the hated and dreaded "press gang," and forced aboard a British man-of-war, where he did compulsory service for three years.

During the war of the Revolution the vessel on which he was virtually a prisoner was cruising in American waters, and young McKenzie, with eleven companions, resolved to make an effort to escape. The coast was seven miles distant, yet they jumped overboard and swam for shore. Of the party that made this daring plunge for freedom, only five regained their liberty, the others sinking beneath the waves through exhaustion, or being struck by shot from the vessel's guns, which, after the fact of the escape was ascertained, kept up a perpetual firing. After landing upon American soil Alexander McKenzie lost no time in joining the patriotic army, and after a service of four years, had the pleasure of seeing the independence of the colonies recognized by the Crown. The remainder of his life was passed near Philadelphia, and there he died while his son James (the father of Mrs. Cox) was yet a child. He was the son of a royal house in Scotland, but unfortunately Mrs. Cox does not know its history well enough to relate it. James McKenzie was one of a family of five children, three of whom were sons. The eldest child is Mrs. Elizabeth Ellison, of Philadelphia; the second, Mrs. Margaret Hanley, resided with her husband on a large plantation in Kentucky, and died there many years ago; Thomas (also deceased) was an esteemed citizen of Terre Haute, Ind.; Alexander, a twin brother of James, lived and died on a Kentucky plantation, adjoining that of his sister.

James was apprenticed to the trade of cabinet maker while a youth, but before the close of his apprenticeship had expired he enlisted in the army to take part in the war of 1812. He served as second lieutenant in the regiment commanded by Col. Cadwallader, and at the close of the struggle was given the honorary title of Colonel, by which he was known during the remainder of his life, and his figure and martial bearing well substantiated his claim to the distinction. The name was long known and honored in both Kentucky and Wisconsin. It was in Kentucky that he married Lucintha Roundtree, and it was in the early days of their married life (in 1836) that the young couple removed to the Territory of Wisconsin, becoming the first settlers in what is now the township of Ellenboro. He erected a saw-mill and a flouring mill there, and "McKenzie's mill" soon became famous far and near. He was a man of quick intelligence, kindly

disposition and absolutely unflagging energy. He was eminently social, a genial host, and while remarkably successful in business, his native generosity was a constant bar to his accumulation of wealth. He was a Mason of high degree, and in no relation of life was he ever found derelict. In 1850 he made a trip to California, returning after an absence of two years. In early life he was a Whig, but later affiliated with the Democratic party. He died upon his farm in Ellenboro Aug. 21. 1881, having rounded out a life of earnest perseverance and good work, honored by the community whose best interests he had labored to advance, and sincerely mourned by the many friends who had learned to love him for his many virtues, not the least of which was his quick, tender sympathy for all who were in distress.

To James McKenzie and his wife were born seven children, three of whom are deceased. Henry, the eldest son, died at Ellenboro in 1885. The youngest son, Harrison McKenzie, enlisted in May, 1861, in Company C, 2d Wis. V. I., and lost his life on the field of Antietam Sept. 17, 1862. John, whose home was near Stockton, Cal., died there at 6 o'clock on the morning of Jan. 4, 1901. Those of the family who yet survive, besides Mrs. Cox are Mrs. Barnett, of Milwaukee, Mrs. Nancy Clise, of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Belle Spencer, of Minneapolis.

MYRON A. BISHOP, proprietor of the "Gates House" at Platteville, Grant county, was born in Huron county, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1845, a son of Alonzo and Louisa (Reynolds) Bishop, the former of whom was born Dec. 28, 1809, in New York State, the latter Sept. 28, 1813, in Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Bishop lived in the Empire State for six years after their marriage, then removed to Huron county, Ohio, and in 1854 came to Wisconsin, locating in Beloit, where the father was engaged in farming. The latter days of the parents were passed, however, at the home of their son Myron A., in Platteville, where they passed away in 1881, the mother on Nov. 13, and the father on Nov. 18. They had born to them thirteen children, eight of whom reached mature years, the seven besides Myron A. being (1) George W., who was born in New York State in 1836, was educated in Ohio, and when

a young man came to Wisconsin and engaged in the lumber business in the pineries. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the 10th Wis. V. I., and served through the entire struggle. After the war was over he purchased a farm in Perry, Dallas Co., Iowa, and married Miss Esther Arthur, of Wisconsin, who bore him three sons, George, Dr. Earnest and Ora, all residents of Iowa. George W. Bishop died in 1898. (2) Thomas, born March 25, 1844, was also a soldier in the Civil war, and was killed before Petersburg, Va., June 17, 1864. (3) W. H., born in 1847, came with his parents to Wisconsin, where he worked on his father's farm until enlisting, in the fall of 1864, in the 12th Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war; he was with Sherman on the march to the sea, and while in the service sustained a sunstroke that left him in poor health for some time. He married Miss Sarah A. James, of Wyoming Iowa Co., Wis., was for many years employed as United States mail carrier between Mineral Point, Dodgeville and Arena, and in 1877 settled in Platteville, where he carried on a livery business until his death, in 1893; he left his wife with one son, Dr. T. W. Bishop, of Platteville. Of the surviving daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Bishop, (4) Amanda, born in New York in 1834, became the wife of A. W. Greene, of Beloit, Wis., who in 1857 settled in Arena, Iowa county, where Mr. Greene farmed until his death, in 1863. He left his widow with two children, Della and Lydia, the former of whom is the wife of D. C. Munyon, of South Dakota, and the latter the widow of George Burrow, and a resident of Minnesota. Mrs. Greene was married after her first husband's death to Frederick Beaumont, and resided at Lone Rock, Wis., until her death, Dec. 17, 1900. By her second marriage she became the mother of two children, Alonzo and Frances. (5) Mary J., born in Ohio in 1838, is the wife of J. N. Dodge, a farmer of Round Lake, Minn., and has three children, George, Minnie and William; the latter was educated at the Platteville State Normal School and the Chicago Dental College. (6) Sarah Louisa, born in Ohio in 1842, is the widow of George W. Billington, of Arena, Wis., who died Jan. 5, 1900. She now resides in Wyoming Valley and has six children living. Cora (wife of Robert Edwards, of Sibley, Iowa), Frankie (married to Dana Hickox,



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of Clarion, Iowa), Minnie (wife of Louis Billington, of South Dakota), Iva (wife of Allen Olson, of Iowa county, Wis.), and William and Roy, at home. (7) Eva, born in Ohio in 1852, was married to Albert Green, who died in Brandon, Wis., leaving his widow with four daughters, Carrie, Sylvia, Anna and Minnie. Mrs. Green was later married to Hiram Dodge, and died in July, 1899, leaving two sons and one daughter by Mr. Dodge.

Myron A. Bishop was educated in the common and high schools of Beloit, Wis. At the early age of sixteen he enlisted in Company B, 34th Wis. V. I., under Capt. James M. Ruby, took part in several skirmishes, and was honorably discharged at the close of his one year's term of enlistment. After his return he again attended school six years, and then engaged in teaching, a vocation he followed about seven years.

On Aug. 19, 1868, Mr. Bishop married Miss Carrie Ward, daughter of William A. and Elizabeth Ward, of Arena, Wis. Mrs. Bishop was born in Nova Scotia Dec. 9, 1845, but early came to the Wolverine State, and here engaged in school teaching. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bishop taught school a year in Perry, Dallas Co., Iowa, and then returned to Wisconsin. For three years Mr. Bishop was engaged in mercantile trade, then for two years ran a stage between Platteville and Boscobel, and next conducted the "Park House," at Platteville, for about six years, at the end of which time he sold out and engaged in merchandising at Mount Hope for two years. He then disposed of his mercantile business and kept a hotel in Cassville for about five years, in 1893 purchasing the "Gates House," in Platteville, of which he has since continued to be the genial and popular proprietor. He and his wife are both well fitted for this business, and the kindly and hospitable faces of both are familiar to all travelers in the habit of visiting the town. The hotel is conducted on the temperance plan, and in the most orderly and homelike manner; the table is supplied with the best viands afforded by the local and city markets, and the sleeping apartments are clean, neatly furnished and comfortable in every respect. Mrs. Bishop is a lady of culture and refinement, and she possesses the happy faculty of making her numerous guests feel at home. For the past fifteen years, also, Mr. Bishop has acted as an auctioneer throughout

Grant and adjoining counties, and has gained for himself the reputation of being one of the best salesmen in this section.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have been born three sons: Bert M., now the only survivor, born Jan. 15, 1875, is a graduate of the Platteville Business College, 1894, and of the State Normal School, Platteville, class of 1898, is well advanced in literature and music, and socially is one of the leading young men of the town; Willet J., born April 10, 1877, died the same month; and Harold, born Sept. 3, 1881, died April 22, 1886.

In politics Mr. Bishop has always identified himself with the Republican party, and has been very active in party work, especially in local matters. He is a member of Sherman Post, No. 62, G. A. R., of Platteville; of Platteville Lodge, No. 125, K. of P.; of the Knights of the Globe; and of the M. W. A.

During the drought in Nebraska, in 1894, when the farmers and others of that State had suffered heavy losses, an agent was sent to Platteville to solicit money for the relief of the more pressing immediate wants, and oats for the coming spring season. Through the efforts of Mr. Bishop and his influence with the G. A. R. 1,100 bushels of oats were contributed, and these, with a neat sum in cash, were freely divided among the veterans and Nebraskans in want. In 1899 Mr. Bishop purchased a farm of 160 acres in Petersburg, Neb., which he rents.

T. W. Bishop, M. D., a nephew of our subject, was graduated from the Platteville Normal in 1890, and from Bellevue Medical College, New York, in 1894, and is now a physician of Platteville. In 1896 he married Miss Floy Wheeler, of Baraboo, Wis., daughter of Rev. Bert Wheeler, D. D., of the M. E. Church.

William A. Ward, Mrs. Bishop's father, was born in Nova Scotia in 1804, son of Robert Ward, and was of English extraction. In 1827 he married Elizabeth Reid, a native of Nova Scotia, born in 1802, and they came with their family to Wisconsin in 1846, locating at Ridgeway, where he engaged in farming. He died in April, 1883. Mrs. Elizabeth Ward died in July, 1854 and in 1857 he married for his second wife Margaret McKenzie, of Ridgeway. By the first wife he had the following children who grew to maturity: G. S., born in November, 1828, now of Iowa;

Kate E., born in 1830, who married Alexander McKenzie; Sarah A., born in 1832, who married William J. Laughlin, and is deceased; John W., born Jan. 27, 1835, who died in 1900; James E., born in November, 1836, of Hollandale, Wis.; Nancy V., born June 28, 1838, who married William A. McKenzie; and Carrie, Mrs. Bishop. By the second marriage there were three children: Etta, born in 1858, wife of Robert Clark, of Chicago; William A., born in 1861, of Chicago; and Zella B., born in 1864, who is unmarried.

**MATHEW BAINBRIDGE.** Among the wealthy and leading farmers of Lafayette county, is Mathew Bainbridge, of Blanchard township, his finely improved farm lying two and one-half miles south-west of Blanchardville. This comprises 436 acres of fertile and well cultivated land, and its location on Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, comprises some of the most valuable land in this part of Wisconsin.

Mathew Bainbridge was born in Durham county, England, July 13, 1846, a son of Henry and Jane (Hutchinson) Bainbridge, both of whom were natives of England, although the Hutchinson family originated in Scotland. These parents had a family of twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity: John, Elizabeth and Henry, deceased; Thomas, a retired farmer of Lafayette county; Anthony, a resident of Benton, in this county; Dinah, deceased; George, who remains on the old English homestead; Mathew, of this biography; and Isabella, deceased.

Previous to coming to the United States, Mathew Bainbridge married Miss Hannah Bainbridge, in 1868, a daughter of Joseph Bainbridge, and her birth was in 1848. Eleven children have blessed this union: Joseph, at home; Jane died at the age of twenty-two; John H., at home; Margaret E. married Columbus Johns, of North Dakota; Charlotte married Clyde Robinson, of Ohio; Etta, at home; Mathew W., at home; Annie, at home, as are also Thomas S., Archie and Bessie B. In 1870, Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge came to America and first settled near Benton, in Lafayette county, where the former engaged in mining and successfully pursued this for the succeeding five years, and then began farming, renting land for the next five years, at the expiration of which he bought his present most desirable estate. In addition to this valuable property, he also owns a

fine farm of 220 acres in the township of Benton, which may be of still greater value, as it has every indication of mineral wealth.

Mr. Bainbridge is a man of ideas, and not only successfully conducts extensive farming operations, but is also engaged in the dairy and cheese business on a large scale, and much of his time is occupied in the breeding of fine horses from imported stock. In politics, he is a Republican, and has taken an active interest in township affairs, efficiently filling the office of school director and has been chairman of the township board. The family is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Mr. Bainbridge gives liberal support. Remembering that Mr. Bainbridge came to this country a poor man, there is something admirable in the success which he has won by his energy and business ability. His standing in the community is very high, and no one in Lafayette county can be named as a better husband, father, friend or citizen, than he.

**LEWIS WHITEHEAD** (deceased) was among the honorable and useful citizens of his time. As a neighbor and a citizen he was highly esteemed for his kind heart, his sympathetic disposition, and his manly and upright character.

Mr. Whitehead was a native of Berne, England, born June 15, 1815, spent his boyhood and youth in the community where he was born, and there obtained his schooling. He descended from a family of the purest Anglo-Saxon lineage, which far away was mingled with a royal strain. William and Annie (Tone) Whitehead, his parents, were born in Berne, England, where the father followed the double occupation of farming and fishing, and they were known as honorable and industrious people. They were the parents of thirteen children, those who came to this country being William, Lewis and John.

Lewis Whitehead, after coming to this country, in June, 1850, settled in Wisconsin, and became well established here. He was married in Green county June 3, 1866, to Miss Olive L. Minor, a daughter of Hiram and Parmelia (Grant) Minor. Mrs. Parmelia (Grant) Minor was a distant relative of President Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead became the parents of the following children: (1) John W., born April 10, 1867, married Miss Statire Foote, of Medina, Ohio, and is now a

farmer in that locality. (2) George Henry, born Aug. 21, 1868, married Miss Nettie Lichtenwaller, of Monroe, Wis., and is a farmer in the town of Jefferson. (3) Alvin K., born March 28, 1870, is a farmer in Iowa, and on Feb. 13, 1901, he married Elizabeth Greves. (4) Annie Maria, born Nov. 3, 1871. (5) Wakeman D., born March 25, 1873, resides with his mother on the home farm, and is engaged in its cultivation. (6) Parker M., born Sept. 24, 1874, is a merchant at Elgin, Neb. (7) Frank B., the youngest in the family, was born March 14, 1876, and is now engaged in farming in Indiana.

Mrs. Olive L. Whitehead was born Dec. 3, 1841, the eldest child in a family of nine, the others being Ruby J., William M., Cyrus T., Truman J., Perry, Franklin, Belinda, and Serepta (who died in childhood). Hiram Minor was born in 1812, and died in 1886, and was totally deprived of sight for twelve years previous to his death. Mrs. Hiram Minor was born in 1818, and died in 1855.

Lewis Whitehead began life in this country as a day laborer, but soon became a farmer, and at the time of his death, in 1884, owned a fine estate of 180 acres of very desirable farming land in the town of Jefferson. Mrs. Olive L. Whitehead is now making her home on the old place. Mr. Whitehead was a Republican, and thoroughly posted on the topics of his time. Honest and true to his convictions, he was well liked by his neighbors, and acted the part of a man wherever placed. To his family he left a good property, and his widow is passing her last years in peace and comfort. She is a woman of more than the usual force of character, and is highly spoken of by those who know her best as a sincere Christian, of kindly spirit and generous impulses.

**HON. ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL**, a resident of the town of Brigham, Iowa county, since July, 1850, is one of the representative men of Southwestern Wisconsin, and his honorable and useful career since his arrival here deserves high commendation in this record.

Mr. Campbell comes of Scotch ancestry, and was himself born on Prince Edward Island April 28, 1828, being a son of James and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Campbell. The first Montgomery of this family to come to America bore the name of Donald, and was a thoroughbred Scotchman. Both the Campbells and

Montgomerys were among the very early settlers of Prince Edward Island.

Archibald Campbell attained his majority in his native island. When he had reached man's estate he came, in company with a half brother, to Wisconsin, where another brother had already come, and established a home. James T. Campbell, who came with him, is in South Dakota; Alexander Campbell, who was already established here, is in Washington. Donald Campbell, a full brother of Archibald, is now living in Boston, Mass. For a time after his arrival in Wisconsin, Archibald Campbell was an inmate of the home of Squire Brigham, a well-known pioneer, whose name the township in which he settled bears.

Mr. Campbell was one of the early teachers in Wisconsin, teaching in the townships of Blue Mounds and Vermont, in Dane county. A farm was improved by him near Blue Mounds, where he made his home until February, 1865, when he settled on his present beautiful home farm in Section 3, in the town of Brigham. Early in 1865 Mr. Campbell enlisted in Company A, 49th Wis. V. I., and was made a sergeant of the company at its organization. Actively engaged with his regiment, he saw many of the stirring scenes of the closing months of the Great Rebellion, and though his military experience was brief, it was in every way creditable. Since the close of the war Mr. Campbell has resided on his present farm, and has passed his years in the quiet pursuit of his useful calling. His character is above and beyond all possible serious criticism.

Mrs. Campbell was formerly Miss Fredrika Helmenstine, and she is a daughter of John A. Helmenstine, a well-known pioneer settler. To Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were born three daughters and six sons. A sad affliction befell them in the death of their oldest daughter, Elizabeth, who was killed by a cyclone in 1879, in the town of Moscow, Iowa county, where she was teaching school at the time. At the approach of the storm, which seemed to threaten the school house, she tried to escape with the children, but was killed, while the house was left uninjured.

Mr. Campbell was prominently identified with the early political history of Wisconsin, and enjoyed the acquaintance of many of the leading men of the State who have since passed from the stage of action. He voted

for Gen. Scott in 1852. and was a delegate to the first Republican convention held in Madison in 1854, and since that event has been a steadfast Republican. In 1878 he was sent to the State Senate, where he made a creditable record. Before the adoption of the present system he was a county commissioner, and has since served on the county board a number of terms. Mr. Campbell has taken an active interest in educational affairs, and long served as school director, being treasurer for eighteen years. There are few men who have a wider acquaintance in this part of the State, or are more highly regarded than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. Keeping in touch with the best thought of the time, he is universally recognized as a progressive and valuable citizen.

**JAMES H. EARNEST.** for over three score years identified with the farming and mining interests of Lafayette county, Wis., died at his old home June 12, 1900. His birth occurred in Franklin county, Ky., Jan. 11, 1818. and in that State his parents died while he was still quite young, and he was early thrown upon his own resources.

In 1836 Mr. Earnest came alone to Wisconsin, and found work in the mines in New Digging township, where he remained for fourteen years. About 1850 he purchased his farm, which was then unimproved, and erected good buildings for his family, with spacious barns and outbuildings for animals, of which he kept many. In politics Mr. Earnest belonged to the old Democratic party, and for sixteen years represented his county in the State Legislature. He was very prominent as a member, and was active in the promotion of many a law having for its object the welfare of the State. In the political work of his own county he was always in the front rank of workers and was looked upon as one of the most successful leaders.

In 1846 Mr. Earnest wedded Miss Mary E. McCoun who was born in Kentucky in February, 1824, daughter of Joseph and Esther (Eccles) McCoun, who were both born and raised near Harrodsburg, Ky., in which State they both died, the former when Mrs. Earnest was quite small, and the latter when eighty years of age. There were four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. McCoun, namely: Arethusa is the deceased wife of Merritt Cun-

ningham; William, born in 1822, married Miss Vienna Peters, and settled in Missouri, where he was engaged as a merchant, later going to Arizona, where he was killed by the Indians, leaving his widow with three children, the latter now residing in Missouri; Joseph, born in 1826, married Miss Louisa Pepper, and engaged in farming and distilling in Kentucky, later removing to Fort Worth, Texas, where his wife died, after which event he returned to Kentucky and there died in 1897, the father of three sons and three daughters—Perla, Hetty, Lueta, Robert, Samuel, and Joseph; and Mrs. Mary E. Earnest completes the family. Mrs. Earnest was educated in the Springfield Convent in Kentucky, and received a musical and literary education. She has, notwithstanding her life on the frontier, managed to keep up her education and is to-day a highly cultured woman and a fluent conversationalist. Her long years in home making in the early days are intensely interesting, and it is difficult to believe that one is listening to her own experiences. She proved herself a true helpmeet of her husband, ably seconding him in all his efforts, and taking an interest in the things about her. Eight children blessed their union: (1) Laura, born in New Digging in May, 1847, was educated partly by the Sisters of Sinsinawa, Wis., and later in Miss Edwards Seminary in New Haven, Conn., where she acquired a good classical and musical education. She married William H. Hughes, an employe in the post office at Milwaukee. She has no children of her own, but has adopted the daughter, Marie, of her deceased sister. (2) Kate, born in August, 1849, was educated in the Sinsinawa Mound Sisters School, whence she was graduated. She married John Dunlop, a railroad man, and has three children, Laura, Earnest and John. (3) Arethusa, born April 15, 1851, was graduated from the Sisters School at Sinsinawa Mound, and married Walter Le Clerc, of Prairie du Chien, Wis., now of Milwaukee, and has one daughter, Genevieve. (4) James E., born April 4, 1853, was educated in the high school of Shullsburg, and is now engaged in farming in Lafayette county. He married Miss May Patton, and has four children, Edna, Clara, William and Bertha. (5) Ida B., born April 1, 1855, was educated at the Sisters School at Sinsinawa Mound, and married Frank A. Porter, a farmer, and died June 29,

1892, leaving two children, Eugene and Marie. (6) Grattan, born in May, 1857, received a high-school education, and now superintends his mother's farm. He married Jennie Franklin, and has one son, Roswell. (7) Walter, born Feb. 22, 1859, received a good education, and is now chief clerk of the mail service at Helena, Mont. He married Miss Bertha Cunningham, of St. Paul, Minn. (although a native of Toledo, Ohio), and became the father of three children, all of whom died young. (8) Charles D., born Nov. 8, 1861, was educated in the home schools, and married Miss Eva Willcox, of Milwaukee, where he is employed by the St. Paul R. R. They have three children, Chester, Earling and Viola. This family is Roman Catholic in religion.

JOHN H. COOK, an energetic and progressive farmer residing on section 3, Waterloo township, Grant county, was born July 5, 1839, in Lewisburg, Greenbrier Co., W. Va., a son of Richard and Mary Ann (Smith) Cook, also natives of that State. The family have been residents of Virginia for several generations. In 1849 Richard Cook, his wife and eight children emigrated to Ohio. He died in Kentucky, while visiting a brother, after which his widow came to Grant county, Wis., but spent her last days at the home of a daughter in Minnesota, where her death occurred. Of their eight children, only three are now (1901) living: Addison, a resident of Little Grant, Grant county; Mrs. Elizabeth Mooney, of Cassville; and John H., of this sketch. All but one of the five who have passed away grew to mature years, Thomas dying at the age of fourteen. The others were Davis, William, James and Francis.

John H. Cook, the immediate subject of this biography, came to Grant county from Ohio in 1861, and was engaged in mining for a time. In 1862 he was married to Miss Letitia Tindell, a daughter of James Tindell, and to them were born nine children, four sons and five daughters, namely: Nettie, wife of Arthur Shanilley; Thomas, a resident of Lancaster township, Grant county; Mary, wife of John Wilson; Maria, wife of William Good, of Barron county, Wis.; Davis, a student at the Keokuk Medical College, where he was graduated in the class of 1901; William: Olive, wife of James Kendall; Everett, a student of dental surgery; and Theresa.

After his marriage Mr. Cook continued mining until he entered the service of his country during the Civil war. On Sept. 1, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, 43d Wis. V. I., and remained at the front until hostilities ceased, being honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., June 24, 1865. He was in active service with his regiment all of the time with the exception of about two months, when confined in the hospital by illness, being taken sick at Johnsonville by drinking foul water. Since the war Mr. Cook has engaged in farming, and now has a pleasant home in Waterloo township, where the family reside. His health was greatly impaired by his army service, and he has since suffered from heart trouble. He is one of the well-known citizens of his township and is justly deserving of honorable mention in the history of his adopted county.

THOMAS BUNBURY, who resides on Section 20, Town 6, Range 5, East, town of Brigham, Iowa county, is a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served as a member of Company A, 49th Wis. Vol. Infantry.

Mr. Bunbury was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, Jan. 4, 1827, and is a son of Patrick and Mary Bunbury. When he was a small boy he lost his mother, and his father came to this country to make a home for his children, stopping for a time in Pennsylvania, and then making his way to Michigan, where he secured a large tract of government land, where he was presently joined by his children Thomas, Henry, and a daughter who has been dead these many years. Henry Bunbury lives in St. Joseph, Mich., where he is greatly respected.

Thomas Bunbury came to the United States when a lad of ten years, in the company of his uncle, John Bunbury, and two sisters of that gentleman, and for a number of years lived with his father in Michigan. In the fall of 1846 he made his first appearance in Wisconsin, locating first in Mineral Point, and has made his home in Iowa county to the present time. For a time he was engaged in farming and mining, and then located on the farm noted above. This was in March, 1853, and under his industrious cultivation it has become one of the choice and desirable farms of the county.

Mr. Bunbury was married in November, 1852, to Miss Bridget McCann, by whom he had the following children: William Henry,

John Edward, Thomas, Mary, Jane, Amelia, Anna, Jane, Bertha, and Agnes. Mrs. Bridget Bunbury died in 1870, and the following year Mr. Bunbury was married to Miss Ann Williams, by whom he has had one son, Thomas P.

Thomas Bunbury enlisted in the Union Army in February, 1865, and did faithful work in camp and field with his regiment until he received an honorable discharge at the close of the war. Returning to his farm when he laid aside his soldier blue, he has proved himself a thorough farmer, an honest and hard-working man, and is regarded as an upright and honorable man in every respect. His health was quite impaired by his military life, and he has never been perfectly well since his return to civil life. He was a good soldier, and is an honorable and conscientious citizen of the community in which he lives.

FREDERICK FREDRICKSEN, a venerable member of the farming community of Bergen, Clinton township, Rock county, has a personal character which intensifies the respect his years command.

Mr. Fredricksen was born June 25, 1829, near Stavanger, Norway, and he was brought up under the most unfriendly conditions. His father died when he was only three years old, and his mother seven years later, and the young lad was left to push his way unaided among strangers. He had practically no school education, having spent but three weeks in a school in all his youthful years; but he was attentive and observant, and has learned much as he has journeyed through life. At twenty-one Mr. Fredricksen came to the United States, and straightway made his way to Wisconsin, where he at once found farm work. He was a farm laborer for four years, saved his money, and was fore-handed enough at the end of that time to buy the farm that is now known as "Oak Hill" and consists of 113 acres located near the town of Bergen, in Clinton township.

Mr. Fredricksen and Mrs. Martha Larsen, daughter of a farmer in Norway, and the widow of Sven Larsen, were married in 1852. Mrs. Fredricksen came to this country in 1846, when a girl, in company with her brother. By her first marriage she had one son, Louis Larsen, who is now a resident of Chicago, and she has borne Mr. Fredricksen one daughter, Betsy, now the wife of A. V.

Peters, the manager of a coal and lumber company in Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have had five children, three living: Martha Elizabeth, Mary Frances and Luella; two sons died in infancy. Mr. Fredricksen's father, also named Frederick, was a sailor. He died in about 1832, at the age of forty-five. He married Carrie Johnnason, who died in 1839, at the same age as her husband.

Mr. Fredricksen is a member of the Lutheran Church, and a man of sterling character. He is a Republican, and has been active in promoting the advancement of that party since its organization. He is a highly respected citizen of the community.

A. W. MOORE, proprietor of the "Park Hotel" in Platteville, Grant county, was born in Lafayette county, same State, in March, 1830, and was the first white child born there. His father, Col. John Moore, was born in 1784 in North Carolina, and his mother, Nancy (Stalcup) Moore, was born in Tennessee in 1800. They came to Wisconsin after marriage, in 1827.

John Moore was a colonel of Reserves in the war of 1812, and fought under Gen. Jackson at the battle of New Orleans, and in 1832, during the Black Hawk war, had command of the fort at Mineral Point, Wis. In 1833 he settled on a farm near Belmont, Iowa county, Wis., on which he lived until 1849, when he passed away, his wife surviving until 1864. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics Col. Moore was a Jackson Democrat, and a leader in the early politics of the state. He was a lifelong and close personal friend of Gen. Jackson. To Col. Moore and his wife came six children, in the following order: (1) Elvira J., born in Tennessee, in 1820, married Moses Whiteside in 1836, lived for a few years in Galena, Ill., and then moved to Belmont, Lafayette Co., Wis., where Mr. Whiteside died, leaving no children; Mrs. Whiteside then came to Platteville, where she died in 1899 at the home of her brother, A. W. Moore. (2) Emily P. Moore was born in Missouri in 1827, was principally educated in the schools of Lafayette county, Wis., and in 1845 was married to Dr. Edward Cronin, a native of Philadelphia, Penn., and a son of Edward Cronin, who was born in Ireland. Dr. Cronin was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, of Phila-

delphia, began practice in Platteville in 1844, and died 1893, leaving his widow with one son, Dr. Frank M. Cronin, at present practicing in Lancaster, Wis. Edward Cronin was the leading physician of Platteville in his day, was a profound scholar, having a knowledge of several languages, and was prominent in the better circles of society; his widow assisted in the management of the Park Hotel, in conjunction with her brother, A. W., until her death in April, 1900. (3) A. W. Moore is mentioned below. (4) Mary T. Moore, born in Lafayette county in 1832 was educated at the convent at Galena, Ill., and was married to E. B. Eastman, of the State of Maine, and a prominent merchant of Decorah, Iowa, who at his death left his widow with one son—Chauncey B. Eastman, now proprietor of the De Soto House at Galena, Ill. Mrs. Eastman subsequently married Thomas Hugin, but is again a widow and lives at the Park Hotel in Platteville, of which she is part owner. (5) Sarah A. Moore, born on the old homestead at Belmont, Lafayette county, was married to Peter Parkinson, a prominent and wealthy citizen of the county. This lady died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. W. Peck, in Darlington, Wis., April 7, 1899, leaving three children: Nancy M., wife of Dr. Peck, the leading physician of Darlington; Philip A., on the old homestead in Lafayette township; Mrs. Elizabeth E. Parkinson, a graduate from the State University at Madison, and now residing in Darlington with her brother-in-law, Dr. Peck. (6) Capt. John P. Moore, the youngest of the family, was born in Lafayette county, and when the Civil war broke out, raised a company of volunteers, of which he was commissioned captain, served over four years, was wounded in battle and still carries a rebel bullet in his leg. He is now employed at Fort Worth, Tex., as live stock agent for the Frisco Railroad Company.

A. W. Moore was educated in an academical course under J. L. Packard in Lafayette county. In 1850 he went to California, and for nine years was engaged in merchandising and in freighting his goods to the mines. In 1859 he returned to Lafayette county, lived on the family farm until 1878, when he married Mrs. Helen Ruble, of North McGregor, Iowa, widow of Henry Ruble, and then removed to Cassville, Grant county. In 1883 he came from Cassville to Platteville and has ever since had

charge of the Park Hotel. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. Moore is a genial, whole-souled man and one of the most popular landlords in Grant county. His hotel is equipped with every modern convenience, and his table is unsurpassed by any in a city of the size of Platteville, East, West, North or South.

**RHEINHARD EVERSOLL.** Among the honored pioneers of Grant county must be numbered Rheinhard Eversoll, a well-known farmer of Waterloo township, and one of the gallant defenders of the Union during the Civil war. He was born May 7, 1827, a son of Christopher and Elizabeth Eversoll, both natives of Switzerland, where they were reared and married. On their emigration to America they proceeded to Lord Selkirk's settlement in British America, and from there went to St. Louis. In the latter part of the year 1826, the family came to Grant county, and located at what is now Hazel Green, but was then known as Hard Scrabble. There the father engaged in mining for a time, and then removed with his family to Beetown, where the mother died. Subsequently he returned to Hazel Green, where he passed the last years of his life at the home of a daughter. During the greater part of his business career he followed the occupation of mining, and was always esteemed as a good citizen. His death occurred May 18, 1872, a few days after having celebrated the seventy-eighth anniversary of his birth. He and his wife became the parents of eight children, but only two, Rheinhard and Mrs. Elizabeth Dudley, of Lancaster, are now living, in 1900. All but three reached adult age. One son died on the ocean when the family were coming to the New World. The youngest son, Ferdinand, was a member of the 6th Wis. V. I., during the Civil war, which was a part of the Iron Brigade, and was killed in the battle of Gettysburg.

Rheinhard Eversoll has made his home in Grant county, of which his parents were early settlers. He was reared to the occupation of mining, but since the war of the Rebellion has engaged in farming. On Aug. 6, 1862, he donned the blue, becoming a member of Company G, 33d Wis. V. I., which was a part of the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in many important engagements, including the battle of Coldwater, Miss., April 19, 1863; the siege of Vicksburg; and Banks' Red river



expedition. He was also in the battles of Yellow Bayou, May 18, 1864; Tupelo, July 14, 1864; and Old Town Creek, the following day. He was at Nashville under the command of General Thomas, and then went to Mobile, taking part in the siege of Spanish Fort. The war having ended, and his services being no longer needed, Mr. Eversoll was honorably discharged at Vicksburg, Aug. 9, 1865, and reached home just three years from the time he entered the service.

In 1848 Mr. Eversoll married Miss Sarah Bryant, and nine children were born of this union, but only three are now living, namely: Thomas, Adeline and Lincoln. The others had nearly all attained to mature years when they passed away. The eldest daughter, Martha Jane, was her father's housekeeper for a number of years. For a short time Mr. Eversoll lived in Cassville township, but has made his home in Waterloo township for many years. He has witnessed almost the entire growth and development of this region, and has been actively interested in its progress. In his political relations he is a Republican, having supported every presidential candidate of that party since voting for Fremont in 1856. Religiously he is an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As has been seen from the above record, Mr. Eversoll was actively engaged during the whole of his military service, and took part in many of the most important engagements of the war. Considering the weary marches, the arduous campaigns and severe battles in which he participated he is still well preserved, though as he grows older he feels the effects of his army service more. As an honored veteran of the Rebellion, a prominent pioneer of the county, and a representative man of his community, he is worthy of the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

JOSEPH J. HEATHCOCK, one of the most influential and patriotic citizens of the village of Linden, Iowa county, Wis., was born there September 23, 1841, a son of John and Ann (Jones) Heathcock, who were among the earliest pioneers of that place.

John Heathcock was born in Staffordshire, England, where his father lived and died, although he once paid a visit to the United States. About 1830, John Heathcock came to the New World, and found employment in the Pennsylv-

vania cold fields, and then, in company with his brother William, came to Wisconsin, reaching Mineral Point during the Black Hawk war. They helped to build and garrison the fort at that place, and when the excitement subsided, they located at Linden. Mr. Heathcock took up government land in Grant and Iowa counties, and speculated to some extent in real estate. He engaged in mining quite extensively, the ore being smelted at Linden, and then drawn by ox teams to Galena, Ill. He was very enterprising and assisted in the building of the first church and school house in the place, both buildings being of logs, and was, in all ways, a most useful and exemplary citizen. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Republican, and was the first to hold the office of town treasurer. He died Sept. 18, 1887, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, Ann Jones, who was also born in Staffordshire, where her marriage was consummated, died in April, 1881, aged sixty-seven years. They were the parents of ten children, of whom nine are living; Catherine Ann, now Mrs. W. H. Phillips, of Linden; John W., of Butte City, Montana; Joseph J., of this sketch; Sarah, now Mrs. Christopher Dolphin, of the town of Mifflin; Thomas J., of Linden; Martha Jane, now Mrs. John T. Wicks, of Bessemer, Mich.; Mary Josephine, now Mrs. William Passmore, of Pickford, Mich.; Daniel Clark, of Leadville, Colo.; Charles W., who died in 1887; and Samuel, of Linden, Wisconsin.

Joseph J. Heathcock grew up on his father's farm and received a common school education. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Co. H., 7th Wis. V. I., and was discharged in July, 1865. He took part in the second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and thirteen or fourteen minor engagements. At South Mountain, Maryland, he was wounded in the right side and disabled for six weeks, and at the battle of the Wilderness was captured and passed ten months in Andersonville, Florence and other prisons, and when finally exchanged, was sent home on veteran furlough, just before the assassination of President Lincoln. After the war was over Mr. Heathcock went to Tennessee, where he located coal mines and passed four years in their operation, and then returned to Linden, where he owns a fine farm of 170 acres with good improvements, and operates valuable mines of lead and zinc on his own land. These mines produce about 600 tons per annum,



*Joseph J. Heathcock*



the greater part of which is marketed at Mineral Point.

On Oct. 19, 1887, Mr. Heathcock was married to Miss Louise Humbert, daughter of David and Mary Elizabeth (Spencer) Humbert, who located in Mineral Point about 1855. David Humbert was born in Bradford Co., Penn., and died in the town of Waldwick, Iowa county, Aug. 11, 1885, aged seventy-nine years; he was a carpenter by trade. Mrs. Humbert was born in Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Penn., of English descent in paternal lines, and Scotch-Irish in maternal, and died March 9, 1861, at the age of thirty-three. Mrs. Louise (Humbert) Heathcock was educated at the Platteville Normal School, and for four years thereafter was a successful teacher. By her marriage with Mr. Heathcock she has become the mother of one son, Ernest Harrison. The family is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Heathcock is a trustee. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and for eleven years served as town clerk, and for three years as chairman of the town and a member of the county board. Socially he belongs to a number of local societies, and is a charter member and past master of Linden Lodge, No. 206, F. & A. M., Iowa Chapter No. 6, and Mineral Point Council, and is a most active worker in Geo. H. Legate Post, G. A. R., at Mineral Point.

**LEWIS MCKAHAN.** Among the well-known and highly esteemed farmer-citizens, of Albany, Green county, is Lewis McKahan, who has been a resident of the village since 1886, where he owns a comfortable home. Mr. McKahan was born in Washington county, Penn., thirty miles south of Pittsburg, March 18, 1821, a son of Daniel and Esther (Irwin) McKahan, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Ireland. The grandparents of our subject were all natives of Ireland, who settled in Pennsylvania, where they died, leaving large families. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McKahan were: Lewis, our subject; Mary, the widow of Alexander Cunningham, lives in Middletown, Penn.; Esther M., the widow of Berry Mellick, of Knox county, Ohio; and Robert, who lives in Washington county, Penn. The father of our subject was a farmer and stock raiser, who moved to Knox county, Ohio, where he remained for some time, but returned to Pennsylvania, where

he died about 1879, aged seventy-seven years. His first wife died in 1857; she was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. His second wife was Mary Moffit, who survived him several years.

Lewis McKahan was reared on the farm in Washington county, Penn., receiving his education at the district schools, and becoming proficient enough to engage in teaching while quite a young man. After the family's removal to Ohio, Mr. McKahan gave some time to teaching, but subsequently made arrangements to enter the business of sheepraising, in connection with farming, and was immediately successful. In October, 1861, he left Ohio, came to Wisconsin, and settled on a farm of 140 acres three miles northeast of Monroe, and there the family lived until 1881, when he rented his farm and removed to Monroe, where he was pleasantly located for five and one-half years. In the spring of 1886, our subject and family moved to Albany and have now one of the most comfortable homes in the village, where he lives retired from active life, although local matters engage his leisurely attention.

In 1846 Mr. McKahan was married to Ziporah Ealy, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Horn) Ealy, and three children were born of this union: George W., Mary Ellen, and James H. Mary Ellen, the only survivor, married Rev. N. A. Sunderlin, a Methodist minister, stationed at Woodstock, Ill., and has three children: Lulu B., wife of Willard Chilcote; Gertrude, and Harold. Mrs. McKahan died in Feb., 1854, aged twenty-eight years, having been a consistent member of the Christian Church. The second marriage of Mr. McKahan was celebrated on Sept. 5, 1856, when Miss Keziah Parks, who was born April 23, 1836, a daughter of James and Christianna (Ealy) Parks, became his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Parks were born and reared in Pennsylvania, and of their family of thirteen children the following are now living: William; Keziah; James, of Sutherland, Iowa; John, of Chicago; Mary, wife of Fletcher Busick, of Topeka, Kans.; Isaiah, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Florence Jeanette, wife of Corwin Johnson, of Huron, S. Dak.; and Leonard, of Marshalltown, Iowa. Mr. Parks came from Ohio to Wisconsin and entered 300 acres of land, seven miles north of Monroe, in 1849, there reared his family and died in 1897, aged eighty-six, his wife dying

in the spring of 1899, at the same age. Both they and family have always been connected with the Christian Church. The grandparents of Mrs. McKahan were John Ealy and James Parks. For more than forty years Mr. McKahan and his estimable wife have been members of the Christian Church, where they are highly esteemed. Formerly our subject was a Democrat, but since the organization of the Republican party, has espoused its principles. Both he and his wife possess the respect of the community where they have lived upright lives and been worthy descendants of fine old families.

CYRUS W. PATTERSON, a prosperous and prominent representative of the farming population of Grant county, was born July 18, 1858, a son of Parious P. and Elizabeth (Dobson) Patterson.

The father of our subject was born in the town of Potsdam, N. Y., in July, 1812, of Scottish parentage, and at the time of his birth, his father, who took an active part in the war of 1812, was a prisoner of war. His mother was a cousin of Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame. Parious P. Patterson married Elizabeth Dobson, who was born in 1826, in Yorkshire, England. When a young man he moved from New York into Illinois, where he lived a year before coming to Hazel Green, in 1833. He went to work in the lead mines, and for a number of years this was his employment. In 1837 he "took up" a quarter section of government land, and, clearing it, made his home there during his remaining years. The first house in which he lived was a small log shanty, which gave way to a large brick house in 1865, and there he lived until his death, in September, 1899. Mrs. Patterson died in December, 1894. They were members of the first Methodist Church organized in this community, and Mr. Patterson contributed liberally to the first building. In the building of the first school house in Hazel Green he also took a prominent part. He was a Whig and a Republican in politics, holding a number of local offices in his lifetime.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were the parents of eight children, and four of their sons lived to maturity: (1) Enoch R. was born at the present home June 26, 1851, attended the State Normal at Platteville, where he received a good education, and for several terms taught

school in Hazel Green township. At one time he was a merchant in Fair View. He is now a teacher, being principal of the school at Gratiot, Wis. Mr. Patterson married Miss Alice Straw, of Grant county, and they have five living children—Laura (graduate of the State Normal at Platteville), Percival, Jessie, Roy, and Delbert. (2) Charles, born Nov. 23, 1853, engaged in stock farming in Oregon. He married Miss Almyra Eastman, a lady of Canada, and is the father of seven children, Frank, Ethel, Asenath, Mabel, Cyrus, Bertha, and Albert. (3) Parious, born in July, 1856, was an invalid throughout his life, and died in July, 1895. (4) Cyrus W. is the subject of this article.

Cyrus W. Patterson obtained his early education in the local schools of Hazel Green, and for three years was a pupil in the State Normal at Platteville. After leaving school he taught a term in the town of Hazel Green, and then became manager of the home farm, an arrangement which continued during the later years of his father's life.

In 1886 Mr. Patterson married Miss Mary E. Gray, of Lafayette county, daughter of Samuel and Mary Gray, very prominent English people of Platteville; Mrs. Patterson was a student of the high school of Galena before her marriage. They came to the old homestead, here making a permanent home, and Mrs. Patterson died in 1898, leaving one son, Cyril O., born in 1889. Mrs. Patterson was a member of the Methodist Church, and a woman of a fine character and sweet spirit. Our subject has been for many years one of the leading Republicans of the town, serving on the town board, and holding other positions of honor and trust, and is a man of sterling worth and genuine character. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

F. A. ELWELL, a prominent retired farmer and wealthy citizen of Cassville, has been a resident of Grant county for almost sixty years, and has not only watched with interest its growth and development, but has borne an active part in the work of improvement. It was in 1842 that he came from Lee county, Iowa, to Hazel Green, Wis., and he has since been identified with the interests of this section of the State.

Mr. Elwell was born in Preble county, Ohio, in 1831, a son of James Elwell, a soldier

of the war of 1812, who enlisted at Philadelphia and was in active service. The father was born in New Jersey Jan. 4, 1789, and at an early day left his native State, moving to Preble county, Ohio, where he was united in marriage with Miss Frances Kellow, a native of Virginia, and a daughter of John and Frances Aminza (Atkins) Kellow. Her father was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, and an early settler of Ohio, where both he and his wife died. About 1834 or 1835 James Elwell moved to Lee county, Iowa, and made his home there until coming to Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wis., in 1842. There he was first engaged in mining, but having received a land warrant for his services in the war of 1812 he in 1852 secured a tract of land in Waterloo township, and in the midst of the wilderness developed and improved a farm, making his home thereon until his death, which occurred March 23, 1877. His wife died on the home farm in Waterloo township about 1861. In their family were nine children, namely: Joel, who died in Lee county, Iowa, at the age of twenty-seven years; Mary Ann, Mrs. Robinson, who died near Topeka, Kans., in 1893; John, who was drowned in the Mississippi river in 1855; Sarah, Mrs. Hall, who died in Hazel Green, Grant county, in 1846; James, a retired farmer of Waterloo township, who died in Cassville in January, 1897; Theodore, who died on the old homestead in Waterloo township in August, 1898, in his seventy-second year; William, who died in the same township in 1872, aged forty-three; F. A., the only one now living; and Eliza, Mrs. Droulard, who died in Lincoln, Neb., in 1885.

At the age of eleven years F. A. Elwell accompanied his parents on their removal to Grant county, and after completing his education in the public schools here followed mining at Hazel Green for a time. In 1852 he purchased an eighty-acre tract of land in Waterloo township, and immediately turned his attention to its improvement and cultivation. Meeting with success in his farming operations, he added to his landed possessions from time to time, until he owned 500 acres of valuable land, in one body. This place he improved in an excellent manner, and continued to successfully engage in general farming and stock raising for many years, but is now living a retired life, in Cassville.

In Waterloo township Mr. Elwell was mar-

ried, in 1859, to Miss Harriet Zimmerman, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Kaley) Zimmerman natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. At an early day her father moved to Potosi, Grant Co., Wis., and his last days were spent in Beetown. By occupation he was a farmer. His first wife, the mother of Mrs. Elwell, died in Wayne county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Elwell have five children: Minnie, Mrs. Doll, of Waterloo township, who has four children, Mary, Otho, Frank and Hobart Elwell; Alma, who married May Smith, and lives on the home farm; Frank S., who married Ella Smith, and is also on the farm; William, who is now residing in Colorado; and Ida, Mrs. Alcorn, a resident of Boulder, Colorado.

In 1891 Mr. Elwell and his wife left the farm and moved to Cassville, where they have a pleasant home, and are surrounded by all the comforts of life. They are earnest and consistent members of the Seventh-day Advent Church, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them. Socially Mr. Elwell is a member of Cassville Lodge, No. 235, F. & A. M., of which he is senior deacon, and politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He formerly took quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, assisted in organizing the school districts of his township, was a member of the town board, and efficiently served as justice of the peace for several years.

**JOSEPH DELLER.** The story of Mr. Deller's life reads almost like a romance. Born in Bavaria Jan. 12, 1829, he has been the architect of his own fortune. Beginning life in a strange land at an early age as a peddler, carrying a pack on his back, he has blazed out his own path to success through shrewd common sense, unflagging industry and unvarying integrity. But the narrative speaks for itself, and had best be told in plain, invariable detail. In reciting the events of such a life as his brevity is better than buncombe, and facts are to be preferred to adulation.

Joseph Deller was one of a family of three sons and five daughters born to his father, Isaac Deller. His parents were satisfied with their life and position in the country in which they had grown to maturity, married and raised their children, and they died in their native

land, respected for their upright life no less than for fidelity to their faith. But the young are fond of change and adventure, and quick to perceive and grasp an opportunity to improve their condition in life, and the children of this worthy couple turned their eyes toward the New World, with its broader freedom and its wider possibilities. The first to cross the water was a sister of Joseph Deller, Janet, who accompanied her husband, Abraham Michaelbacher, about 1840. They settled in the city of New York, where they died in February, 1900, leaving a family. In 1846 Joseph and his brother Abraham also came to this country. Mrs. Sarah Hirsch, of New York City, and Joseph, our subject, are now the only survivors of the family.

For a time Mr. Deller carried a peddler's pack through New Jersey, but, believing that he would meet with better success in a territory where stores were less numerous, he made his way to Michigan. There he carried around a stock of miscellaneous merchandise weighing seventy-five or eighty pounds, selling his wares at a remunerative profit to the dwellers in sparsely settled districts. At that period of Michigan's history, however, malaria was almost universally prevalent, and the young Bavarian fell an easy victim to the scourge. Upon recovering his health, in a measure, he turned his back upon the Northwest, returning to New York City, where he found employment from 1847 to 1851 as a tailor. Yet his quick comprehension had perceived the possibilities of the Northwest, and in the latter year, together with a friend, A. Boscowitz, he went from New York to Mineral Point, Wis., where they engaged in business as proprietors of a general store. After a partnership extending over several years Mr. Boscowitz withdrew from the firm to engage in business as a wholesale furrier, elsewhere. Mr. Deller continued to carry on the establishment alone, and became one of the most prosperous merchants at Mineral Point. After 1865 he confined his energies solely to the sale of dry goods and clothing, opening a merchant tailoring establishment which proved highly successful. For thirty years Mr. Deller engaged in trade at Mineral Point, and in 1891, having acquired a handsome competence through the exercise of sound business judgment and fair dealing, he retired to enjoy a richly earned rest.

Not long after settling in his new home Mr. Deller married the widow of his brother Abraham, who, as has been said, emigrated from Bavaria with him, in 1846. The maiden name of this lady was Regine Gundelfinger. She was born April 12, 1825, and married Mr. Deller Dec. 31, 1855, her first husband having died two years previously. Two children were born to her first marriage, and six to her second. Fannie, the eldest, is the wife of Henry Gunzy, who is in the employ of the United States Government at Caibarien, Cuba, where they reside. Emma married William Strouse, of La Crosse, Wis. Abraham married Tillie Guttenstein, and has his home in Mineral Point. Lillie is now Mrs. M. Iskowich, of Streator, Ill. Minna is the wife of Leopold Freudenfeld, of Milwaukee. Nettie married Henry Zimmer, of that city. Clara is Mrs. Adolph Iskowich. Isaac, the youngest of the family, married Nettie, daughter of John J. Oswald, of Lancaster, Grant county. There are twenty grandchildren. Mrs. Deller died in 1891, and our subject was married a second time, to Eva Baer, who was born at West Bend, Wis., daughter of Lazer and Dina (Kahn) Baer, natives of Alsace, France, who came to Wisconsin about 1854. Mr. Baer engaged in mercantile business at West Bend, where he died about 1866. His wife died in Milwaukee, Sept. 26, 1889.

Mr. Deller is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, having joined the same in 1853, and took the Royal Arch degree in 1855. For over half a century he has been a resident of Mineral Point, taking a deep and active interest in all that has tended toward its up-building, and, at the age of seventy-two years, enjoys the undisguised and universal esteem of his fellow citizens. His palatial residence, built in 1883, is considered the finest home in the city.

JOHN PHILLIPS WILLIAMS, a successful business man of Linden, Iowa county, was born in Machen, Monmouth, Wales, March 3, 1854, a son of John and Ann (Branch) Williams, natives, respectively, of Withel and Guennap, Cornwall, England.

John Williams, the father, was the son of an inn-keeper at Withel, Cornwall. He had in his possession a seal used by his ancestors for many generations, which is now in the possession of our subject. John Williams en-

gaged in mining in Wales and elsewhere, in 1858 came to the United States, and is supposed to have been killed in a mine soon after his arrival. He married Ann Branch, daughter of John and Ann Branch, the former of whom was a chain maker, and lived and died in Cornwall; the latter passed away at the advanced age of eighty years. Mrs. Ann (Branch) Williams became the wife of a Mr. Harper, of Bodmin, Cornwall, and is still living. By her first marriage, besides John Phillips, there were a son George, who now resides in northern Minnesota; and two daughters, Mrs. Ellen S. Oke, of Nanstallon, Cornwall; and Mrs. Celia Simpson, of Paington, Devonshire.

John Phillips Williams passed the greater part of his boyhood in Devonshire, and when fifteen years of age he joined the English Navy, passing three years in the service of his country; he also had a taste of land service during the Ashantee war. After leaving the government service he engaged in lead mining in Scotland, and in gypsum mining in Sussex. In 1876 he came to the United States, locating in Colorado, and spending two years in gold and silver mining there. He then came to Linden, Wis., but after two months went to Quinnesec, Mich., and there engaged in iron mining until 1884, in the meantime passing six months in Iowa, in the coal mines of that State. In 1884 Mr. Williams went to Tower, Minn., but after spending two years in the iron mines engaged in the flour and feed business, until 1891, in that year locating in Linden, where he has since been engaged in zinc mining, meeting with great success in his work, as indeed he has wherever he has made his home. He now employs some dozen or more men, and his mine produces from twenty to thirty tons per month, the ore being drawn by teams to Mineral Point. Besides his mining interests in Wisconsin he is the owner of considerable real estate in Minnesota, and also owns a charming cottage in Linden, where he resides.

Since becoming a citizen of the United States Mr. Williams has ever found himself in accord with the principles of the Republican party, and has taken an active interest in the political questions of the day. He has served three times as president of Linden village, and was a delegate to the Senatorial Convention held at Darlington in 1892. He has also served

most acceptably as delegate to the State Convention, going to Milwaukee in 1896, and also in 1898, and declined to accept the office again in 1900, although an active supporter of the candidacy of Robert La Follette in both 1898 and 1900; he did considerable campaign work in northern Wisconsin in 1900. He has been a public-spirited man wherever his lot has been cast, and he served as city recorder of Tower, Minn., and as deputy coroner of Vermilion Iron Range. Mr. Williams became a member of the Knights of Pythias in 1886, and is a charter member of Achilles Lodge at Linden, of which he has served as secretary the greater part of the time, and has passed all the chairs; he is also a member and secretary of Highland Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Duluth Encampment, having joined the order in Perry, Iowa, in 1880.

On March 10, 1880, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Poad, who was born in Linden, daughter of Samuel and Ann (Bice) Poad, who came from Cornwall in the early days, and made their home on the frontier.

GEORGE WASHINGTON RYLAND, ex-lieutenant-governor of the State of Wisconsin, and retired banker of Lancaster, Grant county, was born Dec. 19, 1827, near Selbysport, Garrett Co., Md., a son of Sylvester Ryland.

Our subject's father was born in 1796 on a farm, on which place he died at the age of seventy-eight years. His ancestor, Paul Ryland, came from England to America in 1750, when twenty years old, settled in Berks county, Penn., was there married, and became the father of three sons, John, Andrew and James, the eldest of whom, with the father, served in the Continental army with Washington. John settled in Maryland after peace was declared, and from him is descended the gentleman whose name opens this biographical sketch; Andrew settled in Kentucky, and a number of his descendants went to Missouri, where they attained prominence—one as a judge of the Supreme Court of the State, and others as judges of lesser courts; James died young. The mother of George W. Ryland bore the maiden name of Hannah Collier, was born in Somerset county, Penn., in 1803, and died at the age of sixty-two years. Her father, who was born in 1766, was of English



and Dutch parentage. Her mother was born in 1764, and was of German extraction.

George W. Ryland had but limited opportunities for an education in early youth, and after he left home, at the age of twenty-one years, he attended a graded school five months, working mornings, noons and evenings for his board. Subsequently he worked on a farm at \$12 per month, taught a district school in the winter season, and in April, 1853, settled permanently in Lancaster. His first employment here was in the hay field for Gov. Dewey. The same season he engaged as a clerk in the store of John Alcorn, where he was employed for fourteen months. In the fall of 1854 the mercantile firm of G. W. Ryland & Co., of which Simon E. and John P. Lewis were members, was organized. The Alcorn store was at the present Ivey & Webb stand. The new firm was in the building across the alley, the first one to burn in the big fire of 1888. The firm continued in business until May, 1860, when it was dissolved. In 1860 a low two-story building, with gables to the north and south, stood on the ground now occupied by the Baxter block. George Cox kept a grocery store there. Mr. Ryland bought out his business, and in September of that year J. C. Holloway became associated with him, the firm establishing a new general merchandise business, including dry goods. The old building was pulled down, and they built the Milwaukee brick block which now stands there, and which was the first three-story house erected in Lancaster.

Here the firm began, in the fall of 1860, to buy and sell exchange, for this purpose keeping an account with a New York house. They purchased drafts on New York and on London. This business in exchange was conducted by the firm until 1865, in which year they put up a sign across the west end of the building inscribed, "Ryland & Holloway, Bankers." A room in the southwest corner of the building, with glass partitions, was set off from the store as the banking apartment. This was continued in connection with their mercantile business until the year 1869, when the latter branch was sold to Anton Schmitt, and Ryland & Holloway continued exclusively in the banking business until 1874. For this purpose they built and removed into the two-story block adjoining, east of the original block. In this there was a secure vault, the

first in the place constructed for banking purposes. In 1874 Mr. Ryland bought out Mr. Holloway and became sole owner of the bank, continuing alone in the business until Oct. 1, 1880. At this date Richard Meyer, who had been the bank bookkeeper for a number of years, and his son, Richard Meyer, Jr., became partners, and the firm constituted of these three was organized under the name of "G. W. Ryland & Co." The existence of this firm lasted six and a half years. It was dissolved May 1, 1887, when Mr. Ryland retired, disposing of his interest to his partners.

At this time Mr. Ryland took a rest. He was out of business until the 1st of October, 1888, when, with others, he established the "State Bank of Grant County." Its officers were John Schreiner, president; G. W. Ryland, vice-president; Joseph Bock, cashier. The firm, with the same officers, continued in business for ten and a half years. Mr. Ryland resigned and withdrew April 1, 1899. This date marks the end of a business career running from 1853 to 1899, all but a few years in the banking business, and with no cessation except the short period above mentioned before the opening of the State Bank.

In politics Mr. Ryland is a Republican, was chairman of the town of Lancaster for twenty years, and for seventeen years chairman of the county board. He was for two terms State Senator from Grant county, and for two terms was lieutenant-governor. He was postmaster at Lancaster when Pierce was President, and again when Lincoln was President. In 1872 he was a delegate from his district to the National Republican Convention at Philadelphia that renominated Grant.

CALVIN MORSE, now living a retired life in Monroe, Green county, was born in Erie county, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1832, a son of Milton M. and Marie R. (Pierce) Morse. The father was born in New Hampshire, and the mother in Connecticut. They had five children, three of whom are now living: Calvin; Elias C., of Belleville, Wis.; and Mrs. Orrin Byington, of Wonewoc, Wis. The father was a shoemaker, and a school teacher for a number of years in the East, and in 1854 he came West, and bought land in Exeter township, Green Co., Wis., where he spent the balance of his days, dying in December, 1891, at the age of eighty-five years and five months. His

wife died in 1890, when eighty-three years and six months old. They were liberal in their religious faith; he held various town offices when in his prime, being supervisor a number of terms.

Josiah Morse, the father of Milton M., and the grandfather of Calvin, was a native of New Hampshire, and had an English parentage. He died in the East when about seventy-five years old. Calvin Pierce, the father of Marie R., was a native of Connecticut. A farmer, and the father of several sons and daughters, he died in Erie county, N. Y., at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

Calvin Morse spent the first twenty-two years of his life in Erie county, N. Y., where he was reared on the farm, and given an education in the district school. He was a steadfast farmer until 1878, when he was elected sheriff of Green county. In 1884 Mr. Morse was again elected sheriff of the county, and in 1890 was appointed game warden of southwestern Wisconsin, and served about two years. Mr. Morse came West in 1854, and landed in Green county on the first day of May. In company with his father he bought the farm in the town of Exeter, noted above, and here he made his home until his first election to the position of sheriff. When he had served his term he returned to the farm, moving to Monroe permanently in 1881. The farm, which had been increased to 200 acres, was rented until 1898, when it was sold. Mr. Morse owned a half interest in it.

Calvin Morse enlisted in August, 1862, in Company F, 31st Wis. V. I., and served three years at the front. He was in the battles of Peach Tree Creek, the siege of Atlanta, was with Sherman in his march to the sea, participated in many battles and skirmishes, and bore himself as a gallant and loyal soldier throughout that terrible strife. Entering the service as a private, he was discharged a non-commissioned officer. The regiment was in the Grand Review at Washington, and was mustered out at Louisville, Ky. Mr. Morse returned to the home farm in Exeter when the war was over, and resumed the occupations of peaceful life as assiduously as if he had only been away over night.

On April 18, 1872, Mr. Morse was married to Mrs. Martha A. Dunham, daughter of Asa and Caroline (Norton) Wilson. Mr. Morse

is a Mason, and is enrolled in Belleville Lodge, No. 74, I. O. O. F., where he has been active for forty-six years. He also belongs to O. F. Pinney Post, No. 102, G. A. R. He is a Republican, and takes pride in the fact that he cast his first vote for John C. Fremont. Mr. Morse owns a good home in Monroe, where he has lived about twenty years, and is very highly respected. The parents of Mrs. Morse were both born in New York. Her father was born near Albany, in Schoharie county, and the mother in Yates county. They had two daughters and one son, and Mrs. Morse is now their only living child. They came to the town of Exeter in 1854, and engaged in farming, buying a tract of fifty-eight acres. In 1864 he died, at the age of fifty-four years. His widow survived until 1885, when she died at the age of seventy years. He was a member of the Christian Church, and his widow united with the Methodist Church. William Wilson, the father of Asa, followed farming, reared a large family, and died when about seventy years old. Mrs. Morse's maternal grandfather was William Norton, a New York farmer, of Scottish descent. In 1846 he came into Green county, Wis., and took up land from the government in the town of Exeter, where he died in 1852.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Morse are well known throughout the county, and are highly esteemed by a wide circle of warm friends. Their long residence in the county, their genial disposition, and their warm-hearted hospitality, make them deservedly popular.

JUDGE JOSEPH T. MILLS was one of the men prominent in the early history of Southwestern Wisconsin. He fought the great battle of the anti-slavery party in the Federal court, and by both word and pen helped to form that public opinion which made the creation of the Republican party a necessity. He was an abolitionist from conviction, when it was considered disgraceful to be one. His childhood was spent in Kentucky, where he had seen the evil of slavery with his own eyes. He was always ready to battle for the right, at any cost to himself, as this incident shows: At one time an Abolitionist lecturer came to Lancaster. He was mobbed, and took refuge with Mr. Mills. The mob followed him to the home, and, planting an old cannon near the house, threatened to blow the house and its

occupants into eternity if the lecturer were not delivered into their hands. Mr. Mills was in no wise dismayed. Taking his rifle, he warned them that the first man who moved near that cannon or entered that yard would be shot. His wife stood by him, also armed, and, like many frontier women, she was known to be a sure shot. Gradually one after another of the scowling, howling mob withdrew, until the intrepid couple were left in quiet possession of their home and of the cannon. Meanwhile the lecturer had escaped by a back window, into the woods which surrounded the house. He was not of the heroic mold.

One other time Mr. Mills faced a mob, and nearly unaided cowed it. It was when a young recruit deserted from the garrison at Prairie du Chien. He was followed by a detail from the garrison, and was overtaken near Lancaster. As he did not halt at the command he was shot and killed by the officer commanding the party. This officer was quickly arrested by the civil authorities. The youth of his victim, the feeling that the act, in a time of peace, was unwarrantably brutal, possessed the people, and lynch law was threatened. The mob was led by "some of our best citizens," and they dangled the rope before the eyes of the guilty man. Then Mr. Mills put himself between them and the murderer. He appealed to their sense of honor, their civic pride. He showed them the evil consequences which always follow a community when the law is outraged, and gradually their better sense prevailed. The writer has heard men characterize this protest of Judge Mills as the most eloquent defense of law and the most withering denunciation of lynch law which were ever made in that section of the country. In either of the above instances one can discern the splendid courage of the man, for it has been often said that a man who would face a pack of wolves may well run from a mob of angry men.

Judge Mills was apparently a timid man, but sometimes he dared fate to the extreme. He never sought a fight. In ordinary matters he was pacific to the extreme, but once roused he would not be downed. He was repeatedly told that he would never present his bill of exceptions in the Sherman Booth case to Judge Miller. He never said he would, but the bill was prepared, and when the time came he walked into the court and presented it. Miller

refused to sign. Mr. Mills said: "I present you this bill of exceptions for your signature." Miller again refused. Mr. Mills said, "That bill will be signed before you leave the bench," and Miller signed it then and there.

There was a moral force in Mr. Mills which no coward or evil doer could withstand. He was incorruptible. He was a member of the Legislature at the time of the "forty thieves." In the investigation which followed the exposure of that session the agent was asked if he approached J. T. Mills. "No," he replied, "there isn't money enough in the whole United States to buy him." To his profession he has bequeathed the code. Of the Wisconsin code, copied closely from the New York code, he was the father and defender. As a writer recently said of him, "he was ever the advocate of reforms that reformed."

Judge Mills was born in Kentucky in 1811. He died in Denver, Colo., in 1897. During his whole life he was a great student, not only of the law, but of mathematics, sciences and literature. He was a man of extreme modesty, and his sense of innate worth would not allow him to push himself. If his merit was not recognized he would not vaunt it, and many times he was supplanted by those who were much his inferiors. His neighbors and friends thought nothing too good for him. He was judge of the 5th circuit from 1864 to 1872, an office he filled with honor to himself and the circuit, but probably no title ever gave him greater pleasure than the one by which he was universally known in Grant county. "Honest Joe Mills."

RUFUS CLARK WHITCOMB has for the past twenty-two years been the efficient and highly esteemed superintendent of the Poor Farm and County Insane Asylum of Green county, having assumed the responsible and difficult position at the age of thirty years. His long continuance in the office is the best testimonial to his eminent fitness in caring for the wards of the county, where he has resided since he was a year old, or more than half a century. He is a native of the Badger State, having been born in Rock county July 6, 1848.

James Whitcomb, his father, one of the pioneers of Wisconsin, was born May 17, 1812, in New York State, and there married Nancy Goltry, a native of the same State, born Aug. 7, 1814. A farmer by occupation, James



*Margaretta F. Whitcomb*



*R. C. Whitcomb*



Whitcomb early in his married life moved West, and lived for four or five years in Indiana. He then purchased eighty acres of land in Rock county, Wis., which he occupied until 1849, in that year trading it for a farm of 120 acres in Mt. Pleasant township, Green county, to which he moved, and where he lived until his death, in 1854, at the age of forty-two. His wife survived him until May 22, 1883, and was sixty-nine years of age at her death. They were devout members of the Baptist Church, in which he was for many years a deacon. Of the seven children of James and Nancy Whitcomb, three sons and four daughters, four survive: Rhoda M., wife of John A. Clemmer, of Monroe; Roxana, wife of E. L. Neal, of Clarksville, Iowa; Rufus C.; and James M., of Albany, Wisconsin.

Isaac Whitcomb, father of James, was born in Maine May 25, 1769, and died Feb. 26, 1816. His wife, Susanna Gregory, was born Sept. 1, 1784, and died July 7, 1839. Paul Goltry, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in New Jersey May 24, 1767, and died Sept. 28, 1845. His wife was Rachel Moffett. He was a fine musician, a talented violinist.

Rufus C. Whitcomb was reared in Green county, on a farm. He received his education in the district schools, and, possessing musical talent, he taught singing school for some time in his younger years. He was only six years old when his father died, and by the efforts of his boyhood and youth assisted in the support of his widowed mother and her family. He worked on the home farm, and also rented other lands which he farmed, remaining with his mother until his marriage, June 8, 1874, to Miss Margaretta Fitch, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah J. (Smith) Fitch, natives, respectively, of Ohio and Ireland. James Fitch, the grandfather of Mrs. Whitcomb, served in the war of 1812. He was a farmer of Washington county, Penn., and moved to Ohio, where he died at an advanced age, leaving a large family. His father, James Fitch, was killed in the Revolutionary war. Robert Smith, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Whitcomb, was a native of Ireland, of Scottish lineage. About 1822 he emigrated with his family to America, and settled in Ohio, where he engaged in farming, reared a large family, and lived to the age of eighty-four years. Benjamin Fitch, the father of

Mrs. Whitcomb, moved from Ohio to Wisconsin in 1854, settling in Sylvester township, Green county, where he remained until 1869. In that year he moved to Oskaloosa, Iowa, and died in 1897, aged seventy-seven years. His widow survives, a resident of that city. Of their six children five survive: Margaretta, wife of Mr. Whitcomb; Mary, wife of L. P. Stanton, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Dr. Edwin L., of Oskaloosa; and R. F. and Walter P., both of Oskaloosa.

Mrs. Whitcomb was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin and at Oskaloosa (Iowa) College, and taught in Iowa and Wisconsin for several years prior to her marriage. She was for some time the president of the local Woman's Relief Corps, is now serving her eighth year as treasurer of same, and has held the office of secretary. She is a member of the Woman's Club.

To Rufus C. and Margaretta Whitcomb have been born two children, Eva Grace and Walter J., both living at home. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb are members of the Baptist Church. Among the fraternal orders Mr. Whitcomb holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor, and was deputy grand chancellor for five years; the Royal Arcanum, in which he has been representative to the Grand Lodge, and was also vice-grand regent; and the Knights of the Globe. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and he is recognized as one of the political leaders of Green county. He has been twice elected county coroner, now serving his second term in that office, and has also served twice as chairman of the town board. He has been one of the most prominent members of the Green County Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute, and has served that organization one year as treasurer, one year as president, and three years as corresponding secretary. Mr. Whitcomb possesses great force of character and a winning personality, and his wide acquaintance among influential people extends beyond the limits of his own county.

HON. GEORGE G. COX, a well-known citizen of Iowa county, has passed the greater part of his life on the farm in Waldwick township which he now occupies, having been a resident thereof since 1849.

Mr. Cox was born on Long Island, in Suf-

folk county, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1842, son of Stephen and Mary A. (Halleck) Cox, and is descended from old New York families. His mother was a distant relative of Gen. Halleck, who rendered distinguished service to his country in the war of the Rebellion. There were six children in the family, four daughters and two sons, our subject and two of his sisters now surviving—Phebe, wife of William Compton, and Betsy, wife of Thomas Van Matre. The first of the family to come West was our subject's brother Charles, who settled in Wisconsin in 1846, and became a prominent merchant at Mineral Point. He entered the service of the Union during the Civil war, in the capacity of quartermaster of the 2d Wisconsin Cavalry. Resigning this position, he came home and raised a company of the 50th Wis. V. I. He was killed while in the service, by an insane soldier. Our subject's parents came to Wisconsin in 1849, settling on the farm where he now lives, in Waldwick township, Iowa county, and the father died three years later. The mother survived him many years.

George G. Cox passed the first few years of his life in his native State, and was but seven years old when the family settled in Wisconsin. He grew to manhood on the home farm, and attended the local public schools, receiving a good practical education. When the Civil war broke out he decided to enter the service, and in February, 1862, was enrolled as a member of Company D, 2d Wisconsin Cavalry, in which he served his full term, receiving an honorable discharge in March, 1865. This regiment entered the service in command of Gen. C. C. Washburne, and after his promotion was given to Lieut.-Col. Stephens. They took part in many important battles and campaigns, including the engagements at Prairie Grove, Hall's Plantation, Woodville, Yazoo City, and Egypt Station, and various raids through the States of Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, etc. The 2d was one of the most efficient cavalry regiments of the Civil war.

Since his return from the army Mr. Cox has devoted the greater part of his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He has a fine farm, and a beautiful home, and he attends systematically to all the details of the management of his estate, with what results the appearance of the place best testifies. However, though he has looked after his business

affairs so carefully, he has found time to devote to public matters also, and takes the interest which every public-spirited citizen should feel in the general welfare. His fellow citizens, recognizing this, have chosen him for some of the most responsible positions in their gift, and he has four times represented his district in the State Legislature, being first elected in 1879. His re-elections are sufficient praise for the acceptability of his services. He is the present chairman of the town of Waldwick. Mr. Cox's political affiliations are with the Republican party, and he has been chairman of the town committee of that party for many years.

Mr. Cox has been for years connected with the Southwestern Wisconsin Fair, which he helped to reorganize as a stock company in 1883. For a number of years past he has been president of the association, which annually holds one of the best fairs in the State at Mineral Point, and the success of the enterprise can be attributed to a great degree to his disinterested efforts. Since 1898 he has been a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and has devoted much of his time to the interests of that position. In 1901 he was elected general superintendent of the State Fair Grounds at Milwaukee. He is a man of much native ability and force of character, and his honorable and useful life has commanded universal esteem. Socially he is a member of George Legate Post, No. 125, G. A. R., of Mineral Point, and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Cox was married Sept. 22, 1865, to Miss Sarah Whitford, daughter of Christopher Whitford, an early settler of Mineral Point, where Mrs. Cox was born, and six children have blessed their union, viz.: Amelia, Charles, George, Fannie, Dwight and Joseph D. Charles was in Chicago when the Spanish-American war broke out, and he enlisted in the 1st Illinois Volunteers, accompanying the regiment to Cuba, where he saw active service.

BOTOLF TOLLEFSON was one of the early settlers of Jordan township, Green county. He was born in Gorsvig, Flo-Anex, Hallingdal, Norway, Aug. 5, 1828 (Hallingdal is at some distance west from Christiana), and came to America with his mother, brother and sister in 1846. He settled first in Rock county, Wis., near the present town of Orfordville. In 1850 he came to Jordan township

and settled on the farm which was ever after his home, engaging in agricultural pursuits. Though he was in very limited circumstances at the time of his emigration, Mr. Tollefson succeeded in acquiring a handsome property, and at the time of his death, Sept. 29, 1900, was the owner of 324 acres of valuable land, well improved and stocked, and without incumbrance of any kind. He was considered one of the best farmers in his section, and was highly respected by his neighbors and friends for his honorable, upright life and his many sterling qualities of head and heart, which won their good will as well as their esteem. He was a stanch Republican in political faith, and a Lutheran in religious connection.

Mr. Tollefson was thrice married. In 1853 he wedded Anna Reiersdatter, who was born in Sigdal, Norway. Two children were born to them: Gunhil, who is the wife of Hans H. Haug, of Willow Lake, S. Dak.; and Gurrie, wife of Elling Ellingson, of Sioux City, Iowa. Mrs. Tollefson died in 1858, and her remains were buried in the Norwegian Lutheran cemetery of Wiota township, Lafayette Co., Wis. In 1860 Mr. Tollefson married Anna Erickson, who was born in Fosse, Yttre-Sogn, Norway, Sept. 5, 1822, and four children came of this union: Thomas, who now owns the farm; Anna, wife of Golick Golickson, a farmer of Jordan township; Lena, wife of Lewis Boynton, a farmer of Jordan township; and Erick, who married Clara Olson, and resides at Willow Lake, S. Dak. The mother of these children died March 25, 1880, and her remains were laid to rest in the Norwegian Lutheran cemetery of Jordan township. In 1882 Mr. Tollefson was united in marriage with Marit Aslesen, who was born in Krodsherad, Norway, in 1845, and now lives on the old Tollefson homestead. On Sept. 29, 1900, after more than five years of sickness, Mr. Tollefson died, and his remains rest in the Norwegian Lutheran cemetery, beside those of his second wife.

THOMAS TOLLEFSON was born in Jordan township June 7, 1861, and has passed his entire life on the farm which is now his. His education was acquired in the local public schools, and he received a good practical training, which, aided by a retentive memory, has been of much use to him in his business life. He has given all his attention to farming, finding ample scope for his ability and energy

in the management of his large property, which is under a fine state of cultivation, and has yielded good returns. However, he has found time for public affairs, and has served acceptably as school director, judge of election, justice of the peace and notary public, and member of the township board, in all these positions displaying clear judgment and an appreciation of all that is best for the advancement and welfare of his community. His high standards of citizenship and useful career have won him the unqualified respect of his neighbors and friends, and deservedly, for he is a man true to his convictions of right and sincere in his approval of every movement which promises to benefit the moral or material condition of mankind in general. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and an ardent Republican in politics.

JAMES J. DODDS, of the town of Mt. Hope, Grant county, is one of the veteran soldiers of the Civil war, in which he played the part of a man, and made a record of which his friends are justly proud. He was one of the first to enlist from the town of Woodman, which was then a part of the town of Millville.

Mr. Dodds was born in Yorkshire, England, May 18, 1832, son of William and Ann (Jackson) Dodds, who never came to this country, and he was but six years old when his mother died. He was the eldest of several children, and is the only member of his family who ever set foot on American soil. Having read of this country, and learned something of its institutions, he had resolved when a mere boy that he would come to "the land of the free" at some future time. In 1849, when seventeen years old, he came to this country with a paternal aunt, Mrs. Ann Solitt, and her family. They landed in New York Feb. 22, 1850, and Chicago being their destination, they were soon on the way westward. They reached that city in about two weeks after leaving the ocean, and from Chicago went to Rockford, Ill. His friends went from there to Will county, that State, but young Dodds remained in Rockford some two years, and then went East to Meriden, Conn., where he married Miss Harriet Pearson, a native of his native town. A year and a half later the young married couple went back to Rockford, and in 1858 they came to Grant county, Wis., to enter government land, within two miles of



our subject's present residence. He improved his land, and after his return from the war sold it, buying the farm which is his present home.

Mr. Dodds enlisted, Aug. 24, 1864, in Company D, 42d Wis. V. I., and was honorably discharged May 29, 1865. He was with his regiment during his entire term of service, though a portion of the time he was detailed for special duty. His health was somewhat broken by his military service, and as he grows older he feels more keenly that his vitality was weakened on account of his experience in the Union army.

After the war Mr. Dodds followed the trade of stone cutting, which he had learned at Rockford. He also gave his attention to farming, but he lately sold his farm, and intends changing his location to Mt. Hope. Mr. and Mrs. Dodds have four children: William H., of Nebraska; Jane Elizabeth, wife of James Crubaugh, of Mt. Hope; Clara H., wife of John Crubaugh; and Lillie, at home. Clara Augusta died when ten years old. Mr. Dodds is a Republican politically. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Church.

**ORVILLE STRONG.** The name of Strong is indissolubly associated with the early settlement and subsequent development of Iowa county. The successful banker and financier whose life story forms the subject of this brief biographical sketch is the son of Judge Luman Mastin Strong, pioneer and jurist, who was born in Orange county, Vt., Oct. 24, 1803. The sons of the Green Mountain State have left their impress and their influence in every nook and corner of the West, yet among them all there are few whose names deserve to be cherished with more respectful veneration than that of Luman Mastin Strong. The story of the life of such a man is at once an incentive and an inspiration, a harbinger and a benediction.

Judge Strong, as has been said, was born Oct. 24, 1803. When about two years of age his father died, and a few years later he was adopted by a Mr. Mastin, who soon afterward migrated to Ohio, settling on the Tuscarawas river. There he grew to manhood, working on the farm during the farming season, and attending the district school during the winter, acquiring a common-school education as taught in those times. At nineteen years of age he

taught the district school himself. On March 7, 1824, he married Nancy Griswold. At the age of twenty-five he visited his own mother, walking the whole distance from Ohio to Vermont and return. His wife died March 25, 1835, and he found himself left alone with six small children. Leaving them in the care of friends, he pushed out for Iowa, then called the "Far West." He was one of the pioneers of Linn county, that State, and erected the first house in what is now the beautiful little city of Marion, the county seat of Linn county. On Oct. 30, 1837, he married, for his second wife, Mary Gabbert, who was born at Abingdon, within the limits of the present State of West Virginia. He then returned to Ohio, and brought his little family to Iowa. For many years he was prominently identified with the material and political development of Linn county, being elected to many minor offices, although always against his inclination. Among these were those of justice of the peace and county commissioner. He was also a delegate to the convention which framed the constitution for the State of Iowa, and was the first postmaster at Marion, being appointed by Van Buren.

The admission of Wisconsin to the Federal Union as a State in 1848 attracted many settlers to its borders. Among them was Judge Strong, who with his family settled in the town of Highland, Iowa county, in the midst of the lead mine region. His first location was near the present village of that name. Few of the early pioneers worked harder than he. He felled the timber and cleared and plowed the soil, and also found time to carry loads of lead to Galena, returning with loads of merchandise. Later he removed his residence to the village of Highland. In 1852 he was elected a representative to the Legislature from the northern district of Iowa county. His capacity for public affairs was too manifest to be overlooked, and his fellow citizens soon thrust other offices upon him, making him justice of the peace and town clerk. President Pierce appointed him postmaster at Highland in 1853, and he held the position until 1856. Meanwhile, despite his numerous and exacting duties, to the discharge of each of which he brought the power of his strong, clear mind, he had found leisure time to devote to the study of law, and had been admitted to the Bar in 1852. He continued in the active prac-

tice of that profession until his death. In 1854 he was chosen county judge, and re-elected in 1857, holding his seat upon the bench for eight years. During this time he had removed to Dodgeville. In 1865 he was once more re-elected judge, continuing to discharge the duties of the office until his demise, on Dec. 4, 1867, at the age of sixty-four years. Judge Strong may be said to have been a self-made man, in the truest and best sense of that frequently misused term. His early educational advantages were but meager, but on this foundation he reared a solid structure. Of strong physique, robust mentality, and incorruptible integrity, he attained success by virtue of his intense personality as well as his unwearying energy. His death was considered a public calamity, and was felt by scores of his personal friends as an individual loss. He was a sincere member of the Methodist Church, and in politics a Democrat. Fraternally he was a prominent Mason, being a member of the Blue Lodge at Dodgeville, and of the Chapter, R. A. M., at Mineral Point.

Judge Strong was the father of ten children, the issue of his first marriage having been seven, and of his second three. Three of the children by the first wife are yet living: Eliza, Mrs. Ringo, at St. Louis, Mo.; and Amanzer and Henry, who are both residents of Iowa, the home of the former being at Lake City, and that of the latter at Kenwood Park. Amanzer served with distinguished gallantry in the Civil war, carrying a lieutenant's commission in the 27th Wis. V. I. for three years. Of the three children born to Judge Strong by his second wife, the two eldest died in childhood, Orville Strong being the sole survivor of the family.

Orville Strong was born at Marion, Linn Co., Iowa, March 25, 1843, and accompanied his parents to Iowa county, Wis., when a child of five years. Highland and Dodgeville have since been his places of abode, with the exception of three years spent at the front during the war of the Rebellion. He received a good English education at the public schools and at Platteville Academy, his preceptor at that institution being Prof. Pickard, long justly famed as one of the most eminent educators within the State. In August, 1862, Mr. Strong—then a youth of nineteen years—enlisted, becoming a private in Company C, 31st Wis. V. I. His intelligence, correct habits and soldierly bear-

ing soon won him the stripes of a sergeant major, and not long afterward he wore the uniform and shoulder straps of a second lieutenant. His regiment left the State in March, 1863, proceeding first to Columbus, Ky., and thence to Nashville, Tenn. While at Columbus it was assigned to the 6th Army Corps. From Nashville it was ordered to LaVergne, and thence to Murfreesboro, where it was transferred to the 2d Corps. Up to this time the regiment had been chiefly engaged in doing guard and provost duty, although making occasional raids into the enemy's country. From Nashville it was ordered, July 1, 1864, to join the forces of Gen. Sherman, before Atlanta. They reached the trenches before that city on July 21, and were then once more transferred, this time to the 20th Corps. The command took a prominent part in the siege, and afterward followed Sherman on the march to the sea, proceeding North through the Carolinas and Virginia, and taking part in the grand review at Washington May 20, 1865.

On his return home, after leaving the service, Mr. Strong entered the office of his father, who was then serving his third term as county judge. In 1868 he was chosen village clerk, an office which he held for eleven years. The same year he was elected county clerk, and served Iowa county in that capacity for three terms of two years each; in 1878 he was appointed deputy county treasurer, discharging the duties of that position during one term. It was in 1874 that Mr. Strong first embarked in business for himself, as a real-estate agent and loaner of money on mortgages. He has done business along these lines for a quarter of a century, gradually increasing his capital, and each year gaining fresh and stronger hold upon the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen. In 1881, in partnership with A. McArthur, he engaged in banking, the style of the firm being Orville Strong & Co. This copartnership was formed Jan. 8, of the year mentioned, and continued until 1883. Since its dissolution Mr. Strong has carried on business alone, his establishment being popularly designated "Strong's Bank." Mr. Strong has shown his faith in the little city where he makes his home by the erection of two buildings, which are a credit to the place—a business block, comprising a bank, stores and offices, with G. A. R. post room, and a beautiful residence, built in the latest style of architecture.

and equipped with all the modern conveniences.

That the son of so eminent a father should have made life a success is no cause for surprise, yet in reviewing Mr. Strong's career the impartial reader will not fail to perceive that his own resolute spirit, sound judgment and tried honesty have been the corner stones upon which he has built his fortune. He is a Freemason of high degree, being a member of the Blue Lodge and a Royal Arch Mason. The memories of his army life he keeps perpetually green through membership in Williamson Post, No. 109, G. A. R.

Mr. Strong has been twice married. His first wife, Louisa Sims, to whom he was united Jan. 9, 1869, became the mother of two sons and one daughter, and died in 1874. The daughter survived the mother but a short time, dying in infancy. The elder of the sons, George, resides at Prineville, Oregon, and is foreman of the *Crook County Journal*. The younger, Luman M., is at Chicago, in the Western Union building. Mr. Strong's second marriage took place in January, 1877, when he was united to Miss Minnie Carkeek. Her father, Thomas Carkeek, was born in Cornwall, England, came to America while a young man, and was for many years a prominent and influential citizen of Dodgeville, where he died in 1881, leaving five children. His eldest son, also named Thomas, is one of Dubuque's most distinguished architects. To Mr. Strong's second marriage six children have been born: Molly L., Throop M., Harry C., Arthur, Emily C., and Marjorie. The eldest daughter is a graduate of the State University at Madison, and Throop M., the eldest son, holds the position of cashier in his father's bank. Harry C. is with Marshall Field & Co., Chicago.

ISAAC CHARNESS, a retired farmer of Monroe, Green county, was born in Wayne county, Ind., April 5, 1820, a son of William and Margaret (Hinshaw) Charnness.

Our subject's parents were both natives of North Carolina. To them were born nine children, four of whom are now living: Isaac, of Monroe; Joshua, of Indiana; Ruth, the wife of Lindsay Love, of Kansas; and William, of Valton, Sauk Co., Wis. The father was a farmer all his life. He moved from North Carolina to Indiana in 1819, and in 1846 came to Wisconsin, for three years making his home

in Green county, and then returning to his old Indiana home, where he died when over ninety-six years of age. He was born June 17, 1793. His wife, born Oct. 17, 1800, died in 1846. Reared a Quaker, he was married outside of the faith, and he and his wife united with the Methodist Church. In his more active years he held several local positions, and he was a man highly esteemed in his community.

Joshua Charnness, the father of William, and the grandfather of Isaac, was born in North Carolina, where he lived and died. Bred to agricultural pursuits, he was also a miller, and operated a mill on Deep river. A Quaker in his religious convictions, he was much opposed to war, and was a man of strong personality. He reared a large family, and died when well advanced in years. Isaac Hinshaw, the father of Mrs. Margaret Charnness, was also a Quaker, a native of North Carolina, and a life-long farmer. A goodly family remained to perpetuate his name.

Isaac Charnness, whose name introduces this article, was reared on the farm in Indiana where his parents resided, and obtained his education in the public and subscription schools of the day. When a small boy he walked five miles to school and home again every day, such was the price the pioneer lads had to pay for their schooling. Mr. Charnness was married Oct. 5, 1837, to Miss Mary Millman, daughter of Robert and Abigail (Adamson) Millman. Both parties were very young, the husband but seventeen, and the bride just past sixteen. To this union were born four children: Louisa, Abigail, William Martin and Evangeline. (1) Louisa Charnness married Cyrus Dye, and lives in Monroe. They are the parents of two children, Mary Idell and Ida, the former of whom married Robert Crow, of the town of Monroe, and is the mother of six children, John, William, Ida, Elsie, Bertha and the baby. Ida married Gary Wells, and lives in Monroe. She has a family of three children, Vernie, Horace and the baby. (2) Abigail Charnness married Andrew J. Hawthorne, and has her home in Monroe. They have one living child, Isaac William, who was married to Jennie Shank, and is the father of four children, Josie, Vernie, and the twins, Everest and Arthur. (3) William Martin Charnness was born in 1846, and died at the age of nine years. (4) Evangeline Charnness married Stephen Potter, and lives at Chippewa

Falls, Wis.; they have a family of three children, Fred, Cora and Ray, of whom Fred married Emma Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charnness are both Methodists, and attend church whenever their strength permits, which is now not so often as they might wish. Mr. Charnness is a strong Republican. For more than twenty years he was district school treasurer, and was also road commissioner for many years. He is a total abstainer, and takes a justifiable pride in the fact that during a long and busy life, in times and scenes where it would not have been at all incongruous, he has never drunk a glass of liquor; he never smoked a cigar or pipe in his life.

Mr. Charnness and his wife came from Indiana to Green county, Wis., in 1843, making the journey in a lumber wagon drawn by two horses, and were seventeen days on the way. They brought along a cow and a calf, and a dozen sheep. They had two children, and three dollars in money. During the first winter Mr. Charnness got out rails to fence forty acres of what is at present the county farm. When he arrived in Wisconsin he had one good horse and one poor animal. The better horse, the wagon, and a hundred dollars he traded for eighty acres of farm land, which had been entered and contained some improvements, and on this place the family lived for twelve years. In 1855 this farm was sold, and another of 108 acres purchased, the family remaining there until 1892. That year the farm was rented, and a house and six acres of land in Monroe were bought, where Mr. Charnness and his good wife now live, in the enjoyment of many comforts—the result of long and honorable industry.

The father of Mrs. Charnness, Robert Millman, was born in Delaware, and he married a native of Tennessee. They were pioneer settlers of Indiana before that region of the West was freed of the Indians. They were the parents of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, of whom at the present writing only three are living: William Millman, of Winston, Daviess Co., Mo.; Mary, who is the honored wife of Isaac Charnness; and John H., of Oakland, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Millman came to Wisconsin in 1845, and located in Green county, where he died in 1877, at the age of seventy-nine years and eight months. His wife died some years prior to this date,

when she was aged sixty-four years. They were both devout Methodists, and were buried in the Hawthorne cemetery.

JOEL W. WALKER (deceased) was one of the pioneer settlers of the town of York, and in his active days one of its representative farmers and influential citizens. He was born in New York, June 29, 1838, and died Dec. 7, 1894. Ira and Lucina (Miller) Walker, his parents, were both natives of New York, of English origin, and came to Wisconsin in 1842, making a home on section 26, of the town of York, Green county. Ira Walker was the father of six children, all of whom are dead, with the exception of Minerva, who is living on the home place in the town of York, with her mother; and Clarinda, who is the wife of Nelson Robb, of the town of York.

Joel W. Walker was married Oct. 13, 1867, to Miss Anna R. Everett, of Monroe, a daughter of Lawrence and Matilda (Jennings) Everett, of New Jersey. Her parents were among the early settlers of Green county, where Mrs. Walker was born Sept. 29, 1846, one of a family of seven children, of whom Byron is in Michigan; Clayton is in Minneapolis; Jane is the deceased wife of William Campbell, of Green county; Anna is the wife of Joel W. Walker; Helen is the wife of James Green, of Beloit, Wis.; Lydia is dead; and Charles lives in Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Joel Walker became the parents of the following family: Minnie, born June 10, 1870, died in infancy; Lucina, born Jan. 22, 1872, is the wife of Clarence Devoe, of the town of Adams, and has two children, Roy and Helen; Charles, born Jan. 5, 1874, has charge of his mother's farm in the town of York, where he married Mary Soper, of the same town, who has borne him two children, Raymond and Hazel; Florence, born Jan. 5, 1874, was a twin to Charles, and died in infancy; Helen, born Aug. 22, 1875, is the wife of George Soper, of Blanchardville, Wis., and has three children, Minnie, Earl and Everett; Harry M., born Sept. 15, 1877, died young; B. W., born Oct. 14, 1880, is the youngest of the family, and remains at home, unmarried.

Joel Walker was four years of age when brought by his parents to Wisconsin, and was reared in the town of York, where he had his education in the public schools. In his politics

he was a stanch Republican, and in his belief a Baptist. Beginning life a poor man, by industry, economy and a wise appreciation of the opportunity for progressive and intelligent farming in southwestern Wisconsin, he had become the owner of a fine farm of 230 acres, which was well cultivated, and equipped with all the modern conveniences for successful farming. During the war of the Rebellion he bore an honored part, as a loyal and intelligent soldier from his native State. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E, 8th Wis. V. I., and did a soldier's duty until he was discharged in 1864, on account of disability. The command to which he belonged was attached to the Army of the West, and Mr. Walker participated in many bloody battles along with his regiment, the most important being the battles of Corinth, Vicksburg, Iuka and Iron Mountain. He survived these and many other hard-fought fields, and returned home in safety.

Mr. Walker attained a prominent position in his community, where he served as school director and town assessor for years. As a citizen and a neighbor he was beyond reasonable criticism, and as a husband and a father he was all that love could desire. Mrs. Walker, his widow, is still living on the old homestead, which she rents. A devoted Christian woman, and an educated lady, in early life she was a successful teacher, and in her later years has been all that a devoted wife and a faithful mother should be.

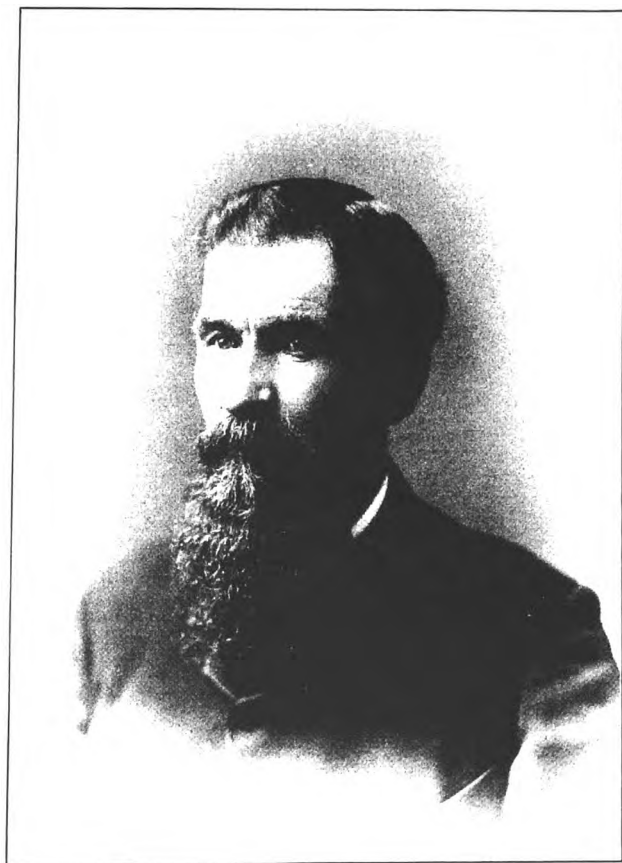
**ISAAC CLENDENING COMFORT**, one of the most successful and public-spirited citizens of the village of Cobb, Iowa county, was born in Tioga county, N. Y., April 6, 1823, son of Thomas and Abigail (Deved) Comfort. The Comfort family came from England in Colonial times, and Richard Comfort, father of Thomas, and grandfather of Isaac C., served in the Continental army from New York all through the war of the Revolution.

Thomas Comfort was born in Orange county, N. Y., and served in the New York militia during the war of 1812. His company was called out at the time Buffalo was burned, but did not arrive in time to assist in the defense of the town. In 1833 he removed to Oakland county, Mich., living there until about 1860, when he came to Wisconsin, locating in Iowa county. His death occurred in the town of

Eden, that county, July 4, 1880, when he was in his eighty-seventh year. He was a member of the Congregational Church in New York, but after his removal to Michigan, united with the Methodist. He was a man of good education, and for a number of years taught school in New York, and also in Michigan. He married Abigail Deved, who died early, and he afterward wedded Sarah Odell, who died in Iowa county. Six children were born to the first union, and eight to the second. Of the children of the first marriage there are living, besides Isaac C., Amasa, now eighty-seven years of age, residing at his home in Stillwater, Minn.; and Elam T., living in Cobb, Wisconsin.

Isaac C. Comfort attended the district schools in Michigan, and for a short time was a student in a private school in Birmingham, Mich. At the age of twenty-one he began teaching, and continued in that profession with much success for five years. In 1848 he came to Wisconsin, taught one winter in the town of Waldwick, Iowa county, and the following year purchased wild land in the town of Linden, upon which he located two years later, and began making improvements. He had 230 acres, and this occupied his time and attention for some time, when he sold it, and purchased 160 acres near the village of Cobb, as well as forty acres of timber. He was quite successful in his farming ventures, and for the last fifteen years of his residence on his farm, devoted himself to the breeding of Shorthorn cattle. He bred from the best stock obtainable, and his example and influence greatly improved the stock of the community; his herd, of sixty full-bred and high-grade cattle, all ages, sold finally for \$6,000. In this we have one example of our subject's most distinguished characteristic—the thoroughness with which he carries out all his undertakings. Since December, 1883, Mr. Comfort has lived in the village of Cobb, where he erected a fine residence, the best in the town, with all modern improvements, surrounded by a spacious lawn, to the care of which he devotes much of his time. He has many choice fruit and ornamental trees, and, taken all together, his home is one of the most picturesque in the county.

Mr. Comfort has always been a student of public questions, and has spent considerable time in endeavoring to advance the moral and



*S. C. Comfort*



intellectual standing of the community. He was one of the prime movers in organizing the Grange of Cobb, and for two years acted as its master; this branch has since disbanded. For a number of years he was a member of the village board of education, and the development of the present excellent high school, which is probably the best to be found in a town of the size, is due more to his efforts than to those of any other one citizen. About 1870, with other farmers of Linden, Mr. Comfort organized a Farmers' Fire Insurance Company, of which he was vice-president for years, and did a great deal of the business, making surveys, etc. This company is still prospering, has a surplus to meet all demands, and is a great benefit to the farmers. The general confidence in his integrity has been shown by his neighbors and friends in his selection as administrator of a number of estates, and in several instances he has served without pay. He has rendered financial assistance to many of his fellow citizens, which in some cases has been but slightly appreciated.

Our subject's first vote was cast in 1844, for James K. Polk, and he has been a consistent Democrat, upholding the principles of tariff for revenue only and anti-imperialism. For one year he served on the county board of trustees of the Insane Asylum and Poor Farm, and for a number of years on the board of supervisors from both Linden and Eden townships. He assisted in organizing the Adventist Church in Cobb, and is one of the elders and trustees of same. Mr. Comfort is also identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of the lodge at Montfort, Mineral Point Chapter No. 6, and Mineral Point Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar.

Mr. Comfort has been twice married, his first union taking place on Oct. 16, 1850, to Miss Maria Martin, daughter of Ebenezer Martin; she was born in New York, and died in Cobb in 1889, aged sixty-one years. On Aug. 20, 1890, Mr. Comfort married Miss Rebecca Meigs, who was born in Iowa county, daughter of Gardner C. and Lovisa (Barnard) Meigs, and one daughter, Lovisa Ruth, has been born to this union. Mr. Comfort also reared and educated two children, of whom he was appointed guardian, Henry and Irene Robinson. He and his family are highly respected residents of the county in which so many years of their lives have been passed, and their beautiful home is ever open to their friends and neighbors.

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WILLIAM NOBLE BILLINGS, a progressive and public-spirited business man of Cobb, represents one of the leading pioneer families of Iowa county. He was born in the town of Eden (then a part of Highland township) Jan. 1, 1852.

Henry Mortimer Billings, his father, was born in Vermont, a son of John Billings, who was born in Massachusetts, of Scottish descent, and served in the Revolutionary war, after which he removed to Vermont, where his death occurred at a ripe old age. Henry M. Billings came West in 1836, and for a few years was engaged in mining at Galena, Ill., whence he came to Mineral Point, Wis., to engage in mercantile business. In 1845 he went to Centerville, where he was one of the first to discover the existence of lead ore. He worked in the newly discovered mining fields until 1849 or 1850, when he purchased land in the present township of Eden, and passed the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was accidentally killed in 1862, by the kick of a horse, when he was aged fifty-two years. He was a very prominent man in public affairs, represented his district in the Territorial and State Legislatures, and also in the State Senate. In political principles he was a Democrat, and in his fraternal relations he was a well-known Mason, having been grand master of the Grand Lodge in Wisconsin. Mr. Billings married Ann Bray, who was born in Kentucky, a daughter of John Bray, who died in Missouri during her childhood. John Bray was a son of a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. Ann (Bray) Billings is a lady of many virtues and admirable executive ability; she now makes her home in Madison. Children were born to Henry Mortimer and Ann (Bray) Billings as follows: John Henry, of Cobb, Wis.; Douglas Mortimer, of Nevada, Mo.; William N., our subject; Frank, a prominent physician of Chicago; Charles Lewis, an attorney of Chicago; George A., a farmer near Cobb, Wis.; and Mary E., now Mrs. William Ferguson, of Madison, Wisconsin.

William Noble Billings received his education in the public schools and in the Platteville Normal, which latter institution he attended for a short time. He made his home on his father's farm until 1881, when he entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Co., as station agent at Cobb, remaining there seventeen years, and giving good satisfaction to his company and its patrons. In



1898 he purchased a stock of goods, and has since dealt in general merchandise, including dry goods, clothing, groceries, etc. The firm is now Billings & Spencer, and as the trade has increased the stock has increased, the establishment being now a credit to a town the size of Cobb. In politics Mr. Billings is independent, casting his ballot for the men and measures he thinks best calculated to contribute to the general welfare of his town, State or country. In religious belief he is a member of the Adventist Church, in which he holds the office of deacon. His name appears on the rolls of Ferrin Lodge, F. & A. M., of Montfort, as a member in good standing.

On Aug. 15, 1884, Mr. Billings was united in marriage with Miss Florence Elger, daughter of Stephen and Mary Elger, of Platteville, and three children have been born of this union: Roxena, Eugene and Leonard.

**JOHN P. WILLIAMS**, miner and farmer in the town of Hazel Green, Grant county, was born in Devon, England, March 30, 1821, a son of Thomas and Ann Williams, both of whom lived and died in their native land. John P. and his brother Thomas, who settled and died in Pennsylvania, were the only members of the family who came to this country.

John P. Williams came through New York on his way to Wisconsin in 1848, and following his arrival in Grant county was engaged in lead mining for a number of years. While in England he married Miss Jane Thomas, who died in Hazel Green in 1879, leaving him with two children: (1) John, the eldest, was born in England in 1845, and acquired his education in the academy at Platteville. Miss Alice Cooper became his wife, and they live in Plainfield, Wis., where he is a hotel-keeper. They have a family of eleven children, Ida, Emil, John, Frank, Lute, Alice, Antes, Thomas, Robert, Una, and Florence. (2) Thomas, born in Grant county in 1851, married, and is now a hardware merchant in Necedah, Wis. He has three children, Irene, John M., and Jennie.

In 1850 John P. Williams made the journey to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama. His labors in the gold fields were attended with very good results, and he spent three years there, at the end of that time returning to Wisconsin, and working in the lead mines of this State until 1856. That year he

went back to California, and was gone some ten years, engaged in business in that State. In 1864 Thomas Stephens sold him a fine farm in Hazel Green township, on which he made many improvements, and thereon made his home. In 1880 he married Miss Hannah Pedelty, of Hazel Green, a daughter of John and Hannah Pedelty, natives of Yorkshire, England, who came to this country in 1849, and settled in the town of Hazel Green, where Mr. Pedelty followed smelting on his homestead in that town. In the spring of 1864 he and his family moved to Platteville. In the fall his wife died, and in the spring of 1865 Mr. Pedelty moved back to Hazel Green; he died in 1879. Mrs. Williams was born in England in 1849, and received her education in the Grant county schools. She is one of four daughters: Mary A., wife of Anthony Shepherd; Hannah, Mrs. Williams; Jane, wife of Simon Nicholas, of South Dakota; and Ruth, widow of Henry Ingraham, of Lafayette county.

After his second marriage Mr. Williams settled on his farm, where he is now living retired. To this union came one child, Avis, who was born in 1882, and is now a student in the Hazel Green school. In politics Mr. Williams is a Republican, and in religion he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are highly respected people, and he has been very successful in his life work.

**NELSON ROBB** is an old settler of the town of York, Green county, where he has won more than a local reputation as a successful farmer and an honorable and upright man. Mr. Robb was born in Stephenson county, Ill., a son of Davis and Lucinda (Makepiece) Robb, of English and German parentage, who came to Green county when young Nelson was only five years of age, and were among the very earliest settlers of York.

Davis Robb was born in Pennsylvania July 4, 1814, and died Jan. 11, 1895, and his wife, Lucinda Makepiece, was born in Ohio May 5, 1822. They were married in 1840, and to them were born the following children: Nelson, whose name appears above; Mary, the wife of John Hollister; Hiram, of Monroe; Louisa, the wife of F. Knorr, of Blanchardville; Frank, of the town of York; Joseph, of the town of Moscow, Iowa county; and

Josephine, the wife of George Rickey, of the town of York.

Nelson Robb was married March 18, 1866, to Miss Clarinda Walker, a daughter of Ira Walker, one of the first settlers of Green county. To this union were born: Esther, born Dec. 19, 1866, married Charles Altemus, of Chase county, Kans., and has had three children, Emma, Ray and Phyllis, but Ray is deceased; Jesse, born June 26, 1869, died March 11, 1874; Myrtle, born June 7, 1875, is the wife of Edgar Altemus, of Chase county, Kans., and has two children, Nicholas and Hazel; Alta L., born April 20, 1879; Ralph, born April 25, 1884; Ella, born June 29, 1886, are all three at home. Mrs. Robb was born July 26, 1845, and is the daughter of Ira and Lucina (Miller) Walker, and was reared in a family of the following children: Esther, Joel and Edwin, all deceased; Minerva is at home, unmarried; Clarinda, whose marriage to Nelson Robb is noted above; and Rosetta, deceased. Ira Walker was born Oct. 1, 1811, and died Nov. 17, 1889. His widow is still living on the old home place with her daughter, Mrs. Robb. She was born March 3, 1816, and notwithstanding her advanced age bears herself surprisingly well.

Nelson Robb is a staunch Republican, and is a man of moral character and high principles. Beginning in life with nothing but himself to depend upon, he now owns a good farm which consists of some 200 acres, with a good dwelling and substantial farm buildings. During the Civil war Mr. Robb enlisted in Company A, 46th Wis. V. I., and in the fall of 1865 received an honorable discharge. Personally he is a good citizen, a kind neighbor, a devoted husband, an indulgent father, and his many good qualities have won him a host of friends.

**SAMUEL RUNDELL.** Perhaps no portion of the United States, of equal extent, can boast of a larger number of pioneers who hail from that famous mining region of England known as Cornwall than can Iowa county, Wis. They were a strong, hardy, honest class, drawn, naturally as by a magnet, to the rich mining country of southwestern Wisconsin, and their strong arms and willing industry have aided no less in developing the agricultural than the mining industries of the State. Among these should be mentioned prominent-

ly the name of Samuel Rundell, now living retired, who was long an active and successful resident of that section.

Mr. Rundell was born in Cornwall, Dec. 14, 1822, grew to manhood there, and on March 31, 1848, married Kezia Biddick, who was born in the same county April 28, 1826. Not long after their marriage the young couple came to America, and their first settlement was made at Platteville, Grant Co., Wis., where Mr. Rundell engaged in farming. Six years later they removed to the town of Mifflin, in Iowa county, where Mr. Rundell purchased a farm, and he continued to occupy that place until December, 1900, when he retired, taking up his home in the village of Livingston, Grant county. By industry and good management he was enabled to add to his original purchase from time to time, eventually becoming one of the prosperous and substantial farmers of the town, as well as one of its most respected citizens. His faithful wife, who assisted him so bravely in their early struggles, passed away Jan. 10, 1891. They were the parents of fourteen children, twelve of whom attained mature years, and ten—four sons and six daughters—are still living, all residing in the neighborhood of the homestead but one, Eli C., who resides in Hurley, South Dakota.

The generation of his family to which Samuel Rundell belongs is quite remarkable, for both numbers and longevity. At one time there were eleven living whose ages averaged sixty-five years, six months. Eight are living at this writing (1901), five brothers and three sisters, all residents of southwestern Wisconsin but Mrs. Eliza Carhart, whose home is in Mapleton, Iowa; she is now ninety years of age. Four have celebrated their Golden Weddings.

John S. Rundell, eldest living member of the family of Samuel Rundell, was born Jan. 5, 1851, in Platteville, Grant Co., Wis., and was about four years old when the family settled in the town of Mifflin, Iowa county, which has ever since been his home. He was educated in the common schools, and has engaged in farming, with what success is attested by the size and condition of his beautiful farm, which contains 200 acres, and is one of the most desirable places in the locality. On March 21, 1872, Mr. Rundell was married to Hannah Livingston, daughter of Joseph Livingston, a pioneer of the county, and five children have

blessed their union: Lillie, the eldest, is the wife of Dr. C. W. Bushnell, a practicing dentist in Chicago; Nellie was educated at the Platteville State Normal School, and is a successful teacher; Charles L., Ada E. and Edgar are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Rundell have one grandchild, Florence Bushnell, a representative of the fourth generation now living.

Joseph Livingston, father of Mrs. Rundell, was a native of County Wicklow, Ireland, and came to America in 1846. In 1852 he married Miss Jane Mates, and six children were born to them, four of whom grew to mature years and are still living: Mary A., wife of Hiram A. Rundell; Hannah, wife of John S. Rundell; Robert F.; and Lizzie, wife of Hercules Rundell. Mrs. Livingston passed away Feb. 14, 1865, and Mr. Livingston survived her many years, his death occurring March 18, 1897. Mr. Livingston was an honest and useful citizen, and possessed many noble traits of character, his benevolence and readiness to assist the needy being proverbial among those who knew him best. By untiring industry and economy he acquired a competence, which he devoted to the good of his fellow men as well as to his own comfort, and he was highly honored in the locality where so many years of his life were passed. His integrity was above question, and in his death the community lost one of its most highly esteemed members, a man whose many sterling qualities of head and heart commended him to the affectionate regard of all who knew him.

JODERICH KUBLI, whose death June 11, 1901, removed one of the retired farmers of Jordan township, Green county, held high rank as a successful farmer, a wealthy and honorable citizen, and well sustained the honor and good name of the Swiss in America. Born in Canton Glarus, Switzerland, Jan. 4, 1838, he was a son of Peter and Barbara (Marta) Kubli, both of whom lived and died in their native Switzerland. Joderich Kubli, the father of Peter, had three sons, Peter, Jacob and John. Peter Kubli was the father of the following children: Annie, the wife of Jakob Freikag, died in California; John remained in Switzerland; Joderich, whose name appears above; Peter remained in Switzerland; and Jacob made his home in Jordan township.

Joderich Kubli was married in 1868 to Miss Mary Hafty, who was born in Switzer-

land Nov. 22, 1844. To this union were born eleven children, as follows: Barbara, born Nov. 8, 1868, married John Kundert, of the town of Jordan; John P., born Jan. 18, 1870, now resides in Minnesota; Mary, born Nov. 18, 1873, is at home; Annie, born Nov. 13, 1875, is the wife of Otto Blum, of the town of Jordan; Minnie, born June 4, 1884, is unmarried and at home; John Henry, born Oct. 22, 1886; William, born April 12, 1891; and four others, now deceased.

The career of Mr. Kubli illustrates the power of pluck and push when combined with good character and a high degree of health. Mr. Kubli came to this country without money or friends to help him on his way, and by the most industrious and saving habits became the owner of a fine farm of 210 acres, on which he made his home, and a second farm of eighty acres, for which he had a cash rental. Mr. Kubli's broad acres showed the work of a faithful and intelligent farmer.

In politics Mr. Kubli was a Republican, and both himself and his wife belonged to the Methodist Church. A hard-working man all his life, he never had any trouble with his neighbors, and was never involved in any kind of a law suit. During his last years he retired from active farming, and enjoyed that peace and comfort to which he was so well entitled. Throughout his life he was guided by honesty and neighborly kindness, and lived to enjoy the rich results of these great principles in the respect of the community and in the warm affection of a host of friends.

JABEZ CLARK. The beautiful little town of Monticello, Green county, is fortunate in having located within its limits, a number of solid, substantial farmer-citizens, who by industry and energy have accumulated a competency which enables them to pass their advancing years in comfort. Among those so located may be mentioned Jabez Clark, whose birth took place March 8, 1828, near Lincoln, Lincolnshire, England. He was the son of John and Mary (Sims) Clark, both natives of England. The paternal and maternal grandparents were of English birth and rearing, the former being John and Mary Clark, who became the parents of six children. The maternal grandfather was William Sims, who lived to the unusual age of 101 years, leaving six children. The ancestors in both lines led agri-

cultural lives, and were much esteemed in their respective neighborhoods.

John Clark, the father of our subject, was a farmer, stockman and shepherd in England, but died about 1828, his wife surviving until 1856, when she was sixty-six years old. Both had been consistent members of the Methodist Church.

Jabez Clark was reared on a farm in England, and had few educational advantages, attending no school after his seventh year, and receiving no instruction except that obtained in the Sunday school, where he was religiously sent by his parents. In 1857 our subject came to America, making his way finally to Mt. Pleasant township, Wis., where he bought forty acres of land two miles south of Monticello. Being possessed of limited means, great industry and perseverance, combined with self-denial, were required to enable him to keep adding to this first purchase until he had accumulated 240 acres, which he owned when he decided that his toilsome days were past and that he could enjoy the fruits of his labor. In the spring of 1900 Mr. Clark sold 120 acres of his estate to his son, rented 120 and removed to this town, where he and wife live in quiet, with comfortable surroundings.

Mr. Clark was married Jan. 1, 1858, to Miss Julia Dyson, a daughter of John and Esther (Royson) Dyson, and a family of six children were born of this union: Mary E., who married Anson Wood, of Decatur township, and has three children, Walter, Calista, and Burnett; William S., who married Geneva Button, and resides in Kansas, near Shorey, with three children, Lloyd S., Julian J., and Vira; George H., who married Emma Hickman, resides in Mt. Pleasant township; Elizabeth J. and Linda B., living on the old home farm; and Burnett L. is a veterinary surgeon, located in Monticello. The mother of these children died in 1897, aged seventy-four years, having been a member of the Christian Advent Church. The second marriage of our subject took place on April 18, 1897, to Mrs. Emma (Wood) Knight, widow of Ralsey Knight, a soldier in the Civil war, and a daughter of Samuel and Paulina (Upham) Wood. Mrs. Clark had two children by her first marriage, Ralsey Adelbert and George E. Ralsey Adelbert married (first) Imogene Taft, and had one child, Carrie; he married (second) Nellie Rice, and they live in Sibley, Iowa. George

E. Knight married Clara Hilliard, and resides in Coggon, Iowa, with one child, Charles. The parents of Mrs. Clark were natives of New York, and reared four children: Sarah, who married a Mr. Wakefield, of Durand, Wis.; John Albert, who resides in Orleans county, N. Y.; Emma, who is Mrs. Clark; and Artemus, who lives in San Francisco, California.

Although Mr. Clark is a staunch Prohibitionist, and always ready to uphold his views, he has never aspired to any office. In religion he is a consistent member of the Christian Advent Church, while Mrs. Clark is identified with the Free-Will Baptist Church. Both are highly esteemed.

ISAAC W. NEWTON, the subject of this sketch, is an honored citizen and substantial farmer of Lamont township, Lafayette county.

Our subject's father, John Newton, was a well-known citizen. He was born in Lancashire, England, March 9, 1823, his boyhood and early youth being spent in his native place. In 1845 he married Elizabeth Wilde, and with his young wife came to America, locating in the State of Pennsylvania until the spring of 1853, when the family migrated to Darlington township, Lafayette Co., Wis. About two years later Mr. Newton removed to that part of Fayette township which has since become a part of Lamont. In the spring of 1866 he removed to the farm now owned and occupied by his son Isaac, and this was his home until his death, although he passed away at La Plata, Mo., while on a visit to a sister residing there, on April 25, 1893, when a little over seventy years of age. His wife died in 1885. The surviving members of the family are: Mrs. A. R. Mumford, of Freeman, Neb.; Isaac W., our subject; and John T., who lives near Newell, Iowa.

During life Mr. Newton was a representative citizen and was held in high esteem. His progressive methods and industrious habits were commended by the community, he improved considerable land and held many official positions, and for a number of years was the efficient chairman of the town of Fayette.

Isaac W. Newton, the only representative of the family now residing in Lafayette county, was born in Pennsylvania in 1852, and was about one year old when he came with his parents to Lafayette county, where he has al-

ways made his home, his residence being the old family homestead. Our subject married Mary A. Dixon, a daughter of Alvin M. and Mary E. Dixon, the former of whom was born at Platteville March 18, 1843, his father, who still survives, being one of the pioneers of Grant county, Wis. The death of Mr. Dixon occurred in Lamont township Dec. 27, 1900. For two years he served in the army in the war of the Rebellion, and although thirty-five years had elapsed since the close of the war his death was doubtless hastened by the hardships, privations and exposures incident to his army service. Mr. Dixon was an honored member of Harvey Post, No. 45, G. A. R., of Darlington. Mr. Dixon was twice married, and to the first union was born one daughter, Nellie, now Mrs. Brooks, of Freeport, Ill. The second marriage was to Mary Elizabeth Wood, who survives, and is the mother of Mrs. Newton, the latter having been born in Lafayette county in 1872. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Newton, Harland V. and Alice R. In his neighborhood Mr. Newton is highly esteemed, and is justly regarded as one of the substantial citizens.

THOMAS WATSON, one of the pioneer settlers of Green county, now living retired from active work in Browntown, is a native of Ohio, born Feb. 4, 1824, son of John and Elizabeth (Binger) Watson, who were of Irish descent. William Watson, the grandfather, was born in Virginia, and took part in the Revolutionary war, being with the army during the terrible suffering of the winter of 1777 in Valley Forge. He married a lady named Boyd, who was from Ireland.

John Watson, father of Thomas, was married in 1823, to Elizabeth Binger, daughter of John Binger, a native of Maryland. John Watson and his wife Elizabeth reared ten children to maturity: Thomas, Emily, Elaira (widow of Enoch Patterson), Sarah, Nancy (wife of Henry Host, of Ohio), Eliza (wife of William White, of Ohio), Jane (wife of James Wesley, of Ohio), John William, Joseph and Maria (wife of Daniel White, of Ohio).

Thomas Watson has received his education in the school of experience, as the public schools in his boyhood days were very limited in numbers and the scope of their work. In the early 'thirties he attended a little log cabin school. So far as farm work was concerned his educa-

tion was not by any means neglected. In 1850 he came to Wisconsin, and settled in Cadiz township, which has been his home for the past fifty years. He began life without any capital whatever, but his indomitable will and natural energy, and by good management and untiring industry he has accumulated a competence, owning a good farm of nearly two hundred acres in Cadiz township, and a good home in Browntown, where he is now living at rest. Strictly honest in all his dealings, he has an untarnished reputation in the business world, and is a most highly esteemed citizen. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and, while a member of no church, is very charitable, and is a liberal contributor to worthy causes.

On March 29, 1846, Mr. Watson was united in marriage with Miss Mary Lynch, daughter of William Lynch, of Ohio. She was born in Ohio Dec. 24, 1828, one of a family of nine children, the others being John, Simon, Hugh, Absalom, Cornelius, Hattie, Susan and Katie. Mr. and Mrs. Watson became the parents of ten children, of whom five are now living: Jane is the wife of Wallace Skinner, of Winslow, Ill.; Luvina married Elias Martin, of Green county; Catherine is a teacher in the Green county schools; Viola is the wife of William Smith, of Wisconsin; and Aurora is the wife of James Robb, of Illinois. The others died in childhood. Mr. Watson was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife Feb. 19, 1896. She was a devoted mother and loving wife, and passed to her rest in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which she had long been a faithful member.

JOHN CORRELL, a successful farmer now living in retirement at Mineral Point, Iowa county, Wis., was born in Avoca, County Wicklow, Ireland, Aug. 27, 1837, son of Richard and Ann Correll, natives of the same locality.

Richard Correll was a farmer, as had been his father and grandfather before him. He died at the age of sixty-two years, and his wife, Ann, passed away at the age of sixty. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom four still live in Ireland, and Mary, now Mrs. Green, in Scranton, Penn., and our subject, are the only ones in America.

John Correll received fair educational advantages, and at the age of fifteen began to learn the grocery business, which he followed

until May, 1861, when he embarked for Australia, passing four years there as clerk in a cattle station at Rockhampton. Upon his return to Europe, he passed one year in London and his native town, and in 1868 came to the United States, making his first home on a farm in the township of Clifton, Grant county, Wis. In 1882, he purchased a fine farm of 170 acres near Cobb, Iowa county, which he still owns. For some years he has devoted his attention to the breeding of short-horn cattle, having bred some of the best stock in the county. Among the animals he has owned was the 2-year-old bull "Chancellor" (106.791) which took the second premium at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893, and the cow "Lovely Pride," which took fourth premium at the same place, and first at the Wisconsin State Fair in 1894. Stock owned by him has also taken many other premiums at fairs and exhibitions. Since 1898 Mr. Correll has lived in practical retirement at Mineral Point, where he has built a substantial modern residence on an eminence overlooking the greater part of the city, as well as of the beautiful surrounding country.

In September, 1869, Mr. Correll was married to Isabella Jane Greville, who was born at Shank Hill Castle, County Dublin, Ireland, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Robinson) Greville, who came to America in 1855, and reached Grant Co., Wis., on May 19, of that year. Mr. Greville purchased a farm in Clifton township, near the Crow Branch mines, and in 1882 moved to Montfort. His death occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Correll, Feb. 21, 1895, when he had attained the venerable age of eighty-three years. His wife, Mary Robinson, died in Grant county, Dec. 27, 1886, at the age of sixty-six years. George Washington Greville, grandfather of Mrs. Correll, was a printer in Dublin, and passed away in his eighty-fourth year, and his brother, who also attained an advanced age, operated the only coach factory in Dublin at that time. Mrs. Mary (Robinson) Greville was a daughter of Henry and Mary (Tuke) Robinson, the former being a damask weaver in County Roscommon, Ireland.

Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Correll: Washington, a druggist at Prairie du Sac, Wis.; Richard Joseph, on the home farm; Henry Robinson, born Oct. 22, 1874, died Sept. 15, 1897; William Horace, a grocery salesman at Mineral Point; and James

Archibald, who died Sept. 25, 1897, at the age of twelve years and eight days. The parents have taken care in the education of their children, who bid fair to add laurels to the honored name they bear—Washington being a graduate of the State University of Wisconsin, and William H., of the Platteville Business College. In religious views Mr. Correll is a member of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Correll is a communicant of the Episcopal Church. Socially he is a member of Washburn Lodge, I. O. O. F., and politically has always affiliated with the Republican party, but has never yet consented to accept the honors of public office as well as the duties of citizenship.

DUDLEY C. BRIDGES, a venerable farmer of Platteville, Grant county, has led a long and useful life, influenced by noble motives, and is now passing his last years surrounded by a circle of kind and sympathetic friends.

Mr. Bridges was born in Vermont in September, 1816, a son of Chase and Cornelia Bridges, both of whom were born and reared in that State. When Dudley C. was a child his father moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he engaged in farming some twelve or thirteen years, and then moved to Clinton county, Ill. While living in Ohio Mrs. Bridges died. Of the children who survived her (1) Densy married Lorenzo Dow, and settled in Bond county, Ill., where she died, leaving three children, Mary, James and Milan; the sons reside in Kansas, and Mary, the wife of William Alexander, lives in Illinois. (2) Edward married and settled in Clinton county, Ill., where he died. (3) Omeerie died, a bachelor, in Clinton. (4) Mary, born in Ohio, married Henry Harmon, who died, leaving one daughter, now also deceased. Mrs. Harmon later married John Hull, and settled on a farm in Clinton county, Ill., where they both died, leaving one daughter, who did not long survive her parents. Chase Bridges later in life married Miss Nancy Hull, and to this union were born four children, all of whom are deceased but Lucretia, the wife of William A. Abbott, of California.

Dudley C. Bridges received the major part of his education in Ohio, at the winter sessions of the district school. In 1844 he married Miss Martha Crucey, of South Carolina, and settled in Bond county, Ill., where his wife died four years afterward, leaving no children. In 1848

he married his present wife, Miss Nancy Casey, of Georgia, a daughter of William and Angeline Casey, who were born in the South, though of old Puritan stock. When she was a child her father was killed by the Indians, and her mother taken a captive into Arkansas. The young orphan was received as a member of the family of Dr. Wood, who moved into Illinois. When she was sixteen she took upon herself the burden of her own support. After marriage she and Mr. Bridges came by wagon to Grant county, Wis., where they rented what is now known as the Long farm, making their home there for three years, and then Mr. Bridges purchased eighty acres from Mr. Snowdon. There they made their home, and here they still reside. They began housekeeping in a small log house, and soon erected their present dwelling, where they reared a large and prosperous family, and have lived to see their children grow up and take honorable places in life. In 1898 they celebrated their Golden Wedding. Mrs. Bridges united with the Presbyterian Church when a young woman and has led a consistent Christian life.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridges have had twelve children, all of whom were born in Grant county. (1) Flora, born in 1850, married Thomas Nixon, resides in Iowa on a farm, and is the mother of nine children, John, Flora, Irene, George, William, Joseph, Thomas, Theodore and Martha. (2) Alice, born in 1852, married Joseph Nixon, resides on his farm near Rockville, and is the mother of six children, Edwin, Nellie, Mamie, Kippie, Ernest, and Delbert H. (3) Filena, born in 1854, married William Long, who resided in Platteville, both are now deceased; they left two children, James and Elvina. (4) Nora, born in 1856, is Mrs. George Womack, of the town of Platteville, and is the mother of five children, George, Thomas, Dora, Adolph and Dudley. (5) William Judd married Miss Lou McKinney, and resides in Mineral Point. He is the father of four children, Thomas, Walter, Daniel and Chase. (6) Alvin, born in 1862, married Miss Laura Stanover, and is a farmer in the town of Platteville; they have three daughters, Mamie, Jemima, and Sylvia. (7) Thomas, born in 1861, was killed while engaged in seeding grain, by a run-away team, when a boy of seventeen years; he was a bright young man and the pride of his parents. (8) Irena, born in 1863, was educated in the public schools, and in 1880 married Samuel

Clifton, who was born and reared in England; they are living on a farm in the town of Platteville, and are the parents of six children—Nancy E., born in 1880; Gertrude, June 24, 1885; Charles C., in 1889; Alice and Ada A. (twins), in 1894; and John Dewey Clinton, in 1898. (9) Harry M., born in 1866, married Miss Emma Quarles, and settled on a farm in the town of Lima. He has two daughters, Ella and Ruby Quarles. (10) Mary Esther married James Appleby, resides in Minneapolis, and has one son, Willis. (11) Dudley C. is married, and when last heard from was in Iowa; he has no children. (12) John is mentioned below. There are thirty-eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

JOHN BRIDGES, born in June, 1872, is now manager of the old home farm. He received a fair education in the home schools, and was well prepared for the duties of an active life. In October, 1896, he married Miss Emma Doelz, a daughter of G. C. and Philopenie Doelz, an old and prominent family in Dubuque, Iowa, and they live on the farm, caring for his parents in their old age. They have two daughters, Freda Viola and Irene May. John Bridges has been long identified with the Republican party, following in his father's footsteps in this respect, and is a leading man of the community. Fraternally he is a member of the United Workmen.

GEORGE H. CRAM, of Beloit, Rock county, is a well-known shoe dealer in the college city, and his store is the center of trade for those who demand good values for their money and are sensitive to fair dealing and courteous treatment.

Mr. Cram was born in Missouri City, Mo., June 4, 1861, and is a son of George H. and Hattie (Brittan) Cram, of Vermont and New York, respectively. They were the parents of two children, Arthur and George H., the former of whom died at the age of two years. The father came West to Chicago in the 'fifties, and later spent a few months in Missouri City, Mo., but kept his home in Chicago, in which city he died in 1861, at the early age of twenty-eight. The mother still survives. She is a Congregationalist, as was also Mr. Cram. He joined the Union army for service in the Civil war, and was a first lieutenant in the 14th Ill. V. I., was wounded in the battle of Fort Donelson, and died a week later. Mrs. Cram subsequently married E. B. McClure.



*Geo. H. Cram*





and now lives in Visalia, Cal. They have four children. Hattie, Frank, Harry and Fred. The paternal grandfather of our subject came from England, and died in middle life, soon after his arrival in this country. He was the father of four children: Francis Brittan, the father of Hattie, mentioned above, was a native of England, and was the first silk and embroidery merchant in the United States. He was a prominent merchant in Brooklyn, and also had a store in New York. Late in life he came to Wisconsin, settling at Mineral Point, at that time a more important city than Chicago, and he spent some portion of his later years in Beloit, with his son Arthur. He was the father of a large family.

The early childhood days of George H. Cram were spent in Monmouth and Galesburg, Ill., and at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He attended the public schools and college at Galesburg, and later a public school at Springfield, Ohio. In 1876 he came to Beloit, and has since made that city his home. Mr. Cram began clerking in the shoe store of his uncle, Arthur Brittan, soon after his arrival, and continued in his employ until 1886. That year he entered business on his own account, and opened a shoe store in partnership with George A. Lownsbury, who retired from the enterprise after one year. Mr. Cram has since carried on the business alone, and has won a good patronage, being now among the solid and prosperous men of the city. In 1896 he opened a shoe store in Janesville, and later associated himself with C. C. Bennett, who presently became the owner of the Janesville enterprise. Since that time Mr. Cram has confined his business to Beloit. He has carried through several important deals in real estate, and is agent for the business of Arthur Brittan.

George H. Cram and Miss Cora A. Williams, daughter of George and Harriet Williams, were united in marriage Aug. 3. 1883. To this union two children have been born: Mildred and Arthur. The pleasant home in which they live, at No. 431 Park avenue, was erected by our subject in 1892. Mrs. Cram and children are members of the Episcopal Church, which Mr. Cram also attends. He is a member of Morning Star Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M., Beloit Chapter, No. 9. R. A. M., and Beloit Commandery, No. 6, and with his wife belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a Modern Woodman and United

Workman, and has risen to a high standing in the Knights of Pythias, having taken the uniform degree, was elected a major on the staff of Gen. Halsey, and served under him a full term. Politically he is a Republican, and has represented the Second ward one term in the common council. Mr. Cram has been on the county board several terms, and is a gentleman of prominence in local affairs.

WILLIAM LEWIS, of Lancaster, dates his coming to Grant county, Wis., from half a century ago, having arrived here in 1850. He is a native of Delaware county, N. Y., born Dec. 21. 1829, and was reared to agricultural pursuits.

William Lewis, Sr., father of William Lewis, named above, was a native of Scotland, and came to the United States when a young man. About the first employment he found here was in assisting in the construction of the Erie canal in the State of New York—the most important artificial waterway used for passenger and freight traffic in the United States. It was completed in 1825, and has since conveyed, besides merchandise, thousands of pioneers from Albany to Buffalo, N. Y., on their way to the far West. Mr. Lewis married, in the Empire State, Nancy Burns, a native thereof, but whose father was from the north of Ireland. Soon after his marriage Mr. Lewis settled on a tract of heavily-timbered land, cleared up a farm, on which he resided until 1858, and then, eight years after his son had arrived here, came to Grant county, Wis., where he purchased what was known as the Luther Brown farm, where he passed the remainder of his life, his widow surviving him for a number of years. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom one only was a daughter, and she is now Mrs. Catherine Ryan, of North Anderson, Grant county. One son, James, died in early life, but the others all attained mature years. Four of the sons served in the Union army during the Civil war, viz.: Moses, Walter, James and Andrew. The last named died in the service just before the cessation of hostilities, and James died at home soon after the close of the war, of disease contracted in the army. The surviving brothers are John, Thomas, William, Walter and Wilson.

William Lewis, whose name opens this sketch, for a number of years after his arrival

in Grant county, in 1850, worked out as a farm hand, but in 1865 he purchased the Preserve Albee farm in Patch Grove township, on which he made his home for thirty years, before retiring from active life. He was united in marriage Nov. 11, 1854, with Miss Catherine Ryan, who was born in Albany, N. Y., Aug. 7, 1835, a daughter of John and Debora (Shedy) Ryan, and this union has been blessed with eleven children, of whom further mention will later be made. In 1836 or 1837 the Ryan family came from New York to Grant county, Wis., and after residing for some time in Cassville, the parents removed across the Mississippi river to Clayton county, Iowa, where the father died, after which occurrence Mrs. Ryan returned with her children to Cassville, and was married to James Carey. By her first marriage she was the mother of five children, and by her second became the mother of two.

Of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Dr. James Monroe resides in Bloomington, Grant county; Nancy Debora is the wife of Joseph Donnelly, also of Bloomington; Millie is married to Mr. Foley, proprietor and editor of the *Cassville Index*; William Elmer lives in Patch Grove; Dr. Walter Haines is in practice at Alden, Iowa; Andrew E. lives in Lancaster, Wis.; Dr. Ulysses Simpson resides in East Dubuque, Ill.; John Forrest is the next in order of birth; Luther L. and Frank Clarence went to Alaska in 1898; and Lela is the wife of Ray D. Walker, of Lancaster, Wis. These eleven children have all been well educated, and all save one have been school teachers. The three sons who are practicing medicine were graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, and are useful and greatly respected citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have a delightful home, and are possessed of all the comforts of life, the fruit of their well directed industry and intelligent management of their affairs. They mingle with the most worthy and reputable residents of Lancaster, and their friends are countless.

JAMES COCHRAN KIRKPATRICK is one of the oldest surviving pioneers of the Wisconsin lead region, having lived there for nearly three quarters of a century. He has witnessed the remarkable development of that locality from a frontier wilderness, inhabited chiefly by Indians, and has always been ready to assist in promoting the cause of progress and im-

provement, while he deplors the moral degeneracy and other follies of the present age.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was born in Mina Burton, Washington Co., Mo., Dec. 4, 1823, the second son of Francis Creswell and Frances (Sparks) Kirkpatrick, natives of Georgia and Tennessee, respectively, who were married in Illinois. The grandfather of Francis C. Kirkpatrick sprang of a Scottish Jacobite family, which was exiled from Great Britain after the war of 1745, when the Duke of Cumberland was obliged to abandon the hanging of the so-called "rebels." This gentleman came to America with six of his brothers, all of whom were over six feet in height. They settled in Georgia, where they became distinguished for bravery and patriotism, as well as for physical prowess. All of them did valuable service under Gens. Washington and Marion, and after the Revolution they scattered to different States, some of them settling in Ohio. The grandfather of Francis C. Kirkpatrick was betrayed while at home on a furlough, by a Tory neighbor whom he had befriended, and the Tories gathered and shot him in his own house. His wife, formerly a Miss Gilham, of Scottish descent, bore him four sons. Her brother, Isaac Gilham, also served in the Continental army, and was once left for dead upon the field; he always bore the saber scars upon his head, though he attained a vigorous old age in Illinois. The subject of this sketch well remembers a visit which he paid to Iowa county in 1836, at which time he was over one hundred years of age. During the Revolution some children of the Gilham family were captured by Indians and taken to the "Illinois Country." Afterward members of the family heard of them through some traders, and went from Georgia to bring them home. From Illinois they were traced to Kentucky and rescued. This party was so much pleased with the country that they formed a colony of over two hundred people among their relatives and neighbors, and migrated to what is now Bond county, Ill. James Kirkpatrick, father of Francis C., joined this colony early in the nineteenth century. In 1834 he came to Wisconsin, and his death occurred in the town of Mifflin, Iowa county, when he was aged seventy-seven years. His wife, Sarah Pettijohn Kirkpatrick, died in the same place, at the age of seventy-four years.

In 1827 Francis C. Kirkpatrick father of

the subject of this sketch, with his family located at Galena, Ill. The Indian title to southwestern Wisconsin then a part of Michigan Territory, having been extinguished, the following year he came to Iowa county, and engaged in smelting in what is now the town of Lima, Grant county. With a wooden plow he broke up the first ground ever cultivated in the county, though he gave but little attention to agriculture for some years; this plow was made from a crotched tree, combined with a miner's pick. As most of the provisions for the lead region were brought to Galena by steamer, supplies sometimes became very scarce before the opening of spring navigation, and at one time he and his family were without food for three days. He took part in the Winnebago war, and with his brother William served under Capt. Strode through the Black Hawk war during which time he sent his family to Galena for protection. He was one of the commissioners appointed to locate the seat of Grant county, and also one of the first commissioners of Iowa county. He departed this life in Lima, Grant Co., at the age of seventy-six years, most of which had been spent upon the frontier. His wife was born in 1804, near Nashville, Tenn., and died at Lima, Grant Co., Jan. 15, 1881. Her father, Abel Sparks, came in 1838 to Iowa county, where he attained the age of nearly one hundred years. Her mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Cochran, was born in New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick were the parents of seven sons and four daughters. The eldest, George A., died in infancy. George W., and Sarah J., are also deceased. The names and locations of the others, besides James C., are as follows: William D., lives in Mifflin township, Iowa Co., Wis.; Elizabeth A. (Mrs. Jesse Jones), of Platteville, Wis.; Vance L., at Livingston, Wis.; Martha E. (Mrs. D. Bull), in California; Elvira (Mrs. H. Pauley), in Grant county, Wis.; Francis M., at Edmund, same State; and Frederick C., in Colorado.

James C. Kirkpatrick spent most of his boyhood in Iowa county. In March, 1850, he started for California, and drove a team across the Plains, reaching his destination on the last day of July, a quicker trip than was made by most of the overlanders. After spending two years there he returned by way of the Isthmus, where he took a boat to Havana, reaching that city a few days after the execution of the notor-

ious filibuster, Lopez. Considerable excitement prevailed there, but he and his companions were allowed to continue their journey without serious interruption. Since his return he has been extensively engaged in mining and farming in Mifflin township. For some years he gave considerable attention to standard bred horses and Galloway cattle. Among his horses were some of the progeny of "Selim," the famous stallion captured from the British by McDonald, an officer under Gen. Marion's command. The stock was brought to Illinois by relatives of Mr. Kirkpatrick. Live stock bred by him have been exhibited at many fairs, and have captured many premiums. In the fall of 1887 he took sixty head of Galloways to the State fair at Denver, Colo., finding a ready sale for the entire number in that State. Since 1894 he has kept a hotel, "The Kirk House," at Rewey.

Though his early educational advantages were quite limited, Mr. Kirkpatrick has been an extensive reader and a close observer. For many years past he has been collecting historical relics, geological specimens, and other curiosities, and now has quite a museum, gathered from all parts of the world, but no objects more curious than some which he has exhibited near his home. These include the gigantic tooth of a mastodon and a piece of the tusk of another, found near Anderson's Mill, Grant county, the skeleton of which is preserved in the Historical Museum at Madison. He also has sharks' teeth taken from a mound near Avoca, and several hundred specimens of ore and minerals. He has become familiar with several Indian dialects, and understands much of the lore and legends of the aborigines. Soon after the Black Hawk war the neighborhood of Mifflin was visited by a party of peaceable Indians. Most of the men were away at work, and, though a small boy, he felt himself called to defend the home, and would have shot at them had he not been restrained by the ladies of the house. His hostility disappeared, however, as he became more acquainted with the race, and he never had any serious trouble with them, though spending much of his time in their midst.

In political sentiment our subject, is a Democrat. He was made a member of the Masonic fraternity Sept. 6, 1858, at Melody Lodge, No. 2, Platteville, and in 1865 became a charter member of Mifflin Lodge, No. 153, which has

since removed to Rewey. In 1893 he was initiated in the Oriental Order of the Palm and Shell, at Dodgeville, by H. R. Coleman, of Louisville, Kentucky.

On Feb. 25, 1846, Mr. Kirkpatrick was married to Mary Mundon, who was born in Jackson county, Ill., Oct. 18, 1827, and died at Mifflin, Wis., Jan. 25, 1895. Of their six sons, three are living. Frederick is one of the most extensive farmers of southwestern Wisconsin, operating over 700 acres in Iowa, and Grant counties; James lives in Kossuth county, Iowa; and Frank Leslie is connected with the hotel at Rewey.

**WILLIAM JOHNSON** is a leading and representative citizen of the town of Spring Grove, Green county, residing on his farm one mile south of Oakley.

Mr. Johnson is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Morey) Johnson, of Northampton county, Penn., who were of German origin. Jacob Johnson was born in 1782, son of Henry Johnson, was among the early settlers of Easton, Penn., and was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died in 1867. About 1812 he married Elizabeth Morey, and they became the parents of eight children: Sally, who married Benjamin Barto; John, deceased; Rebecca, who married Amos Gumm, and is now deceased; Jacob, who died in Pennsylvania; Philip, who resides in Northampton county, Penn.; William, born May 7, 1825; Jesse, who died in Pennsylvania; and Wilson, who lives in Rochester, Michigan.

William Johnson, the subject proper of this article, came West to Lee county, Ill., in 1855, and four years later removing to Green county, Wis., settled on the place he now owns, and where he is found to-day, a good type of the prosperous and contented farmer. On Oct. 7, 1854, William Johnson was married to Katherine Long, who was born Aug. 31, 1829, the eldest of the six children of John and Elizabeth (Eyer) Long, good farming people, of English descent, who ranked among the foremost residents of Northampton county at that time. This marriage has been blessed with five children: (1) Elizabeth, born in Illinois in 1857, married John Straley, and died in Houston, Tex., in 1899. (2) Hebron, born Aug. 26, 1860, died Sept. 13, 1895, leaving a widow and two children. (3) John E., born March 22, 1863, died in infancy. (4) Mary, born

Feb. 7, 1866, is the wife of Frank Zimmerman, a farmer of Stephenson county, Ill. (5) Ella, the youngest of the family is the wife of Rev. J. W. Zimmerman, of Green county, Wisconsin.

William Johnson was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the district school. When he came West he was a poor man, but by the exercise of industry, economy and wise judgment he has come into the possession of a good farm, with all modern improvements, and in his old age is released from the necessity of care and worry. He owns 400 acres of good land, in good condition. In politics he is a Democrat. He has been a consistent member of the United Brethren Church for many years, and is a respected citizen of his community. He is a good man, a devoted husband, a kind and faithful father, and an obliging and generous friend and neighbor.

**GEORGE WINTER**, whose standing among the older and more prominent farmers of Green county is secure, has a fine farm in the town of Brooklyn. He was born in County Suffolk, England, Jan. 12, 1827, a son of John and Sarah (Peck) Winter, both natives of England. Twelve children were born to them, of whom four are now living; George; James, of Evansville; Catherine, the wife of John Webb, of Australia, and Emma, wife of Thomas Moore, of London, Eng. The father was a farmer and died in England at the age of eighty-three years; the mother died when she was seventy-nine years old. He was a member of the Established Church, but she was allied with the Dissenters. The paternal grandfather died at an advanced age in England, having reared a small family. The maternal grandfather of George Winter was James Peck; he was a farmer and died in England when quite advanced in years, leaving a family of several children.

George Winter was reared on a farm, and had his education in the English schools. In 1854 he came to America and made his location on trackless prairie in Rock county, Wis. The next year he came to Green county, and bought 160 acres of land in both the towns of Union and Brooklyn, with his residence in the last town.

Mr. Winter was married Nov. 12, 1855, to Elizabeth, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Wood) Winter. To them were born: the fol-

lowing children: Fred William, who died when he was six months old; Aibert George, who married Sophia Keepins, and is the father of two daughters, Ethel and Ava Fern; Walter William, unmarried, and lives at home; Ellen Mary, who married J. C. Ellis, and lives in Union township, where they are rearing a family of four children, Verne, Eddie, Arthur and Clifford; Ernest Edward, who wedded Mary Pope, and lives in Union township, and has one son, Merlin. Mr. and Mrs. Winter belong to the Methodist Church, where he was elected honorary class leader, having acted in that position many years. He was also trustee and Sunday school superintendent for many years. In his politics Mr. Winters is strictly independent, although he cast his last vote for William J. Bryan.

Mrs. Winter's parents were both natives of England. They came to America in 1856, and located in Brooklyn township, Green county, where he died in 1858, at the age of fifty-four years. His widow lived to be seventy-two years, and died in 1889. They were the parents of seven children, of whom four are now living: George W., of Durand, Ill.; Charles, a resident of Wisconsin; Elizabeth, Mrs. Winter, and Louisa Sarah, widow of Thomas Dorman, lives in Footville. The father and mother were Episcopal communicants of the church in England. After the death of her father, her mother married for her second husband, Jacob Kersher, who died in 1884. Her paternal grandfather was John Winter, a farmer, who died in England when eighty years old, the father of five children. Her maternal grandfather was John Wood, a hotel keeper of England, and a prominent man, and at one time quite wealthy. He had six children.

Frederick Winter, the brother of George, was at one time mayor of Stratford-on-Avon. He was a Sunday School teacher in the Congregational Church, and a prominent man. At his death a monument was erected by the Sunday School and the citizens generally in attestation of his good life.

LEMUEL H. WARREN, one of the founders of the town of Albany. Green county, is a representative of one of the early Colonial families.

Lovewell Warren, his grandfather, was a native of Marlboro, Mass., where his father

followed his trade, that of blacksmith, and whence he had gone to participate in the French war near Quebec. Being deprived of his father by death at the opening of the Revolutionary war, Lovewell Warren early left his native home at Marlboro, the home also of the Howe family, to whom he was related on his mother's side, and located near the village of Montpelier, where he cleared up a farm, and passed the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1834, when he was nearly seventy years of age. He was twice married, his first marriage, to Emma Holden, taking place Dec. 23, 1790; her death occurred Jan. 20, 1813. On her mother's side she was related to the Adams family of Leominster, Mass. On Jan. 2, 1814, Mr. Warren married Olive Bohonon. To the first union five sons and two daughters were born, and to the second came one son.

Lemuel Warren, son of Lovewell, was born in Washington county, Vt., and in early manhood engaged in teaching school, later becoming a mechanic. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was present at the battle of Plattsburg. In 1838, ten years before Wisconsin became a State, he left his New York home and located on a 160-acre farm in Rock township, Rock county, two and one-half miles from Janesville. This was his place of residence for three years, when he sold out and moved to Center township, purchasing 320 acres of land, on which he lived until his death, in 1846, at the age of fifty-five years. He was well educated for the times, and held many important positions in the town, being justice of the peace for many years, doing much clerical work for his neighbors, and marrying many of the pioneer couples. He was also supervisor, and numbering among his accomplishments a knowledge of surveying, his services in that line were much in demand. He married Betsey Richardson, who was born in New York State, daughter of William Richardson, a blacksmith, who died at Granville, N. Y., aged eighty-five. Three of the eight children born to Lemuel and Betsey (Richardson) Warren are yet living: John H., of Cincinnati, Ohio; Lemuel H.; and Eugene, of Albany. After the death of the father the mother removed to Albany, and made her home in a comfortable cottage built for her by her sons Lemuel and Eugene. She died in 1870. In early life she was a Presbyterian, but after her marriage united with the Universalist

Church, of which her husband was a member.

Lemuel H. Warren was born in Franklin county, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1830, and was but eight years of age when brought by his parents to Wisconsin. He was reared to manhood on the farm in Center township, Rock county, and received such education as the district schools of the day afforded. In 1854 he gave up farming, and joined his brothers John H. and Eugene in the mercantile and milling business in Albany. They were always spoken of as the "Warren boys," and had their sign painted "The Warren Boys." For many years they continued together with great success, but on account of failing health Lemuel was obliged to sell his interest, which his brothers took, and engage in other work. He moved to Juda, Wis., and there engaged in the lumber business for five years, and then, in partnership with his brothers, took mail contracts for several thousand miles of routes, some of which they sub-let. This kept Mr. Warren out a great deal, and the traveling proved very beneficial. His next work was on a farm which he bought, near Madison, but in 1883 he returned to Albany to make his permanent home there, where he has since lived retired, in his charming home. Besides his other property in Wisconsin, he owns 160 acres of good farm land in Jackson county, Minn. In his political affiliations he has always been a staunch Republican, and while in no sense of the word an office seeker, he has served in several official positions, being appointed postmaster under President Harrison, and continuing in office through half of the term of Grover Cleveland. For three terms he proved a most acceptable president of the village board.

On March 26, 1854, Mr. Warren was united in marriage with Miss Martha Stanley, daughter of Archy and Arluta (Cox) Stanley, and to this marriage came four children: Frank S., of Escanaba, Mich., married Clara Trousdale, and has four children, Bessie and Jessie (twins), Lona and Harriet; Carrie married Charles Morgan, of Mt. Pleasant, and has one daughter, Flossie; Fred L., of Albany, married Ella Lemmel, and has two children, Tessie and Catharine; and Eva L. passed away Feb. 18, 1900, aged twenty-nine years. In their religious faith, the family find hope and comfort in the doctrine of the Spiritualists.

Archy Stanley, father of Mrs. Warren, was an early resident of Susquehanna county, Penn., and came to Wisconsin in 1850, locating in Sylvester township, Green county. Two years later he lost his life while at work in the timber, when he was aged fifty-four years, four months. He was twice married, and his first wife, Arluta Cox, died in 1837, the mother of seven children, all now deceased except Mrs. Warren. Two of the sons, Edward and James, were soldiers in the Civil war, the latter dying in a hospital in Memphis, Tenn. In 1839 Mr. Stanley married, for his second wife, Miss Olive Glidden, of Friendsville, Penn., and to their union came eight children, of whom six are living: Benjamin, of Rossville, Iowa; Susan, of the Odd Fellows Home, Green Bay, the widow of J. B. Perry; Jefferson, of Lyon county, Minn.; Archy, of Chamberlain, S. Dak.; Major, of Juda, Wis.; and Ellen, wife of Thomas Summeril, of Monroe.

Matthew Stanley, grandfather of Mrs. Warren, was a native of England, and on emigrating to this country located in Orange county, Vt., thence to Friendsville, Penn., where he died at a good old age. He was a typical gentleman of the old school, always very particular about his dress, and wore his hair braided in a queue.

OSCAR L. BLACKMAN, a typical farmer and stockman of the town of Platteville, Grant county, has by strict attention to business before him, and an unswerving integrity, made a name for himself, and won a place in the world that entitles him to be classed among the representative men of Grant county.

Mr. Blackman was born in Oneida county, New York, in the month of December, 1839, and is a son of Elisha and Lavina (Henderson) Blackman. They were born in Chenango county, New York, and spent their early lives in their native county. There they were married, and there Mr. Blackman followed the shoemaker's trade until 1853. That year they came West to Wisconsin, making the long and tedious journey in a moving wagon. Mr. Blackman brought along a peddler's stock, and sold it on the way. They settled at Platteville, on a tract of land consisting of 160 acres, which he bought, not far from the village. They made this farm their home during their lives, and it is now owned by Oscar L. Mr. Blackman died in

1893, surviving his wife eight years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were widely known as good Christian people. He was a Republican, and held a number of local offices during life. Of their children,

Almanzo Blackman was the eldest, and was born in Oneida county, N. Y., in 1836. He obtained his education in his native county, and when he was sixteen years old came West with his parents. He married Miss Ursula Henderson, who was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and reared in Grant county. They went West but came back in 1893, and he was killed by the kick of a horse, in 1896, leaving a wife, but no children. Zelora Blackman was born in New York in 1838, and remained single all his life; he has had poor health for many years, and makes his home with his brother, Oscar L., on the farm.

Oscar L. Blackman received his early education in the schools of his native State, and attended school during the winter for a time after his arrival in Wisconsin. In 1861 he left his home in Belmont, and started with teams for California, with a man by the name of Basit. They camped along the Missouri River for two or three weeks, and then went on as far as Fort Bridger, where our subject left Mr. Basit, and began to work for the overland stage company, remaining one month. He then continued his journey as far as Salt Lake City, where he hired out to drive team to Denver, Colo., making two trips. That winter he remained in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and in the spring went through to the Powder river, in Oregon, spending one year there mining. The following spring he went to Idaho, and remained till fall, working in the mines. From there he went to Fort Walla Walla, Wash., and staid until the next spring, when, with others, he started with pack trains to the Kootenay mines, British Columbia; thence again with pack trains they came to Helena, Mont., where Mr. Blackman worked until late in the fall, when he went to Baker City, Oregon, and worked for the overland stage company, continuing in their employ for two years at that place, and a like period of time for the same company in Boise City, Idaho. In the spring of 1870 he left there for Wisconsin, taking the train at Ogden, and upon his arrival resumed the occupation of farming, which has since been his life work.

Mr. Blackman was united in marriage with

Miss Huldah J. Hackett, who was born in 1845, a daughter of John K. and Orilla Hackett, of Trumbull county, Ohio, the former a native of New Hampshire, born in 1804, and the latter born in Vermont in 1811. They came to Platteville in 1855, and lived in this town until they died in 1865 and 1899, respectively, Mrs. Hackett at the venerable age of nearly eighty-nine. Mrs. Blackman was mainly educated in the Platteville schools. After their marriage they spent three years in Fayette county, Iowa, Mr. Blackman engaging in farming. He sold out and repurchased in Cherokee county, in the same State, spending seven years in that splendid agricultural region. After the expiration of that time they returned to Wisconsin, and took charge of the old homestead. They are the parents of four children. Charles, the eldest, born in Iowa in 1880, was a student at the Platteville schools; Zelora, born in Iowa in 1882, Helen, born in Cherokee county, in 1884, and George, born in Platteville in 1889, are all bright young people, and are students at the Normal. Mr. Blackman is a Republican, and was brought up in the faith of the Methodist Church.

JOB SLACK, one of the leading representatives of the agricultural interests of Grant county, was borne in Devonshire, England, on March 1, 1832, a son of Job and Anna Slack, both natives of Yorkshire, England, the father having been born in 1803 and the mother in 1805. They came to Lafayette county in 1848, where the father worked in the lead mines of New Diggings, for one year, then moved back to Grant county, and settled on wild land, one mile south of Big Patch, there dying in March, 1851, leaving a wife and four children: Job, our subject, is the eldest; Elizabeth, born in England, is now wife of John Green, and has two children, Frederick and Herbert, both teachers in the high schools of Chicago; Ruth, born in England, is the wife of John Harker, and has three children, George, James and Lydia; Annie, born in England, is now the wife of Thomas Wilkinson, and has the following children, Albert, Edward, Nellie, Annie, Thomas, Emma, James, Hall, Milford and Yetta. The mother of our subject remained on the old homestead until her death in 1869. Both she and her husband were stanch members of the Church of England and good Christian people.



When about seventeen years old, Mr. Slack came to America where he worked in the lead mines of southwestern Wisconsin for several years, afterward going to Montana, where he worked in the gold mines for two years. Upon returning from Montana, he purchased more land in Grant county, and engaged in farming. In 1871 Mr. Slack married Miss Annie F. Fox, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1848, and who came with her brothers, George, Charles and Thomas, to Grant county, where she met and married our subject. She was a very worthy lady, kind in her home and charitable to the poor, and her death, in 1876, was the cause of great sorrow, not only to her bereaved husband, but to her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Slack were the parents of three children: Elizabeth, born at the old home, on July 8, 1872, a student of the Platteville Normal, was graduated from the Platteville Normal, class of 1896, and became a successful teacher in Smelser, later entering the State University, where she pursued classical studies; George, born in 1874, married Etta Newton, and resides at Big Patch, where he has a family of four children, Luverne, Virgil, Albert and Nellie; and Job, who died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Slack has always identified himself with the Republican party, and given his services to it and to the community as treasurer of the school board for thirteen years, was a member of the town board, and has been overseer of the many excellent roads for seven years. In religion he is a member of the Primitive Methodist Church, as was his wife, and whenever any good deed is proposed, Mr. Slack's contribution and influence are confidently expected, and always given.

FRANCIS BAKER (deceased) was one of the worthy pioneers of the town of Linden, and represented one of the most prosperous and influential families of Iowa county. Though his early opportunities were rather limited, he possessed natural business qualifications, and besides being a successful farmer was distinguished for his public spirit and benevolent contributions to religious and philanthropic enterprises.

Mr. Baker was born in the Parish of Week St. Mary, Cornwall, England, Dec. 24, 1817, and died at Dodgeville, Wis., Dec. 16, 1897, thereby lacking but eight days of completing the age of fourscore years. His father, Digory

Baker, was the son of one of the most prosperous tenant farmers of Cornwall, and himself accumulated a small fortune. He wisely sought to install his posterity in the New World, which afforded better advantages for material and intellectual development than could be had for them in his native land. He became a citizen of Iowa county, Wis., and died in the town of Linden in 1847, at the age of seventy-one years. His wife, whose maiden name was Thomasine Uglow, died in England. The members of the Uglow family were the rightful heirs of a large estate, the settlement of which has been pending in the English chancery courts for more than one hundred years. This venerable couple were the parents of seven sons and two daughters, of whom the following is a brief record: William died in England; Thomas died at Edmund, Wis., Feb. 5, 1888, aged eighty-three years; Edmund died at the same place, after donating ground for a station, which has since been known by his given name; John U. resides in Madison, at the age of eighty-six years; Francis was next in order of birth; Henry, whose biography will be found upon another page of this volume, resides in Lancaster, Wis.; Digory was for some years a resident of Iowa county, but died in England, at the age of seventy years; Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Sampson) died at Edmund; and Joanna (Mrs. John Pierce) died in Mineral Point.

At the age of twenty years Francis Baker left home and joined his brother Thomas and other members of the family, who had preceded him to this country and located at Honesdale, Penn., in 1833. At that place he followed the trade of stone mason, in connection with farming, until 1844, when he came to Wisconsin and took up government land in the town of Linden, Iowa county. The locality was then a comparative wilderness, and but little attention had been given to its agricultural development. Being a man of varied resources, he spent a portion of his time at the carpenter's trade, and, discovering lead ore upon the premises, he extracted sufficient mineral to pay for his land, and gave most of his time to mining for several winters. From time to time he made additions to his original purchase, and ultimately became the owner of several hundred acres of the best lands in Iowa county. In 1887 he retired from active pursuits, and spent the balance of his life in the



*Francis Baker*



*Mary Baker*



city of Dodgeville. He took an active interest in the affairs of the town and county, serving as a member of the board of supervisors and in other official capacities. In early life he was a Whig, and after the formation of the Republican party became one of its staunch and consistent supporters.

On Oct. 13, 1842, Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Mary Dony, who still survives him. She was born at Penryn, Cornwall, England, daughter of Henry and Jennifer Dony, who came to the United States about 1832, settling at Honesdale, Penn., where both attained old age; Mr. Dony passed away at Greenfield, in the same State. Mrs. Baker has reached the age of seventy-seven years, and is still in the enjoyment of fair health. She is the mother of six sons and six daughters, as follows: William H. died at Britt, Iowa, at the age of fifty-five years; John Wesley is a well-known farmer near Cobb, Iowa county; Francis Asbury lives at Bruning, Thayer Co., Neb.; Edwin Alonzo is a citizen of Dodgeville; Mary Emmaline (Mrs. P. Sangwin) died at the age of thirty years, near Bruning, Neb.; Julia Ann (Mrs. James Dony) lives in Washington, D. C.; Thomas James, at Oto, Iowa; Eva Jane (Mrs. Jonathan Jones), at Dodgeville; Sophia Ellen (Mrs. Jabez B. Webb), at Spencer, Iowa; Oscar Louis, at Minneapolis, Minn.; Florence Irene (Mrs. Charles R. Fox), at Cobb, Wis.; and Eliza Melissa (Mrs. Joseph W. Parnley), at Ipswich, S. Dak. The living posterity of Mrs. Baker includes twenty-nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Though they live in many different places, she has visited most of them, and has had the pleasure of seeing all but one of her descendants. For nearly thirty years she has been an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which her husband united while living at Honesdale, Penn. Mr. Baker was a class-leader of different societies in Iowa county for more than a quarter of a century, and always ranked among the most liberal supporters of the church.

J. A. TODD. Among those people who have devoted long and useful lives to the tillage of the soil, who have been honorable and upright in their every transaction, and have now come to a serene old age, holding the respect and confidence of all who know them,

and passing their declining years with a richly deserved competence in southwestern Wisconsin, especially in Grant county, the venerable man whose name introduces this article is conspicuous. He is a retired farmer of Harrison township, and with his years reaching beyond the Psalmist's limit of three score and ten, he is strong and active, and affords in his own person a beautiful illustration of the results of clean and wholesome living on the farm.

Mr. Todd was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1825, and is a son of Elam and Betsy (Gilmore) Todd, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. Elam Todd was the son of Jerred Todd, a Revolutionary soldier, and the grandson of Benager Todd, who was born in Maine. He in turn was the son of Jobe Todd, who was born on the river Rhine, in Germany. Jerred Todd came to Michigan at a very early day and settled at Litchfield, where he died at the advanced age of one hundred and three years. He had a large family, all of whom remained in Michigan, except Elam. He married, returned to New York, and was a Methodist Episcopal minister in Chautauqua county for many years. He and his wife both lived to be very old. They had five children: (1) Sidney B., born in New York in 1817, was a stock dealer, and died in that State, leaving a wife and one daughter, who is now a resident of Michigan. (2) Benager W., now deceased, born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1821, married Elizabeth Burchard, of the same county, and settled in Buffalo; he had two children, Frank, an artist in Buffalo, and a daughter, the wife of Dr. Sprague, of Jamestown, N. Y. (3) Morris, born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1835, married, came West, and settled in Georgetown, Grant county, Wis., where he followed the trade of a carpenter some years, and then moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he was a merchant the rest of his life; five of his children are living: Frank (a Des Moines merchant), Lillian (Mrs. Joseph Deamer, of Des Moines), a daughter residing in Iowa, Nettie (of Des Moines), and Jack (a bookkeeper in a bank at Pittsburg). (4) Clarissa, born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., is Mrs. Martin Delaney, of Erie, Penn., and has one child, Harriet, now Mrs. George Jackson, of Chautauqua county.

J. A. Todd, who completes the family, grew to manhood in his native county, and received

a very fair education in the common schools. When he reached the age of eighteen he entered a blacksmith shop to learn the trade, and finished his apprenticeship in Warren, Penn. For some years he led a roving life, working at Pittsburg, and then at Montreal, Canada, and later at Litchfield, Mich. From Litchfield he returned to his old home in Chautauqua county, and engaged in business. There in 1847 he married Miss Huldah A. Francis, who was born April 12, 1828, daughter of Amos and Isabel (Dowd) Francis, an old and prominent pioneer couple in Genesee county, N. Y. The young couple came to Grant county, Wis., the year of their marriage, and lived some six months at Big Patch, then a mining village. He worked at his trade two years in the town of Elk Grove, and three years in Mineral Point. He bought property, and put up the second house and the first blacksmith shop in Georgetown, and was located there nine years, when he bought a farm near Hazel Green, and engaged in farming in connection with blacksmithing. After a time he sold out at Hazel Green, and moved to Jamestown, where he followed shop work seven years. In 1872 he gave up his trade, and bought the farm on which he is now living, and which has been his home for nearly thirty years. He has made many extensive improvements, clearing up the land, erecting suitable and commodious buildings, and bringing the land to a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Todd experienced a heavy blow, Sept. 6, 1895, in the death of his worthy wife, the dear and faithful companion of almost a half century of toil and struggle. She was the mother of three children who attained mature years: (1) Mortimer died in childhood. (2) Melvina, born in Georgetown, Wis., in February, 1850, married Henry Harbican, now a wealthy and retired farmer of East Dubuque, Ill., and has had ten children, Frank, Walter, Anne, John (deceased), Morton, Jerred, Hiram, Burton, Logan and Henry. (3) Walter, born Dec. 15, 1852, married Lillie A. Stephens, of Platteville, daughter of John and Emily Stephens, pioneers in Grant county. Mrs. Lillie (Stephens) Todd was born in Platteville in 1856, and was educated in the old academy at Platteville, and her death occurred at their home in the town of Ellenboro Oct. 28, 1884, leaving three children: Flora M., a very charming young woman, born Nov. 14, 1876,

and educated in the Normal, has had charge of her grandfather's home for some five years; Ira, born in October, 1879; and Mabel, born April 8, 1882, are at home. Walter Todd married for his second wife Sophia Cooper, of Grant county, and she died Aug. 20, 1894, leaving one son, Gernal G., born in October, 1886. Walter Todd is manager for the Climax Feed Mill Company for Grant, Iowa, Lafayette and other Wisconsin counties, and also has charge of his father's home farm. He is a member of the Masonic order and the Knights of the Maccabees. (4) Helen, born in Grant county in July, 1857, is now the wife of A. H. Fuller, of the town of Platteville, where they now reside; they have three children, Hulda F., Alma F., and Isabel D.

Mr. Todd has been identified with the Republican party since its organization, and has held a number of local offices in the towns in which he has resided. He and his wife were formerly members of the Christian Church, and were active workers in its behalf.

HON. JAMES SPENSLEY, of the city of Mineral Point, Iowa county, is one of the old settlers of that locality, and a man well known in the early history of Wisconsin.

James Spensley was born April 17, 1833, in Yorkshire, England, a son of Richard and Alice (Bonson) Spensley. Richard Spensley was also born in England, a son of James and Rosamond (Mason) Spensley, natives of Yorkshire, of Scottish descent. James Spensley, Sr., grandfather of our subject, after the death of his wife came to Dubuque, Iowa, where he died. To him and his wife were born five sons and one daughter: John, who lived and died in England; James, who died in England; Richard, father of our subject; Mason (deceased), who came to Dubuque, Iowa, then to Platteville, Wis., opened up a farm in Grant county, and died there in 1870; William, a resident of South Dakota; and Margaret, now Mrs. Richards, of California.

Richard Spensley, the father of our subject, was reared and married in England. In 1839 he left his native land on the sailing vessel "Rocious," and after a voyage of seven weeks landed in New York, whence he went to Chicago via the Erie canal to Buffalo, and thence on the lakes. From Chicago he traveled by team to Dubuque. Later he removed to Galena, where he mined and operated a smelter, dying

in Galena in 1892. His wife passed away in 1886, aged eighty-three. In politics he was a Republican, and he was a worthy man, highly esteemed. To himself and wife were born six sons and six daughters: Robert, who died in Yorkshire; Rosamond, now Mrs. Spensley, of Dubuque, Iowa; Mary, Mrs. Mather, who died at Fort Dodge, Iowa; Elizabeth, Mrs. Ferris, who died in Dubuque, Iowa; James, our subject; Bonson, who died at Shullsburg, Wis.; William, a resident of Galena, Ill., probate judge and attorney-at-law; Margaret, Mrs. Allison; Alice Ann, Mrs. Bailey, of Colorado; Richard, a resident of Galena, Ill., and county clerk; Ellen, Mrs. Gray, of Galena, Ill.; and John Robert, who enlisted at Madison in 1861, in the 16th Wis. V. I., was in the battle of Shiloh, serving through the war, was honorably discharged at Washington, and died at Galena in 1868.

Our subject was reared and educated at Galena, Ill., and in 1850 crossed the Plains to California, driving an ox-team, and remaining in that State three years. In 1853 he returned to Galena, and in 1856 migrated to Mineral Point, engaging in mining, smelting and farming. Later he began to raise stock, built a creamery, and in 1893 embarked in the creamery business. At present he owns and operates creameries at Mineral Point, Linden and Bloomfield, Wis., and at Stacyville, Mitchell Co., Iowa—all well equipped with the modern appliances.

In Galena Mr. Spensley married Miss Elizabeth Todd, who died at Mineral Point in 1873, leaving him with a family of eight children: Francis, a merchant in Iowa; Shirley, now Mrs. Phillips of Chicago; Jennie, now Mrs. Skewis, of Inwood, Lyon Co., Iowa; James Eddy, of Montana; Richard Todd, of Montana; Nellie Vesta, at home; John Bismarck, in charge of creamery at Linden, and a partner of his father; and George, in charge of the Stacyville creamery. In 1874 Mr. Spensley went to England, and while there married Miss Elizabeth Ann Spensley, born in Yorkshire, England, returning with his wife to Mineral Point. Here Mrs. Spensley died in 1875, leaving one son, Montford B., who has just returned from the Philippines, having enlisted at Drake College, Des Moines, Iowa, under Col. Loper; he was in the Signal Service. In 1880 Mr. Spensley was married to Miss Annie Osborne, born in Lafayette county, a daughter of Henry and Nan-  
nie (Skewis) Osborne, natives of Cornwall,

England, and early pioneers of Lafayette county. Mr. Osborne was a merchant of Shullsburg, and later of Mineral Point, where he died in 1897, his wife passing away some years previously. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Spensley one child, Alice Aneta, has been born.

In politics Mr. Spensley is a Republican, and has always been very actively identified with the party. In 1866 he was a member of the State Legislature; has been chairman of the county board for ten years; was instrumental in the erection of the county asylum building in 1885; was chairman of the town board of Mineral Point township for twenty years; and in 1899 was elected mayor of the city. In all the positions of trust he has held Mr. Spensley has made an enviable record, has proven himself a man of honor and ability, and enjoys the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. Our subject is very active in church work, being a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been Sunday-school superintendent for thirty-three years. Fraternally he is a member of Mineral Point Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M.

HENRY MUESSE, of Lancaster, Grant county, Wis., was for many years the leading contractor and builder of this city, but is now living in retirement. He was born in Prussia June 22, 1836, a son of Philip and Eliza (Rick) Muesse, the former of whom was born in 1806, and the latter two years later. In 1848 the Muesse family, then consisting of the parents and four children, embarked in a sailing-vessel at Bremen (steam navigation at that time being little known on the ocean), and after a voyage of eight weeks landed at Baltimore, Md., whence they went to Philadelphia, Penn., where the father, who was a weaver, found employment in a cotton-mill, and where the parents passed the remainder of their lives, the mother dying in 1864, at the age of fifty-five years, and the father in 1878, in his seventy-third year. Of the five children born to them they brought four to America and these all reached mature years, and were named Elizabeth, now Mrs. Kramer, of Lancaster township, Grant county, Wis.; Henry and George, of the same city; and Wilhelmina, who was married to Albert Weber, and died in Philadelphia. A twin of George died in Germany in infancy.

Henry Muesse learned the trade of carpenter in Philadelphia, and upon his arrival in Lan-

caster, Wis., in 1855, actively engaged as a builder and contractor until 1895, when he retired. He erected by contract many of the better class of buildings in Lancaster, including the Congregational and the Methodist churches; Mr. Baxter's store building; both bank buildings; besides numerous other edifices of more or less pretensions; and in addition to his contracting business conducted an extensive lumber yard.

In politics Mr. Muesse has always been a stanch Republican, but in local politics he looks upon the best man as the person to vote for, and is never so set but that he can see right from wrong. He has been an alderman of the city of Lancaster a great many times since he resided there, and is now an alderman from his ward, having been re-elected three times to succeed himself, the office always seeking him. The citizens of the city have many times requested him to run for mayor, but he has always declined. Mr. Muesse is a model citizen, paying strict attention to his own business, leaving others to attend to their own—a quality that can not be too highly commended, especially in a small city like Lancaster.

Mr. Muesse was joined in marriage, in Lancaster, with Miss Eliza Reynolds, daughter of Thomas Reynolds, a native of England, but who came from Cleveland, Ohio, to Lancaster, Wis., in 1852. To this marriage have been born children as follows: Olive, the wife of Prof. Emery M. Wood, of Baldwin, Kans., where he occupies the chair of mathematics in the University; John H., who is now and for some years past has been a bookkeeper and cashier in the Lumber Exchange building in Minneapolis, Minn.; Harriet, wife of Frank Nathan, a clothing merchant of West Superior, Wis.; Harry, who studied law with Col. Clark, of Lancaster, Wis., afterward graduated from the law department at Baldwin University, Kansas, and is now practicing law in Ottawa, in the same State; Frank P., who is now a traveling lumber salesman, and makes his home with his father; and Susan and Ralph are still at home. Mr. Muesse has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1860, and he and his family are members of the Episcopal Church.

Thomas Reynolds, the father of Mrs. Muesse, was a soldier in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, and died in Cleveland soon after its close. His widow remained

in Lancaster, Wis., and for thirty years prior to her death lived with Mr. and Mrs. Muesse.

George Muesse, youngest brother of Henry Muesse, whose life sketch is given in the foregoing paragraph, was born in Germany April 5, 1839, and was about nine years old when brought by his parents to America. He was reared to manhood in Philadelphia, and there learned carpentering. In 1859 he came to Lancaster, Wis., and remained one year only, then returning to Philadelphia. In 1870 he came back to Lancaster, Wis., to reside permanently, and, like his brother, engaged in contracting and building, and also entered the lumber trade. He made a thorough success of both lines of business, realizing a competence, and is now enjoying the fruits of his early industry and enterprise in the quiet retirement of private life. He was also city weighmaster for many years, but was never what is known as an office-seeker.

In July, 1863, George Muesse was married in Philadelphia to Miss Elizabeth Humrichouse, a native of Germany, who came to America with friends of the family in 1858, her parents being then deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Muesse eight children have been born in the following order: Anna E., wife of Leo Baumgartner, of South Dakota; George H., a lumberman of Clinton, Iowa; Elizabeth, wife of Adolph Grimm, of Dubuque, Iowa; Carrie M., wife of Walter Klempell, of Cassville, Wis.; Fred, a druggist of Clear Lake, Iowa; Charles L., a lumberman living in Erie, Ill.; Edward (a twin of Charles) and Cornelia, still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Muesse and the members of the family at home belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and socially they mingle with the best circles in Lancaster, by whom they are held in the highest esteem.

WILLIAM G. RODERICK, one of the wealthy farmers and honorable citizens of Clarno township, Green county, where he resides on his fine farm of 320 acres, six miles southwest of Monroe, was born in Fayette county, Penn., Sept. 11, 1845, son of Henry and Mary (Greenlee) Roderick.

Henry Roderick was born in Fayette county, Nov. 1, 1817, son of David Roderick, a native of Maryland, who in early life moved to Pennsylvania, and became one of the early settlers of Fayette county, where he raised the following named children: John, Daniel, Andrew,

Jacob, Samuel, Henry, David and Elizabeth, all now deceased, except Henry. Henry Roderick was married June 20, 1842, to Miss Mary Greenlee, who was born March 21, 1822, and died October 17, 1900. Their union was blessed with ten children, a record of whom follows: Thomas J., deceased; William G.; Samuel married Clara Humphrey, and died August 10, 1900; Jacob L., a thrifty farmer of Decatur township, married Allie Fleek; Charles, deceased; David married Susan West, of Sylvester township; Oliver, deceased; Lydia A., unmarried, resides with her father in Juda, Wis.; Albert married Lucy Miles; and Emma married George Hemstreet, a farmer of Jefferson township.

William G. Roderick was brought by his parents from his Pennsylvania home to Green county, Wis., in 1862, and has continued in farming all his life, having been trained from childhood to that occupation. He is very industrious and equally progressive and his broad acres give evidence of his careful attention. The substantial nature of the buildings he has erected has added much to the beauty of the place, and, taken altogether, he has one of the finest and most highly cultivated and improved farms in Clarno township.

On Feb. 23, 1871, Mr. Roderick was united in marriage with Miss Mary Mitchell, daughter of Washington and Pamela (Newman) Mitchell, early settlers of Green county. Six children blessed this union, namely: Charles, a farmer of Sylvester, married Adeline Elmer, and has four children, Mary, Elmer, Pearl and Alvin; Frank married Addie Trumpy, of Clarno, and has one child, Edith; Addie married Charles Stair, a farmer of Clarno, and has two children, Henry and Joseph; George C., Harry and Henry, are at home. Mrs. Roderick was born July 19, 1851, and was the eldest in a family of five children, the others being: Isaac, who wedded Sophia Row, and now lives in Iowa; Harriet, who married Enoch J. Blackford, of Juda, Wis.; Hannah, who married John Merris, of Iowa; and Addaline, wife of George Gracy, of Iowa. The mother of these children Mrs. Mitchell, died Oct. 7, 1864, and the father, Washington Mitchell, son of Abner Mitchell, an early settler of Green county, married for his second wife, Mary McVane, who bore him three children: Cora, wife of Walter Parke, of Milwaukee; Bertha, of Chicago, and Charles, of Brodhead, Wis. Mr. and Mrs.

Mitchell live in Brodhead, the former having retired from active labor on his farm.

In his political faith Mr. William G. Roderick is a staunch Republican, and has held a number of town offices in the gift of the people. His own education was acquired in the district schools of Green county, and the interest then engendered has never been lost, and he still takes an active part in everything pertaining to educational matters, and has served most efficiently as school director. For forty years he has been a consistent member of the Juda Baptist Church. In every walk of life he has been found steadfastly endeavoring to be frank, honest and upright, and is one of the most highly respected citizens of Clarno township.

DAVID FAWCETT, pioneer farmer and miner of New Diggings, Lafayette county, is one of the few living representatives of those early days of Wisconsin Territory when the inhabitants were chiefly red men.

Mr. Fawcett was born in Yorkshire, England, Aug. 22, 1819, son of Ralph and Isabella Fawcett, both of whom died in England. He grew to manhood in his native country, and in 1844 located in New Diggings township, Lafayette Co., Wis., where he engaged in mining until his marriage, and for some time after. In 1870 he purchased the James Harker farm, one mile west of the village of New Diggings, and has since made that his home. He married Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson, daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Raw, the former for many years manager of the Yorkshire mines, where he had the confidence and respect of all who came in contact with him. Mrs. Fawcett was born in Yorkshire, England, Sept. 2, 1825, and was one of eight children, four of whom came to Wisconsin. In England she wedded James Hutchinson, who came to Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wis., in 1845, and died two weeks after their arrival, leaving two little daughters: Isabella, now the wife of John Eastwood, of Nebraska; and Mary, who married Henry Coulthard, and died at their home in Taylor county, Iowa, in June, 1900, leaving her husband with ten children. To Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett have been born a large family of children, as follows: (1) Ralph, born in November, 1846, married Miss Betsy Eastwood, and is a retired miner, living at South Wayne, Wis. (2) Elizabeth, born in October, 1849, married Ralph Spencely, of



Dubuque, Iowa, and has six children, Mary, Minnie, Frank, Annie, Dave and George. (3) Alice, born June 13, 1852, died April 13, 1854. (4) Frank, born in February, 1855, married Miss Lizzie Pedley, of Cobb, and with their family of seven children, Mary, David, Lillie, Pedelty, Harrison, George and Birdie, they make their home in Taylor county, Iowa. (5) Thomas, born in May, 1858, now a farmer of Nebraska, married (first) Jennie Hird, of Dubuque, Iowa, who died in June, 1898, leaving one daughter, Alice, who died June 9, 1900. He married (second) Lizzie Brown, of New Diggings, and has one daughter, Eva. (6) James A., born in October, 1860, resides on the homestead with his parents. (7) Sarah Alice, born Dec. 31, 1862, married John Calvert, of Dubuque, and has three children, Roy, Grace and David. (8) George, born Dec. 11, 1865, married Katie Horsley, of Benton, and has one daughter, Mary E.; he lives on a part of his father's farm, acting as manager of the estate. (9) William, born March 17, 1869, now of Lead Mine, Wis., married Annie Howe, and has one son, David W. In religious belief this entire family has long been connected with the Primitive Methodist Church, Mrs. Fawcett having joined over forty years ago. In political sentiment Mr. Fawcett coincides with the principles of the Republican party, and he keeps well in touch with public events. He has been eminently successful in his work, and has acquired a competence to keep him and his wife in comfort and ease during the evening of their lives, and, while too much could not be said regarding his own good management. Mr. Fawcett attributes this success largely to his good wife's noble example, good counsel, and loving help.

J. C. ULA was, in his life time, one of the leading citizens of York township, Green county, and his memory survives in the hearts of many warm and admiring friends. He was born in Norway Aug. 31, 1840, and was a son of Christen and Olaug (Olson) Ula, both natives of Norway. His parents came to this country in 1852, and for a time were settled in Albany, Wis. They removed to Section 17, of the town of York, where they took up government land, and made their home the remainder of their lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Christen Ula were the par-

ents of five children: John C., born as stated above, and brought to this country when a lad of twelve years; Julia, born Oct. 16, 1841, is the wife of E. L. Soaper, of the town of York; Hans, born July 12, 1843; Ole, born Aug. 15, 1845, is a farmer in Buffalo county, Wis.; and Inger, born in 1847, is now dead. Christen Ula was born in 1808, and died in the town of York, in 1888. His wife was born in 1804, and died in 1891. Both were buried in the Ula Cemetery, on the Ula homestead. They are well remembered among the early settlers of Green county, and were faithful and devoted members of the Lutheran Church.

John C. Ula was married to Miss Thora Anderson, of the town of York, June 27, 1864, and to this union were born the following children: (1) A. C., born May 12, 1865, is a thrifty farmer of the town of York, and his sketch appears in another place; (2) Andrew, born July 17, 1866, was a merchant in Argyle, Wis., where he died Sept. 25, 1889; (3) Lena, born Dec. 7, 1867, is the wife of Edwin Iverson, of Emmet county, Iowa; (4) Gertie, born April 6, 1869, is the wife of Melren Eidsmore, of Moscow, Iowa county; (5) Nettie, born Dec. 17, 1870, died at the age of fifteen years; (6) Olie, born May 2, 1872, married John Ellestad, and was left a widow, with one child, Norman J.; both have returned to the home of her mother on the old farm; (7) Hannah, born March 19, 1874, is the wife of A. O. Brager, of North Dakota; (8) Peter O., born Feb. 5, 1876, remains on the old homestead, and is now engaged in its cultivation for his mother; (9) John, born Feb. 1, 1878, is also at home; (10) Tena, born Dec. 25, 1879, has charge of the post office at Ula; (11) Anna, born Nov. 29, 1879, died at the age of three years; (12) Clara, born Jan. 30, 1884, is at home; (13) Anton, born Feb. 27, 1886; (14) Oscar F., born Dec. 9, 1888; (15) a child, born May 2, 1892, died when three years old; (16) Alma, born Feb. 17, 1893, is the youngest of this interesting family of sixteen children. Mrs. Ula was born Aug. 11, 1847, a daughter of Andrew and Gertrude (Paulson) Anderson, of Adams township. When her parents came to this country in 1857 she accompanied them, and was educated in the local schools.

John C. Ula was reared on the home farm, and had his education in the public school. Choosing farming as his life work, he made

himself prominent in the community in which he lived by his character, industry and integrity. For many years he was justice of the peace, and at different times was constable, notary public, and for eleven years continuously was chairman of the town board. In the spring of 1865 Mr. Ula enlisted in the 46th Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war. The Ula post office was established by him, and he was its first postmaster. He was a good neighbor, and one of the leading men, filling a marked place in local affairs, and dying Jan. 24, 1898. Mr. Ula began life a poor man, and before his death was the owner of 200 acres of choice farm land, on which he made his home, and where he reared a large family, the surviving members of which are all filling honorable and useful places in the world. Well does he deserve a conspicuous place in these pages, devoted to the men who accomplished much in Green county, the effect of which is to make it one of the banner counties of the State.

SAMUEL THOMAS, Esq., one of the most worthy citizens of Iowa county, was a resident of Mineral Point for nearly a half-century, and well-known to the pioneers of that city and adjacent places. For over thirty years he upheld the dignity of the law, and his conscientious efforts to balance the scales of justice with wisdom and impartiality won the unanimous approbation of his associates, and the courteous and affable manner in which he discharged the minor duties of his position added much to his personal popularity.

Mr. Thomas was born in Cambourn, Cornwall, England, Nov. 24, 1806, and his death occurred at Mineral Point, Aug. 3, 1879. But little is known of his ancestry or early life, but he evidently enjoyed excellent moral and religious training, while his secular education was supplemented by a discerning mind and ample business experience. His father, after whom he was named, spent most of his life mining at Cambourn, but came to this country in old age and died in Mineral Point. About 1833, the subject of this notice arrived in Mineral Point, which he found to be a frontier village comprising a few miners' cabins, and the log fort which had been erected a year or two previous, near the present intersection of Commerce and Fountain streets, to defend the settlement from the notorious Black Hawk

and his followers. Peace had been restored, however, and he secured some of the richest diggings in the vicinity, to the operation of which he gave his attention for some years. His first home was near the present location of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway station, but as no such route of transportation had even been thought of at that time, he was obliged to drive to Galena for most of his provisions and supplies, two days being required to make the trip. Wild deer often came to drink at the spring near his cabin, wolves prowled within the present city limits, and the Indians were frequent callers, though their greatest offense consisted in begging for food and clothing.

Having met with success in mining, Mr. Thomas devoted most of his time in later life to the office of justice of the peace, which he filled for more than three decades previous to his death. This position gave him a wide acquaintance, and in his day there was probably no man in southwestern Wisconsin who was more widely known or more deservedly popular than he. There was a great demand for his services at weddings, and he often drove long distances into the surrounding country to perform that ceremony, or other official duties. He was a man of decided views on most public questions, but did not seek to make his convictions offensive to those who might entertain different principles.

Mr. Thomas was identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in political sentiment was a Democrat, exercising no inconsiderable influence in the local councils of the party. He had long been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and filled numerous positions in that fraternity. His name appears among the applicants for a renewal of the charter of Miner's Lodge, No. 1, in 1873. The last named lodge, which is now in a very flourishing condition, is the oldest in the Northwest, having first been instituted in 1835 by Special Deputy Grand Sire Stephen Taylor, who came from Pottsville, Pennsylvania, expressly for that purpose.

On Aug. 13, 1832, Mr. Thomas was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett, widow of James Bennett, who was killed by accident in a mine in Cornwall. Mrs. Thomas was born in Cambourn, England, Nov. 18, 1800, and died at Mineral Point, Jan. 14, 1888. Her maiden name was Rule, and her parents both lived and

died in Cornwall. By her first marriage she had one daughter, Elizabeth Bennett, now the wife of Edward Prideaux, of Mineral Point. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were the parents of two daughters: Mary Ann, now Mrs. M. A. Jenkins, of Fall City, Neb.; and Maria, now Mrs. William Lanyon, of Mineral Point.

NICHOLAS SHERWIN, a retired farmer of the town of Lima, Grant county, was born in County Dublin, Ireland, Aug. 6, 1819, and is a son of Christopher and Jane Sherwin, who were born, reared and died in that county. Four of their children came to the United States. William Sherwin, the oldest son, came to Wisconsin in 1846, and worked in the lead mines of Grant county some years, and then crossed the Plains to California, meeting with good success in the gold mines. In 1853 he returned to Grant county, and bought the farm adjoining that on which Nicholas has lived for years, and died in 1896, leaving a widow, but no children. Ellen and Mary Sherwin came to Philadelphia where they lived some years, and then came on to Benton, Grant county, where they lived until their death. Ellen married Thomas Hines, and left four children, who now live in the West.

Nicholas Sherwin grew to manhood in Ireland, and in 1850 crossed the ocean to New York, worked there a year, and then went to Philadelphia, where for two years he found employment with a Catholic priest. In 1855 he came West to Grant county, Wis., with his brother William, then returning by way of Philadelphia from California. Before leaving Philadelphia for a home on the western frontier Nicholas Sherwin was that year married to Miss Margaret Archibald, who was born in Ireland in 1837, where she had her education in one of the Sisters' schools, and came to this country in 1855. Reaching his destination in Grant county, Mr. Sherwin, in company with his brother William, purchased his present home, and together they cleared it up and put it in order; after this was done they divided the land, each building separate homes. Here Mr. Sherwin and his wife reared their family, and here Mrs. Sherwin died in December, 1894. She was a loyal daughter of the Roman Catholic Church, and lived the life of a devoted Christian woman. She reared a large family, of whom Annie and Elizabeth, who passed away in their young womanhood, were

bright and promising girls. Christopher, the oldest living child, was born in 1856, and is still living in the home, unmarried; Nicholas, born in 1859, married Miss Eugenia Freshette, of Potosi, and lives on his farm in the town of Lima, where they are rearing a family of three daughters, Eulalia, Annie M., and Mary T.; Jennie, born at the old homestead in 1862, had a good common-school education, and has been in charge of the home since her mother's death, and takes an active part in the work of the Catholic Church, of which she is a devout member; William, born in 1865, married Miss Maria J. Henry, of Grant county, and settled on his farm in the town of Lima, where she died in 1894, leaving no family; Mary E., born in July, 1871, was educated in the home schools, and lives at home; John T., born in 1874, is living unmarried at the home; James P., born in 1877, Joseph R., are both living at home, and assisting in the care of the farm.

Nicholas Sherwin came to this country without a dollar when a young man, and has made his way in the world to an enviable position against many serious difficulties. He is frugal and industrious and with the help of his children, has made one of the choice homes of the county. His children are a credit to any parentage, and his third son, William, has become a prominent man in his community, having been elected district school clerk at the age of twenty-one years, filling that office for twelve successive years, when he resigned feeling that some one else ought to serve for a time, and he has also filled the office of assessor.

DEDRICK HARMS (deceased) was numbered among the early pioneers of Wisconsin, who, braving the dangers from savages and wild beasts, pushed on into the wilderness, breaking the virgin soil, felling the mighty trees of the forest, and bringing well cultivated farms and populous cities from a seeming chaos. Those who enjoy the advantages now offered by the civilization of the mighty Commonwealth of Wisconsin should never forget to whom all this luxury is due, nor fail to render just tribute to the memory of those who went before to "prepare a way" for following generations.

Dedrick Harms was born in Ottimania, Hanover, Germany, March 5, 1805, a son of Cord and Catharine Harms, who lived and died



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in their native land, Germany. Our subject received a fair education in Germany, in 1834 crossed the ocean, and landing at New Orleans, was engaged in a sugar factory for two or three years. Later he removed to Dubuque, Iowa, worked there for a short season, and then went to Platteville, Wis., following mining. In 1843 Mr. Harms purchased forty acres of land in Snelser township, near Platteville, to which he added, from time to time, until he finally owned an entire section, and improved all of it. The first home was a tiny log house, built by himself, in which he and his wife began their married life, but as time progressed, and he prospered, Mr. Harms erected a comfortable, substantial brick residence, in which he lived until his death, Sept. 4, 1882. The loving helpmate of his life survived until March 10, 1898. Both of these worthy people were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and were instrumental in founding the first church of that denomination in Platteville. In political matters Mr. Harms was a Democrat, but never aspired to office, and in this, as in all things, he was conscientious, always voting as he deemed right. The marriage of Dedrick Harms occurred Aug. 6, 1843, to Miss Maria M. Melvin, daughter of James A. and Sarah S. (Roberts) Melvin, natives of Maryland and Virginia, respectively. Mrs. Harms was born in Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 25, 1823, and was brought to Wisconsin in 1841, by her parents. The mother of Mrs. Harms was very highly educated in Virginia, and taught school for a number of years after locating in Wisconsin. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dedrick Harms: John C., Mary E., Henry H., Dedrick W., James W., Louis L., Martha J., Sarah E., Emily M., George L., and one that died in infancy. (1) John C. Harms, the eldest, was born in Grant county, in June, 1844, and grew to manhood on the farm, receiving his education in the district school and in the Platteville high school. In October, 1866, he was married to Elizabeth Speth, and took up his home on a portion of the old homestead, but died in Platteville, leaving a wife and three children, Emma M., Mary C. and Johanna, all now deceased; the mother is living, and resides in Platteville. (2) Mary E. Harms was born in October, 1845, received her education in the district schools and the Platteville Academy, and in January, 1868, married Christopher F. Schroeder, of Platteville, who

died March 17, 1894, leaving three children, George; James, now residing on the old homestead; and Annie, now Mrs. Brugger, of Platteville, for sketches of whom see elsewhere; Mrs. Schroeder now resides in Platteville, and is a very agreeable lady. (3) Henry H. Harms was born Feb. 16, 1848, grew to manhood on the old homestead, and on March 16, 1880, married Miss Dora L. Walferman, of Elmo, Wis., formerly of Germany; they resided on one of the farms of Dedrick Harms, in Lafayette county, where Henry H. died Nov. 11, 1898, leaving a wife and three children, John, Mamie and Emma, all of whom are still living on the farm. (4) Dedrick William Harms, born Jan. 30, 1850, died April 23, 1856. (5) James W. Harms, born Feb. 20, 1852, married in March, 1883, Sophia Logemann, of Germany, and they reside in Platteville; they have no family. James W. Harms was educated at the Platteville Normal, and is one of the prominent men of that city. (6) Louis L. Harms, born in October, 1853, married Annie M. Riege, in September, 1880; they reside in Platteville, on Pine street, and have two children, Benjamin D. (who is the proprietor of one of the leading hotels of Dubuque) and Pearl L. (7) Martha J. Harms, born in April, 1855, died while a young lady, mourned by all, in June, 1886. (8) Sarah E. Harms, born in May, 1859, educated in the Platteville Normal, was married to Dr. A. R. Law, of Belmont, now a resident of Madison, Wis., and one of its leading physicians. Three children have been born to them, Blossom C., Robert A. and John. (9) Emily M. Harms, the youngest daughter, was born in April, 1860, educated at the State Normal and at St. Clair Academy of Wisconsin, and is a lady of refinement and culture; at present she manages the old homestead, and also owns a fine farm in the vicinity, which was bequeathed to her by her father. (10) George L. Harms, born April 25, 1862, received his education at the State Normal, and now resides at the old homestead, managing the large property left by his father, in addition to a well-cultivated farm of his own, adjacent; at the present writing he occupies the office of school treasurer, and is very popular in the community, being well-known for his honesty, integrity and uprightness of principles. (11) The youngest, born Nov. 3, 1864, died in infancy. All the members of this old pioneer family have adhered steadfastly to the princi-

ples of the Democratic party, and in religious matters to the Lutheran Church.

JOHN HARMS, or "Uncle John Harms," as he is affectionately called by his neighbors, as well as family, the brother of Dedrick Harms, is a venerable old gentleman of some eighty-nine years, and is as hale and hearty as many who have scarcely passed the fourscore milestone. The birth of this good old man occurred at Ottomania, Hanover, Germany, Feb. 26, 1812. In 1838, after he had given the compulsory military service, John Harms decided to join his brother Dedrick, in America, and upon arrival in this country proceeded direct to Dubuque, Iowa; his first work was fencing the lot on which the "Kansas City House" now stands. Later he removed to Platteville, and followed mining with his brother on what was then known as "Dutch Range." In time he purchased land, added to it, and became the owner of one of the finest farms in Grant county.

When the gold fever broke out John Harms, with a party of others, crossed the Plains to the gold fields of California, remaining two years. The trip across the Plains consumed three months, and while journeying Mr. Harms learned to read English. After returning from California he resumed farming, continuing this occupation until 1872, when he visited his native land. As a citizen, John Harms is distinguished as a type of the Christian gentleman, honest, upright in his dealings, and considerate of the unfortunate. Having amassed a large property, by his own unaided labors, he is deserving of much respect and esteem. Taking a deep interest in political matters, Mr. Harms soon made himself felt as a factor in the workings of the Democratic party, and was finally chosen, in 1863, to represent his district in the State Assembly, where he made a record of which he may well be proud. In addition to this office Mr. Harms has also acceptably filled many local positions, and has always discharged the trusts reposed in him honorably and satisfactorily. In religious convictions, like the other members of the family, he has always been a steadfast Lutheran, and an active worker in that church. Too much respect cannot be paid this true, loyal, upright old man, who, after a lifetime of hard labor, is still a recognized factor in the life of his family and neighborhood, and

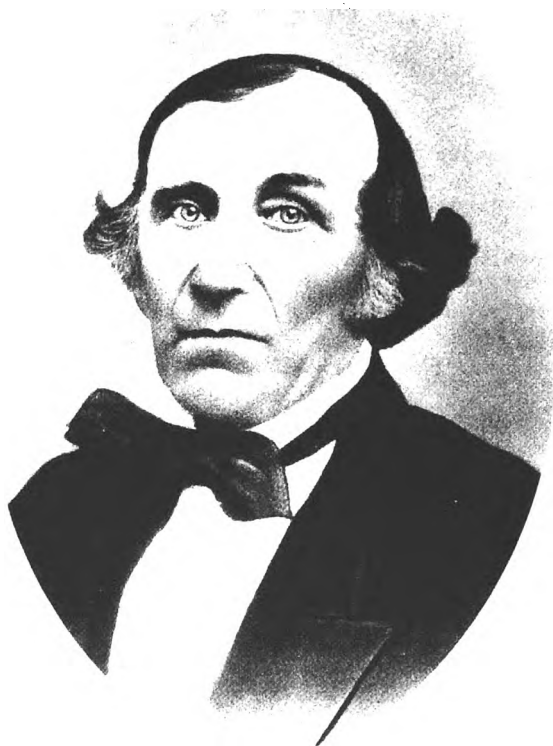
a living example of all that is best and noblest in human nature.

When the two brothers, Dedrick and John Harms, came to Platteville, it was a small village, and Wisconsin was but a territory. Year by year they saw civilization advance, the inhabitants increase, until now Wisconsin stands among the largest and most important States of the Union, and Platteville is a flourishing city. The part borne by these brothers in the development of Grant county was an important one, and their names will always be remembered among the sturdy and successful pioneers of the locality.

HOMER P. MIX, M. D., homeopathic physician and surgeon, Highland, Iowa county, is well known, both professionally and socially, in southwestern Wisconsin. Since 1881, a period of twenty years—with the exception of an interval during 1886-87, when he was sojourning at Mineral Point—he has practiced his profession at Highland.

Dr. Mix is a native of Wisconsin, born in 1851, in Orion, Richland county, and comes of good old New England stock, his father, E. N. Mix, having been born in Connecticut, of an early New Haven family. When a young man he came West to Illinois, and there married Lucinda Pease, afterward, about the year 1850, removing to Wisconsin, and settling in Richland county. Later they made their home in Green county, where they both died several years ago, the mother surviving the father about a couple of years. By occupation E. N. Mix was a carpenter and builder. In all things he was a typical New Englander, and was an Abolitionist in slavery days. In early life he was identified with the United Brethren Church, but in later years united with the M. E. Church, of which he and his wife were communicants till their death. They had a family of four children, three of whom are living at this writing: Homer P., our subject; Bessie, wife of J. Pile, of the town of Clyde, Iowa Co., Wis.; and Ethiel N., a Congregational minister in the town of Clyde.

Homer P. Mix received his earlier education at the common schools of his native place, and, having decided on taking up the study of medicine in the homeopathic school, entered Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, graduating therefrom in the class of '80. Dur-



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ing his college course he was a member of the private class that received clinical and didactic lectures on the eye and ear. For a short time after graduation he practiced in Chicago, and then returned to Wisconsin, locating in Highland.

In 1883 Dr. Mix married Agnes Jenkin, daughter of Samuel Jenkin, an early settler of Mineral Point, Wis., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Four children have graced this union: Agnes, Homer, Amy and Bessie. The entire family are members of the M. E. Church, toward which the Doctor contributes liberally in a material way, and in which he is an active and earnest worker. Dr. Mix is possessed of high literary attainments, and has written many short stories and poems which have appeared in the Chicago *Inter Ocean* and other publications. Among the poems that possess special merit may be mentioned the following: "Only a Sunbeam," "A Sea-Shell's Story," "After the Rain," "The Sunset Sky" and "The Silent City." In the cause of temperance and education he takes earnest interest, in fact, in whatever tends to promote the moral and religious growth of the community in which he lives, and where he is held in the highest esteem.

HUBERT SCHUELTER, a well-known shoemaker, who has efficiently served as marshal in Cassville, Grant county, for the past eight years, and deputy sheriff and constable for twenty-three years, was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1847. He came to the New World in 1854 with his parents, Mathias and Gertrude (Fux) Schuelter, also natives of Prussia. Coming directly West, the family located in Potosi, Grant Co., Wis., in October of that year, and there made their home for some time. In 1867, however, the father moved to Harrison township, same county, where he continued to reside until called from this life, in 1879. The mother died in the same township in 1874. To them were born six children, of whom four are still living, namely: Hubert; Mrs. Kate Brockert, of Waterloo township, Grant county; Mrs. Margaret Grooms, of Cassville; Mrs. Barbara Denney; and Gertrude and Francis, deceased.

Since the age of seven years Hubert Schuelter has been a resident of Grant county, and in Potosi he was educated and learned the shoemaker's trade, which he has followed

during his business career. In 1885 he came to Cassville, and has since been identified with its business affairs. At Platteville, Wis., Dec. 31, 1869, Mr. Schuelter was united in marriage with Miss Florence Chapman, a native of Harrison township, Grant county, and a daughter of Ammyson and Mary (Drulard) Chapman, pioneers of this section of the State, who are mentioned more fully in the sketch of A. B. Chapman, elsewhere. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Schuelter have seven children: Lena, Anna, Henry, Minnie, Wesley, Freddie and Burdean.

During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Schuelter enlisted at Potosi, in 1864, in the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, for one year or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Madison, Wis., the regiment being assigned to the Western Department of the Army of the Potomac. He took part in many scouting expeditions in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, and as a member of Wilson's cavalry was in many skirmishes with Gen. Forrest's command. Mr. Schuelter was personally connected with the capture of Jefferson Davis. He was honorably discharged at Edgeville, Tenn., Aug. 27, 1865, and returned to his home in Potosi. He became one of the charter members of Beetown Post, G. A. R., but is now connected with Joseph Mueller Post, No. 218, of Cassville, which has eighteen members in good standing, and a strong Ladies Relief Corps. Mr. Schuelter is quite prominent in Grand Army circles, and is now serving as commander of his post. A staunch supporter of the Republican party, he takes an active interest in political affairs, and never withholds his aid from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

THOMAS SIMMONS, now a retired farmer of Belmont, Lafayette county, has led a long and useful life from the highest motives, and well deserves the universal respect and confidence which come to him from all who know him.

Mr. Simmons was born in Richland county, Ohio, Oct. 16, 1833, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Keifer) Simmons, who came from the East and settled in Richland at a day when it was still frontier territory. After some years they came still further West, and secured a home in Richland county, Ill., where Mr. Simmons bought a farm. In 1846 they came to

Wisconsin, and bought and preempted government land in Elk Grove, Lafayette county, after a stay of two years in Big Patch, Grant county. Here they spent their remaining years. Mr. Simmons died in 1868, and his widow survived several years, dying in 1878, at the age of eighty-two. They were old-time Methodists, good religious people, and their simple and unassuming virtues well deserve commemoration. He helped to erect the first church building in this section, and served as one of the trustees for many years. Mrs. Simmons was widely known for her kindly and helpful visits whenever sickness appeared among her neighbors. They had a family of eight children, of whom (1) Julia A., born in Ohio, is now the widow of George Wymen, and lives in Iowa, with her son Charles; her daughter, Virginia, is Mrs. John Hills, of Dubuque, Iowa. (2) Rebecca, born in Ohio, married Alfred Bray, and moved to Iowa, where he died leaving her with two sons—Alonzo, of Missouri; and Thomas, who died at Madison a few years ago. Mrs. Bray is now living on her father's farm in Elk Grove township. (3) Hettie died when a young woman, at her parents' home. (4) Emily, born in Ohio, married Robert Ray, of that State, and lived some years in Lafayette county. They moved to Sparta, Wis., where she died, leaving a family. (5) Jane, born in Ohio, married Samuel Miles, and died, leaving four children, all of whom are residents of Omaha, Neb. (6) Lydia, born in Ohio, married William Andrews, of Lafayette county, Wis., and now lives in Benton, Iowa. (7) John Simmons married Miss Ellen Huntington, of Lafayette county, and his one son, Eli. He lives on a farm in the town of Elk Grove.

Thomas Simmons received but a scanty education in the public schools during his boyhood, the schools of that day being very far from what they have since become. He grew up under the parental roof, and in 1856 married Miss Kate Smith, of Lafayette county, Wis., the estimable and worthy daughter of William and Mary (Howie) Smith, both of whom were born and reared in Scotland where they married. They emigrated to this country early in life, and made their home for a few years in the State of New York, moving thence to Maryland, where Mr. Smith engaged in business as a contractor and builder of masonry and wood work, doing a large

amount of work on public enterprises in that State. In the early 'forties they moved to Galena, Ill., Mr. Smith continuing contracting work for some two years, at the expiration of which time he bought a farm in Lafayette county, settled his family thereon, and engaged in its cultivation as long as he lived. He died in 1888, and his widow survived until April, 1897, making her home with her daughter Mary, in Iowa. They had five children: Mary E., who is the wife of Harvey Yaw, of Franklin county, Iowa; Lizzie, Mrs. Joseph Sheirbon, of Iowa; George, a prosperous farmer of Nebraska; Robert, of Iowa; and Kate, Mrs. Thomas Simmons.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Simmons purchased the old home farm of his father, and also that of her father, consolidated them, and now own a magnificent rural estate of 260 acres. Mr. Simmons put up a new house on the farm, and thoroughly remodeled all the old buildings, making his property one of the choicest farms to be found in the southwestern part of the State. They made this their home until 1894, when they moved into a fine house on Main street, Belmont, which Mr. Simmons had purchased, and he is now retired from the labor of active life. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons have reared a family of nine children: (1) William J., born in 1857, married Mollie Prichard, and resides in Belmont, where he is a contractor and builder. They have four children, Willie, Myrtle, Matte and Even. (2) Jennie Simmons was born on the farm in 1859, was given a good education at the Platteville Normal, became a teacher, and taught several terms in Illinois. She is now Mrs. W. T. Owens, of Loup City, Neb., where her husband is a successful contractor and builder. They have four children, Pearl, Wilber, Bessie and Roscoe. (3) John E., born in 1864, married Miss Susan Riter, resides in Belmont, and has two children, Charles and Orval. He is one of the large cattle dealers of this section, and owns the "Warr House," and other real estate and building property in the city. (4) Arthur, born in 1866, married Miss Elizabeth Teasdale, of Warren, Ill., and they reside on the old home farm of his father. (5) Etta, born in 1868, is Mrs. Joseph Metcalf, and lives near Shullsburg. (6) Edith, born in 1871, is Mrs. Joseph Riter, of Belmont. (7) Charles L., born in 1873, graduated from the Normal at Platteville, and is

now principal of the high school. He married Miss Alberta Chapman, of Colorado, a graduate of the University at Denver, and a lady of culture. (8) Howard R., born in 1875, is unmarried, and is in the employ of his brother John. He is a graduate of Platteville Business College. (9) Durward, born in 1879, has just graduated from a business college at Rockford, Ill.; he is unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons have belonged to the local Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, have worked hard to build up its interests, and have generously contributed to its coffers. Politically he has always been a Republican but has never aspired to official honors.

KNUDT THORSON, who at the time of his death ranked among the well-to-do farmers of Jordan township, Green county, had won his substantial position by well-directed industry and a life of persevering energy, and was held in the highest esteem by his numerous friends in that section.

Mr. Thorson was born Sept. 13, 1825, in Norway, of which country his parents, Thorsten and Mary (Knudtson) Thorson, were also natives, the family coming thence to America in 1846, and settling in Green county, Wis. They were among the early settlers of Jordan township. Of the six children in this family, Knudt, the eldest, is our subject. Ole is deceased. Aslag is a farmer in Iowa. Carrie is the wife of Lars Dustrand, of Dane county, Wis. Mary is the wife of Kittil Klabo, of Iowa. Carrie is the wife of Harold Stone, of Iowa. The parents are buried in the Norwegian cemetery in Jordan township.

Knudt Thorson adopted farming as his life vocation, and by good management and thrift acquired a handsome property, owning at the time of his death a fine tract of 340 acres, highly improved, on which his family still reside. It is located in Sections 33 and 34, Jordan township, one mile north of Browntown. A fine barn and handsome two-story dwelling are among the improvements on this place, which takes rank with the best in the locality. Mr. Thorson commenced his business career under adverse circumstances. He was obliged to work hard from boyhood, thus being denied the advantage of a good education, but his honorable and industrious life had its reward in spite of all the discouragements occasioned by

a lack of early opportunities. Mr. Thorson died in 1890, deeply mourned throughout the community where his active life had been passed. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and his political affiliations were with the Republican party.

On June 10, 1860, Mr. Thorson was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Everson, of Jordan township, daughter of Ever and Julia (Christopher) Everson, who came to this country and to Green county, Wis., in 1852, from Norway, where Mrs. Thorson was born in 1830. She was one of six children: Rachel, who died unmarried; Christopher, of Kansas; Gora, wife of Ole Ellingson; Ingebor, wife of Ole Tollefson, of Iowa; Sarah, Mrs. Thorson; and John, who died in Norway. Eight children were born to our subject and wife, five of whom grew to maturity: Mary is the wife of Ever Gordy, of Jordan township; Rachel is the wife of Sever O. Severson, a thrifty farmer of Jordan township; Carrie is at home; Thomas is at home, and now has charge of the farm; Nellie died at the age of nineteen years. All the members of this family command the respect and esteem of their neighbors, and they take a high place among the best citizens of the township.

ORRIN J. BENNETT, a bright and progressive young man, is making a place for himself and accumulating a competence for his old age as a stock dealer and farmer in the town of Platteville, Grant county, and is becoming widely known as a thoroughly honorable and trustworthy business man.

Mr. Bennett was born in the home in which he is now living, in February, 1865, and is a son of Anson and Elvira J. (Jones) Bennett, who were born and reared in the East. His father was born in Vermont in 1812, and his mother in Oswego, N. Y., in August, 1824. The father came to Grant county in 1836, and was in the employ of Major Rountree. On April 25, 1850, he married Miss Elvira J. Jones of Platteville, daughter of Lyman and Abigail Jones, who were among the earliest settlers of the county. Mr. Bennett had purchased from Major Rountree a quarter section of land two and a half miles northeast of Platteville, in 1843. Upon this valuable tract he made many important improvements, and converted the wild land into a choice farm, which was his home during life. Mrs. Ben-

nett died in 1882, and he in 1897. They were both members of the Free Methodist Church, of Platteville, of which he was a founder. Politically he was a Republican, and held town and school offices. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett had eight children: Martha E. is the wife of W. W. Davis, and is the mother of four children, Benjamin A., William A., Jennie M. (Mrs. Warren Vanetta), and Nellie B. Lydia married Samuel Arthur, of Lafayette county, and is now deceased. Susan E. is the wife of W. H. Lory, of the town of Lima; she has no family. Charles L. married Miss Mary E. Aiken, who died leaving no children; he married again, Miss Alice Merry becoming his wife; he is now deceased. Nelson married Miss Rosa Nasmith, and is a resident of Platteville, engaged as a stock buyer; they have one child, Elva. Anson was killed by a falling rock, while engaged in mining sand, at the age of sixteen. Orrin J. is the subject of this article. Annie M. married Joseph Barrett, and lives on a farm in the town of Lima; they have one daughter, Ruby E.

Orrin J. Bennett was educated in the Platteville Normal, and was thoroughly prepared for all the practical duties of life. In 1888 he married Miss Ella M. Adamson, of Le Mars, Iowa, daughter of Thomas and Mary E. Adamson, old and prominent residents of Le Mars, where they are still living. Mrs. Bennett was born in 1865, and was well educated in the high school of her native place. Mr. Bennett and wife settled on the Bennett homestead, where they are now living. He owns a farm in the town of Platteville, and is counted one of the most prosperous farmers of Grant county. He and his wife have three children: Cora M., born in 1888; Anson J., in 1890; and Clarence V., in 1893. Our subject has always been a Democrat, and fraternally is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery; of the Modern Woodmen; and of the Knights of the Globe. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

GEORGE A. CALLAWAY, an energetic and hustling farmer of the town of Harrison, Grant county, has won a very commendable position in the world by industry, honesty and a general spirit of fair play. He works hard, and gives good measure, and he expects as much in return. He is well spoken of by

those who know him best, and may fairly be said to be far advanced on the highway to success.

Mr. Callaway was born in Platteville, Wis., in January, 1854, son of John and Elizabeth Callaway, both natives of England, being the sixth son of their family. He grew up under the fostering care of his parents in their Wisconsin home. He is a farmer not only by heredity, but more largely by choice, as he feels it is the noblest and freest of all occupations. Mr. Callaway and Miss Lucy Poland, daughter of H. and Lorinda (Philips) Poland, were married March 17, 1875. Her parents were old-time pioneers in Grant county. Mrs. Callaway was born June 19, 1855, and grew to womanhood in the town of Lima, where she had the advantage of good schooling, and became a very scholarly and accomplished young lady. Mr. and Mrs. Callaway moved to the old farm after their marriage, and devoted themselves to its management and the tender care of Mr. Callaway's parents. In 1883 he purchased the Obed Jones farm, in the town of Harrison, and has either erected or remodeled all the farm buildings, so that they conform to modern notions as to what is needed on the farm for comfort and welfare of the farmer and the rapid performance of farm labor. Mr. Callaway owns a well-appointed rural estate of 173 acres. He and his wife have had nine children: Willie, born in Platteville, in 1876, is unmarried, and living at home. Mabel L., born in Platteville in 1879, married Fred Schroder, and lives on a farm in the town of Ellenboro. Georgie Viola was born in the town of Harrison in 1885. Archie C., born in 1889, died when four years old. Clement W. was born in 1890. Edna G. was born in 1892. Della and Stella, twins, died in infancy. Clarence died in infancy. Mr. Callaway is a Republican, has held the office of supervisor two terms, and is a member of the board at this writing. His wife and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he takes an active part with them in church work. He belongs to the Order of Foresters in Platteville, and is a genial and companionable good fellow wherever met.

JAMES W. LAUGHLIN occupies, as editor and proprietor of the *Hollandale Review*, an influential position in Iowa county, of which he has been a resident for several years.

Mr. Laughlin comes of Huguenot ancestry. His grandfather was a native of South Carolina, but being a strong opponent of slavery he left that State when a comparatively young man, and lived for a time in Kentucky. Later he moved to Illinois, and in 1836 to the then Territory of Wisconsin, locating in Grant county, where the remainder of his active life was passed. After the death of his wife he lived with his children, his death occurring in 1866 in Missouri, when he was well advanced in years.

William J. Laughlin was born in 1819, in Washington county, Ill., moved with his father to Wisconsin in 1836, and in 1865 went to Caldwell county, Mo., where he resided for thirteen years. He then removed to Kansas, in which State he spent the balance of his life, dying Feb. 10, 1883. On Feb. 27, 1856, in Dodgeville, Iowa Co., Wis., he married Sarah Ward, who survived him, passing away April 15, 1899. They became the parents of six children, but only three reached maturity, namely: James W., whose name introduces these lines; William J., now a resident of Waunakee, Wis.; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Skinner, of Hollandale, Iowa Co., Wisconsin.

James W. Laughlin was born March 1, 1859, in the town of Mazomanie, Dane Co., Wis., and accompanied his parents on their various removals, remaining at home until the death of his father, in 1883. He then returned to Wisconsin, residing in Dane county for five years, after which he came to Hollandale. This was not long after the extension of the Illinois Central railroad to Hollandale. Mr. Laughlin was for several years connected with the mill and warehouse here, but after his marriage he removed with his wife to Tennessee, where, in Deer Lodge, Morgan county, he made his first newspaper venture, buying an interest in a paper. After sixteen months' experience at that point he returned to Hollandale, and established the *Review*, which he has since conducted with constantly increasing success. The subscription list now numbers about six hundred. Though small in size, the paper is well conducted, complete in matters of local interest, and a valuable medium of advertising for local business men, who have given it their hearty support. Mr. Laughlin has, since entering into business on his own account, maintained an enviable reputation for integrity and honor in his dealings, and he

has the good-will of his fellow citizens generally.

On May 2, 1892, Mr. Laughlin married Miss Addie L. Skinner, daughter of William Skinner, an early settler of this locality, and a veteran of the war of the Rebellion. Mrs. Laughlin renders her husband able assistance in the conduct of the *Review*.

EDWARD M. WILMOTT, justice of the peace and town clerk of Potosi, Grant county, is one of the leading business men and prominent citizens of that town, where he was born in 1848, a son of Isaac and Mary (Auberla) Wilmott, early settlers of Wisconsin.

Isaac Wilmott was a native of Canada, but came to Potosi in 1833, was a miner by occupation, and followed that calling all his life. His death occurred in Potosi, in 1871. The mother of our subject was a native of Switzerland, whence she came, in 1826, to Galena, Ill., and then to Wisconsin, locating in Lafayette county, then in Grant county, finally locating in Potosi, where she met and married Isaac Wilmott. Prior to her marriage to Mr. Wilmott, the mother had been married to Francis Nichols, and bore him the following family: Sophia; Mary; Theodore; Edward; John; Adelle, wife of Joseph Millet, of Minneapolis; Peter, of Minneapolis, who enlisted in 1862, in Co. H, 25th Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war; Frank enlisted in 1861 in the 2d Wis. V. I., and served three years and four months, dying at Potosi, May 14, 1891; and by her second marriage there were: Elizabeth, deceased; Edward M.; Samuel, deceased; and Henry, who died in Colorado in 1878.

Edward M. Wilmott was reared and educated at Potosi, and has always been a resident of the town. He is bookkeeper for the Potosi Brewing Co., and is interested in the insurance business. In 1882 he was elected justice of the peace, and has held that office ever since, and is also a notary public.

Mr. Wilmott was married in Potosi, in 1876, to Miss Kate Lingscheid, who was born in that town, a daughter of Anton and Elizabeth Lingscheid, natives of Germany, who came to Milwaukee in 1848, thence to Potosi in 1850. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and died in August, 1880, his wife surviving him until January, 1885. Five children have been added to the family of our

subject and wife: Mary Florence, county teacher; Henry, Samuel, Eva and James Edward. The Wilmotts have their own band, as each one plays some instrument, and the Wilmott Family Band is well known in this section. In sentiment Mr. Wilmott is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in politics. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Modern Woodmen and of the A. O. U. W., of Lancaster, and the Knights of the Globe. Throughout the county, Mr. Wilmott and his family are known and highly esteemed for their many excellent qualities, and their friends are many.

AMO C. STEPHENS, a successful stock farmer of the town of Platteville, Grant county, is now in the prime of life, and holds an enviable position in the agricultural circles of this part of the State.

Mr. Stephens was born in Platteville in January, 1857, and is a son of William C. and Ann (Mitchell) Stephens, who were born in Cornwall, England, he in 1820, and she in 1822, and were married in their native land. Coming to Platteville, they made this their permanent home, Mr. Stephens dying Feb. 27, 1897. Mrs. Stephens died in 1885. Her parents died in England. Mr. Stephens was a great traveler, and conversant with the Western part of the United States, having been one of the gold seekers in California. He was also a boatman on the Mississippi, working with Capt. Langton for a number of years. Mr. Stephens made many improvements after settling on the family home, and put up the stone house which his son Amo now occupies. For the last twenty-eight years of his life he was not engaged in active labor. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom Thomas and Harlan died when young. Mary M. is now Mrs. Smith, of Platteville. Allie A., born in 1850, married Miss Martha Jenkins, and lives in Platteville, where he is engaged in the dray business; to them were born two children, Percival and Edna. George H., born in 1860, was educated in Platteville. He married Miss Carrie Wrape, of Iowa, and they live in Fairfield, that State; they have one daughter, Hilda, living, and have lost one son.

Amo C. Stephens was educated in the Platteville schools, and grew to manhood on the old home farm. In 1875 he married Miss Margaret Nicholas, of Mifflin, Iowa county,

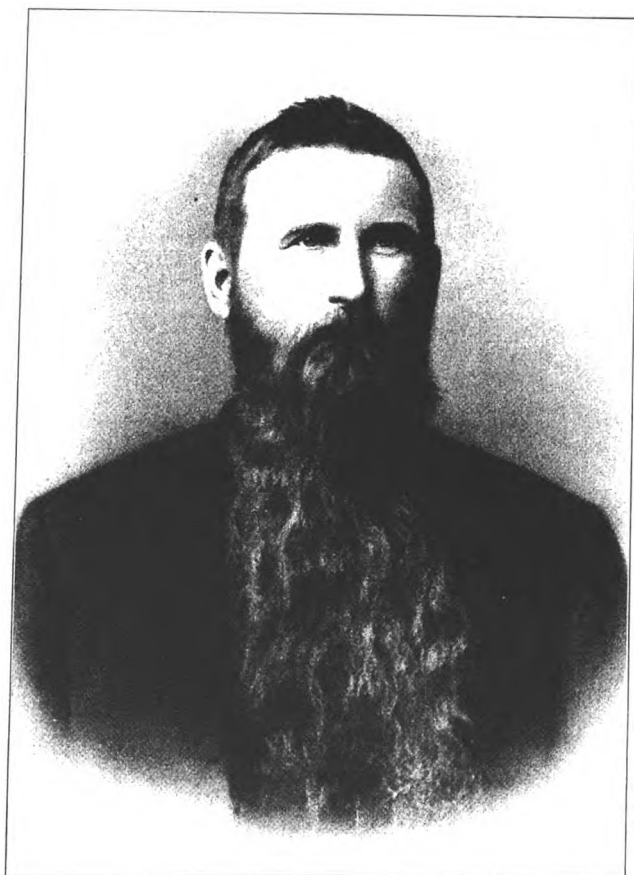
daughter of William and Sarah Nicholas, natives of England, who came to Grant county in 1848. Returning to England, they lived there sixteen years. Coming a second time to Wisconsin, they settled in Iowa county, where Mr. Nicholas lived until a short time previous to his death, when he came to live with Mrs. Stephens, in Platteville, dying in 1891. The widow is still living with this daughter. Mrs. Stephens was born May 20, 1856, and her education, begun in England, was completed in the public schools of Wisconsin.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stephens moved to the old home of his father, which in after years came into his possession. Here he has erected new barns and made many improvements. Three children have been born to them: (1) Walter E., born in 1876, grew up at home. He learned the printing trade with Mr. Rindlaub, and is publishing a paper in Oshkosh, Wis. (2) Leslie M., born in 1880, is living at home. (3) Ada L., born in 1883, obtained her education in the Platteville high school, where she was counted one of the brightest students. She died in 1900, and will be sorely missed from the home from which she has been so early taken away.

Mr. Stephens is a Republican, and has been a member of the town board for some years. In the field of local politics he is a prominent figure. He and his wife are members of the Primitive Methodist Church.

ROBERT WESLEY TRICKLE, who in his lifetime was connected with all the prominent business enterprises of Browntown, Green county, passed to his last rest June 23, 1894, when he was aged fifty years, three months, five days. He was born in Clarno township, Green county, March 18, 1844, and had passed his life in Wisconsin. Successful in his business ventures, his good management had acquired for him a considerable fortune, and at his death he left two large farms and five houses and lots. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company A, 3d Colorado Cavalry, and served until the close of the struggle, his discharge bearing the date 1865. By virtue of his army service he was a member of the G. A. R., and active in its work in emulating the illustrious dead.

On Sept. 26, 1866, Mr. Trickle was united in marriage with Miss Mary St. Clair, who was born July 13, 1850, daughter of Samuel



ROBERT WESLEY TRICKLE





and Eliza (Rulow) St. Clair, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter a native of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair had five children: Lucinda, deceased; Virginia Boid, of Browntown; Robert L., deceased; Joseph, deceased; and Mary E. Mr. St. Clair was a machinist by trade, and worked for some time in Detroit, Mich., where Mrs. Trickle was born, but in 1855 located in Green county, Wis., later going to California, where he died. Mrs. St. Clair died in Freeport, Ill., at the age of seventy years. To Mr. and Mrs. Trickle were born two children: Emma E., who married Ellis Stover, and died, leaving two sons, Wesley and Eddie; and Charles W., born Oct. 28, 1870, who married (first) Edith McGill, and (second) Emma Keehl, the latter of whom has borne him two children, Robert and Eva. Mrs. Trickle has proven herself a most competent business woman in her wise management of her husband's estate, and is now living in one of the handsomest dwellings in Browntown, with her sister Virginia as a companion. These ladies are highly cultured, and greatly liked by their numerous friends.

Robert Wesley Trickle was a son of Ashford and Eliza J. (Morton) Trickle, of Clarno township, where the latter is yet living, now over eighty-one years of age. They were the parents of children as follows: Mary, Robert, Julia, Lydia, Joshua, John, Jane, George, James, Sarah and Ellen.

**JOHN LUCHSINGER**, a widely known attorney at law and justice of the peace, at Monroe, Green county, is a scholarly man, with a good knowledge of his profession, its principles, and its rules of procedure, and an extended reputation as a historical and political writer of thorough information and incisive style.

John Luchsinger was born in Schwanden, Canton Glarus, Switzerland, June 29, 1839, a son of John and Barbara (Wild) Luchsinger, both also natives of Switzerland. They had four sons and four daughters, and six of their children are now living: Nicholas, of Vine-land, N. J.; Julia, widow of George Dittman, of Philadelphia; Sybilla, widow of John Ritter, of Philadelphia; John; Barbara, widow of Jacob Burgy, of Monroe; and Frederick, of Belleville, Wis. The father, who was a mason, stone-cutter, and builder, came to the United States in 1845, lived for a few months

at Syracuse, N. Y., and then moved to Philadelphia. In 1852 he went to California, and followed mining there for four years, being fairly prosperous. In 1856 he came back to Philadelphia, gathered up his household goods and possessions, and brought his family to New Glarus, Wis., then the center of an extremely interesting Swiss settlement. There he bought a farm, and engaged in its cultivation until 1862, when he died, at the comparatively early age of fifty-one. His widow survived until 1868, and was fifty-eight years old at the time of her death. They were members of the Swiss Reformed Church. His father, Nicholas Luchsinger, also followed the trade of stone-cutter and mason, and lived to the age of eighty-six. He reared a family of eight children. Samuel Wild, father of Barbara Wild, mentioned above, was a dairyman, and died in Switzerland when eighty-five years old.

John Luchsinger received his schooling principally in the city of Philadelphia. He was seventeen years old when he accompanied his parents to their new home in New Glarus, Wis., and, though the city-bred lad found many things strange to him, he took hold readily of the farm work. When his father's death threw the burden of the family support upon himself and his younger brother, he did not hesitate, but bravely "buckled to," and carried on the home farm as long as the mother lived. When she died John sold his interest in the family estate, and bought a farm of 184 acres, in the same town, continuing an agricultural career until 1878. That year he disposed of his farming property and interests, and moved to Monroe, where he has lived to the present time. He bought a thirty-acre farm at that time within the city limits. In 1880 and 1881 he had a lumber yard at Albany, but since his first removal to the city, his home has always been in Monroe.

Mr. Luchsinger has been a resident of Green county forty-six years, and of Monroe twenty-three years. In 1882 he was elected county treasurer, was re-elected in 1884, and proved a popular and capable official. During this time he took up the study of the law, and was admitted to the Bar in 1885, since which time he has been a practicing attorney in Green county. He is eminently fair and judicial in his thought and temper. In 1872 Mr. Luchsinger was elected to the General

Assembly. He was elected again in 1875, 1876 and 1877, and a fifth time in 1886. He has been a member of the board of education in Monroe for twelve years, and of the county board a number of times, one term serving as its chairman. He was mayor of the city of Monroe from 1894 to 1896, and it was during his administration that the sewerage system now in use was introduced. While living in New Glarus he was chairman of the town board several years. He is vice-president of the Citizens Bank of Monroe. Mr. Luchsinger is a Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has been delegate to numerous State and Congressional conventions, and was alternate delegate to the National convention of 1900.

John Luchsinger and Miss Elsbeth Kundert, daughter of Henry and Elsbeth (Kundert) Kundert, were married Aug. 8. 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Luchsinger are the parents of seven sons and three daughters: John, Henry, Samuel, William, Frank, George, Elsbeth, Barbara, Edna, and one who died in infancy. Seven are still living. John married Ellen O'Donnell, and they have four children; they live in Fargo, N. Dak., he being in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railway Co. Henry married Maude Cunningham, and is a farmer near Dix, Ill.; they have two children, Ray and Louisa. Samuel, who was a physician, died June 23, 1900, from an operation for appendicitis; he married Julia Mehrling, and left two sons. William, who was a machinist, died from an accident April 7, 1896, when he was twenty-two. Frank is a plumber. George lives at home. Elsbeth married Edward Stauffacher, lives at St. Paul, and has one child. Barbara and Edna are at home. John Luchsinger belongs to the Swiss Reformed Church, and his wife to the Evangelical Association. He is a member of Monroe Lodge, No. 72, I. O. O. F.

While on the farm Mr. Luchsinger made cheese, and as he has given a great amount of study to the problems the cheese business presents, he may be regarded as authority on the subject. After abandoning the lumber business he bought and sold cheese for several years, and was instrumental with others, in establishing cheese factories in the county; this business has gained great importance in the southern part of the State, and there are now over two hundred cheese factories and thirty-

five creameries in Green county. Our subject has been unceasing in his efforts to make known the good qualities of the cheese made, and the vast growth of its production, and is president of the Green County Cheese Makers Association. He has contributed numerous and valuable articles to the public press on the cheese making industry of the county. A valuable historical monogram on the history of the cheese making business in southern Wisconsin, under the head of "The History of a Great Industry," was read by him before the State Historical Society in 1898, and printed by them in 1899. It has been very widely read, and has elicited words of strong commendation from those most familiar with the subject. His address to the Wisconsin State Dairy-men's Association, in 1891, "Cheese as an Army Ration," has been widely copied and published throughout the country.

Mr. Luchsinger is historian of the Swiss Colony of New Glarus, and has translated from the original some of the diaries and papers of the first colonists, bearing upon the settlement of this remarkable colony. In 1895, at the great semi-centennial celebration of its founding, he delivered the English anniversary address. He has been engaged in nearly all of the political campaigns during the last twenty years, speaking and writing in both English and German in the interests of the Republican party.

NICHOLAS CORNELIUS enjoys the reputation of being the oldest living settler of the city of Monroe, Green county, and certainly the changes that have taken place in southern Wisconsin under his personal observation, if fully told would far transcend the limits of a volume like this. He has lived a long and useful life, and is spending the evening of his days surrounded by warm friends and a venerating public.

Mr. Cornelius was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, March 3, 1815, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Rutter) Cornelius. Eight children were born to them, and their son, whose name appears above, is the only one now alive. The father was a farmer, and moved to St. Clair county, Illinois, in 1804, making the overland journey with a four-horse team and settling near the city of St. Louis, though the nearest postoffice was at Kaskaskia, forty miles distant. He bought

Spanish claims to five hundred acres nine miles east of what was then the metropolis of the West, and engaged in farming the rest of his life. When he came from Maryland to Illinois he brought with him a family of six slaves, whom he subsequently freed. They went to St. Louis, where one of them was kidnapped and sold into slavery in New Orleans. Upon learning this fact, Mr. Cornelius made a journey to that city on purpose to secure her release, although the trip cost him over \$400. He died in 1825, while still in middle life. His wife died in 1819. They were both Baptists in faith. It is said the Cornelius family descended from three brothers who came from Scotland early in the seventeenth century. The given name of the father of Mary Rutter is not now known, but he was of German descent, and died in Maryland.

Nicholas Cornelius grew to manhood in St. Clair county, Illinois, attended an old-fashioned subscription school, held in a log cabin with no floor but the ground, and was reared on the farm. In 1834 he came to Wisconsin, and took up a claim of 160 acres in what is now Clarno township, in the county of Green. He failed to perfect his title, and two years later secured a quarter-section in Monroe township, the name of President Van Buren appearing on the patent. This farm he presently exchanged for another, consisting of 150 acres, a half mile nearer the present city of Monroe, and now adjoining the western limits of the corporation, which he has owned for over sixty years, and was actively engaged in its cultivation until 1885. That year he moved into Monroe, where he has lived since, his son Erwin now taking charge of the farm, and he is making a fine farmer, although engaged as principal of schools at Wauwatosa, Wis., for several years past.

On June 10, 1849, Mr. Cornelius married Miss Phillippa Trizetter, who was born in 1832 in England, daughter of Andrew and Susanna (Bulin) Trizetter, who came to America the same year, locating, a few years later, near Columbus, Ohio. Three children have been born to their union, Erwin C., Alice, and one who died in infancy. (1) Erwin C. married Miss Winnie Byers, a daughter of Dr. Byers, of Monroe, and they had one daughter, Alice; Mrs. Cornelius died, and he married a second time Mrs. Bertha Perkins, and has one child

by that union. (2) Alice Cornelius married Charles Goddard, of Monroe, and they have four children, Harry, Wilbur, Grace and Phillippa. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius have been married fifty-two years. He voted for William Henry Harrison in 1840, and cast his lot with the Republican party when it was formed, and acted with it until 1900. He says he believes in Americanism, but not in plutocracy. Mr. Cornelius has been on the grand jury twenty years.

Nicholas Cornelius came to this locality when the country was wild and full of Indians, and helped to ferry three hundred Indians across the Pecatonica on their way to Chicago in 1834. There was no Milwaukee, Janesville or Monroe then. He is the oldest settler here, not in age, but in point of length of residence, only three families having settled in Green county before his arrival. He remembers visiting St. Louis when it was a town of less importance than the present city of Monroe. When he first came up the Mississippi, there was no settlement on the river north of Narvoo except Ft. Snelling. Steamboats ran to Galena, the lower river then being navigable. After coming to Wisconsin, Mr. Cornelius spent about fifteen years in the lead mines, and while there he made the acquaintance of Gov. Dodge, William S. Hamilton, and other prominent pioneer citizens of the State. His father's farm of 500 acres was sold after his death to satisfy a mortgage of \$300 which, owing to the depreciation of the currency was paid with \$80 in specie. This circumstance made a deep impression upon the mind of our subject, and he has never mortgaged any property during his life. His strict business principles and unswerving honesty have given him an enviable reputation in the business world.

JOHN HENRY OSTRANDER is one of the leading representatives of the farming interests of Green county, and is living on his fine place four miles south of Juda. He is the son of James and Maria (Loring) Ostrander, who were born and reared near Schenectady, N. Y., the former the son of Samuel Ostrander, who came to New York from Holland about 1774.

James Ostrander was born Aug. 15, 1810, and died in Green county March 30, 1892. He was a paper-hanger by trade, and followed that as a means of livelihood in New York in

the winter, and engaged in farming in the summer. In 1851 he moved from that State to Walworth county, Wis., where he bought a farm and cultivated it for four years, and then moved into Green county. After his removal to the West he followed farming exclusively. A staunch Democrat, he was a man of some influence in the world of politics. As a member of the United Brethren Church, he lived an honorable and upright life. Maria Loring became his wife in New York in 1831, and died in 1865, aged fifty-five years. She was the mother of six children: William, born in 1832, was living in Kansas when last heard from; Jeremiah, born Aug. 8, 1834, lives in Wilson county, Kans.; John H.; Thomas L., born in 1838, died while a member of the 1st Wis. Heavy Artillery, at Berwick, La., Sept. 8, 1864; Mary, born in 1840, married Charles M. Ball, a veteran of the 1st Wis. Heavy Artillery, now living in Kansas; and Susan, born in 1842, married Baird Stephenson, of Benton county, Iowa, where they still live.

John H. Ostrander was born Aug. 28, 1836, and married Miss Sarah C. Davis, June 15, 1856. Mrs. Ostrander was born Oct. 6, 1837, a daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth (Dever) Davis, pioneer settlers of the county. To this union were born the following children: Viola H., born Sept. 11, 1858, is the wife of John Zimmerman, a farmer near Oakley, Wis.; Cynthia M., born Sept. 3, 1860, married William H. Zimmerman, a farmer in the town of Spring Grove; Clarence D., born Aug. 9, 1862, died Aug. 14, 1862; John W., born June 23, 1863, died May 4, 1864; Archie J., born April 17, 1866, married Lillie Bennage and is a farmer in the town of Jefferson; Annie E., born Jan. 26, 1868, married Jesse Rowe, a farmer of Spirit Lake, Iowa; Walter L., born Dec. 30, 1869, married Carrie Tracy, and is a farmer in the town of Jefferson; Edgar O., born Oct. 18, 1871, resides at home with his parents; Dora M., born Jan. 9, 1874, died April 1, 1876; General O., born Feb. 7, 1876, married Miss Kate Zimmerman; Blanche, born Oct. 25, 1877, married Burt G. Wonchell, of Jefferson.

Mr. Ostrander was reared on the farm, and had his education in the public schools. All his life he has been a farmer, and everything he has or is he has accumulated with the help of his faithful wife. A fine farm of

430 acres is their home, and here they occupy a roomy and commodious house, and have all the equipments such a place demands. Mr. Ostrander was a member of the 1st Wis. Heavy Artillery (in which all his brothers served), entering the service in July, 1863, as a member of Company D, and was honorably discharged in July, 1865. The greater part of his time in the army was spent at Fort Jackson, Brazier City, and New Orleans. Mr. Ostrander has been school director for many years, and was on the town board a number of years. For fifteen years he has been justice of the peace, and is a Republican. The first vote which he cast for President was given to John C. Fremont. Mr. Ostrander has never united with any church, but holds to the Golden Rule as the fundamental law of all right living. He is a man of high character and fine repute, and has lived a creditable life.

CONRAD J. WEITTENHILLER, a prosperous and successful stock farmer of the town of Lima, Grant county, was born in Platteville Sept. 27, 1855.

Sebastian and Annie (Scheel) Weittenhiller, his parents, were both natives of Bavaria, the father born April 27, 1824, and the mother in January, 1822. They reached maturity in their native country, where they were married in 1843. Seven years later Mr. Weittenhiller came to this country, leaving his family in their German home. Landing at New York, he made his way to Buffalo, where he followed his trade of glazier. In 1853 he came to Platteville, Wis., where he met his wife and family, just arrived from Germany. Here he worked at the cooper's trade until 1862, when he purchased a farm in the town of Platteville, upon which he erected substantial buildings and made many improvements. On this farm he passed his remaining days, dying in 1898. Mr. Weittenhiller was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in politics. To him and his wife came a family of fourteen children, of whom nine are living, viz.: (1) Charles, born in Germany in 1844, married Miss Jennie Marshall, of Platteville, and is the father of five children. They still reside in Platteville, where he is a merchant. (2) Mary, born in Germany in 1848, resides with her mother in Platteville. (3) Annie, born in Germany in 1850, unmarried. (4) Conrad J. is our subject. (5) Emma, born in

Platteville in 1858, is the wife of Sampson Callaway. (6) Phillip, born in 1859, married Miss Nellie Jones, daughter of O. K. Jones, of the town of Harrison, and lives in Pocahontas county, Iowa. (7) Lena, born in Grant county in 1860, is the wife of Charles Secord, of Spokane, Wash., where he is employed as a railroad engineer. (8) Jennie, born in Grant county in 1862, is the wife of John Miller, a railroad man at Spokane, Wash. (9) Esther M., born in 1866, married Frederick May, a resident of Helix, Oregon.

Conrad J. Weittenhiller received his education in the public schools and at the State Normal at Platteville, and grew up on the old homestead. In 1874, when a young man, he went to California, where he worked on a fruit farm for one year, and then returned home. Here he learned the cooper's trade, at which he engaged for some years during the winter, working on the farm during the summer. In 1881 he bought what was known as the F. Johns farm, in the town of Platteville.

On March 5, 1882, Mr. Weittenhiller married Miss Mary Jones, of Platteville, daughter of Obed C. and Ursula A. Jones. Her parents were old pioneers of Grant county, coming from Trumbull county, Ohio, at a very early day, and he was well known as a local minister in the Christian Church. Mr. Weittenhiller made many handsome improvements on his farm, and brought it into fine condition. After selling the farm to Mr. Reddy he lived on the old homestead a year, and then bought a half section of August Kamm, in the town of Lima, where he now owns as fine a property as is to be found in Grant county. For the last few months he has been largely engaged in shipping stock to the Chicago markets.

Nine children have been born to our subject and his wife: (1) Byron, born in 1884, in the town of Platteville, who has graduated from the Platteville Business College; (2) Merton F., born July 29, 1886; (3) Blanche, born Feb. 29, 1888, who died aged twelve days; (4) Willie, born May 22, 1889; (5) May, May 6, 1891; (6) Alma, March 16, 1893; (7) Clarence, in July, 1895; (8) Albert, Sept. 11, 1897; and (9) Victor Walter, July 4, 1900.

In politics Mr. Weittenhiller has always been a Republican, and is a prominent worker in the party. For eight years he has been a

delegate to the county convention, and one year was a delegate to the State convention, when it was held at Milwaukee. The family belong to the Methodist Church, and Mr. Weittenhiller takes an active interest in church work. He has been associated for some years with the order of K. P., and also with the M. W. of A. Mr. Weittenhiller began with nothing to help him except his own courage and willingness to take hold, and since his advent here has achieved substantial results.

**BENJAMIN F. NEELY**, a dairyman farmer of the town of Platteville, Grant county, is a young man of energy and enterprise, and has already attained an enviable standing among the younger farmers of this portion of the State. He is known as a man of his word, and his farm reflects his industry.

Mr. Neely was born in the house in which he is now living, in November, 1868, and is a son of Robert and Helen (Chase) Neely. Robert Neely was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., July 15, 1815, and Helen Chase in Royalton, N. Y., in March, 1828. Mr. Neely grew to manhood in Pennsylvania, and was educated for the ministry at Oberlin College. On account of confirmed ill health, he gave up the work of the ministry, and came to Wisconsin as early as 1839. Here he took up a government claim and devoted himself to mining and farming as long as he lived. He died April 15, 1895. When he had been but ten years in this State he went back to Pennsylvania, and married. The young couple returned to Wisconsin and lived a life of close companionship until his death. His widow only survived his loss five months. They were consistent and devoted members of the Congregational Church, in which he was a deacon for twenty-five years. They assisted in the establishment of the Congregational Church at Platteville, and were always identified with good movements and measures at home and abroad. They left a family of seven children: (1) Henry D., born Dec. 23, 1851, was a graduate from the State Normal at Platteville, and studied law, was admitted to the Bar, and practiced law, but he now resides in Omaha, where he is State manager for the Equitable Life Assurance Co. He married Miss Emma Johns, of Winona, Minn., and they have two sons, Henry Fay and Robert Donald. (2) Mary F., born Oct. 9, 1853, was a gradu-

ate of the State Normal, and a successful teacher in Grant county for some years. She is now the wife of George C. Thompson, chief clerk of the U. P. freight office at Omaha, and has three children, Ruth, Mayone and Robert.

(3) Katie M., born in January, 1858, is the wife of Lester C. Hine, of Trumbull county, Ohio, where they live on a farm. In their family of children are Frank, Helen, Neely, Mary, Bessie, Ronald and Fay R. (4) Nell e S., born in March, 1860, is the wife of R. P. Perry, one of the leading lawyers and bankers of Reedsburg, Wis., and they have three children, Edna, Mildred and Catherine. (5) Fannie, born in March, 1862, a bright and scholarly young lady, is one of the successful teachers of the Reedsburg high school, in which position she has been for ten consecutive years. (6) Robert S., born in July, 1864, married Miss Josephine Cook, and resides in Omaha, where he is employed in the yards of the Union Pacific railroad.

Benjamin F. Neely, who completes this family, was educated in the Platteville Normal, and he has remained on the old homestead, having had charge of the farm previous to the death of his father. In 1893 he married Miss Fannie Bell, the daughter of Edward and Annie (Rawson) Bell, an old and prominent family of Grant county. Mrs. Neely was born in Platteville, in June, 1872, and was educated in the local high school. She is a lady of culture and refinement. They settled on the old Neely farm, and devoted themselves to farming. They have two sons, Robert C., born in August, 1896, and Edward, in July, 1899. Mr. Neely and his father were prominent Republicans, and were both brought up in the Congregational Church. He is a member of the Foresters at Platteville, the Maccabees, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Equitable Fraternal Union. The senior Neely was a Mason, and was an industrious and highly respected man, and was an affectionate husband, and was greatly loved in the community where he lived. Benjamin F. Neely is one of the leading and prosperous farmers of the town, and is well known.

JOHN ROBINSON, an enterprising farmer of Platteville township, Grant county, and one of its most respected citizens, was born in Fennimore, in the same county, in December, 1845. His parents were John and Catherine

(Coy) Robinson, the former of whom was born in Manchester, England, and on coming to the United States found his way to Galena, Ill., in 1836, and later to Fennimore, Wis., near which village he purchased a farm. He served in the 7th Wis. V. I. about a year, having enlisted in 1861, and being discharged on account of disability, some time in 1862. He had lost his wife in 1852, and his own death, in 1872, resulted from the bite of a rattlesnake while he was loading hay in his meadow. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson four children besides the gentleman whose name opens this biographical review, and of whom a brief notice of each is made as follows: George, the eldest of the family, was born in Iowa county, Wis., in 1839, enlisted in the 20th Wis. V. I., was promoted from private to orderly sergeant, then to first lieutenant, and died on a march near Springfield, Mo.; Mary D., born in Grant county, is now Mrs. Evan Johnson, resides on the old Robinson homestead, and is the mother of five children, all living in the vicinity; Frank is at present in Colorado; Agnes, born in Fennimore, is the wife of Peter Finnegan, a wealthy farmer at Fennimore, and has a family of seven children, Emma, Mary, George, Albert, Robert, Mabel and Clements.

John Robinson, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared to farming on the homestead and educated in the district schools. In 1871 he married Miss Marietta Byerly, of Fennimore, daughter of George and Mary A. (Mason) Byerly, who were born in Westmoreland and Crawford counties, Penn., respectively, but for some years lived on a farm in Mercer county, whence they came in 1867 to Wisconsin, and located at Fennimore, where Mr. Byerly bought a farm, and also established a hotel, prospering in the conduct of both. Mrs. Byerly died the same year in which she arrived in Wisconsin, leaving nine children, viz.: Sylvester, now in Omaha, Neb.; Lavinia (deceased), wife of John Parker, of Missouri; Joseph, of Spencer, Iowa; Mrs. Robinson, who was born in Mercer county, Penn., in 1852, and there educated; George, of Fennimore, Wis.; James and Leonard, deceased; Theresa, wife of Walter Bradley, of Iowa; and Linda, wife of Lewis Patterson, of Dexter, also in the Hawkeye State.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Robinson resided on the Robinson homestead until

1872, when, his father dying, Mr. Robinson purchased a farm in Fennimore, on which they resided until the fall of 1892, when he moved to and bought a home in Platteville, in order to educate his children, Annetta, Bertha L., Pearl M. and Linda C. Annetta, born in Fennimore in 1873, is a graduate of the State Normal School of this State, and a graduate and post-graduate of the Emerson School of Oratory, and was married in June, 1891, to G. W. Moody, a leading business man of Boston, Mass., where she now resides. Bertha L. was born in Fennimore in 1875, was also graduated from the State Normal, as well as the State University at Madison, and is at present a teacher in the high school at Neillsville, Wis. Pearl M., born in 1878, in Fennimore, likewise was graduated from the State Normal, and is now a student in vocal and instrumental music in Platteville. Linda C., born in Fennimore in 1886, is a student in the State Normal, and is being prepared for the profession of teaching. In religion Mr. Robinson is a devout Catholic, while his wife and daughters are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Robinson and his wife, while not among the very wealthy people of Platteville, are quite well-to-do, owning a large farm and a comfortable city home, and have many warm friends, in whose esteem they stand very high. They have given their children excellent educational training, the result of which is that all four are ornaments to the society in which they respectively live.

**WILLIAM BLOUNT PARKISON**, an influential farmer of the town of Mineral Point, Iowa county, represents one of the earliest pioneer families of Wisconsin. He was born near Highland, Madison Co., Ill., Oct. 24, 1820, a son of Col. Daniel Morgan Parkison and his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Hyder).

Peter Parkison, father of Col. Daniel Morgan Parkison, came to America from England about 1770, and settled in Virginia. He became a soldier in the Continental army, holding the rank of captain. After the close of that memorable struggle he located in Carter county, Tenn., where he married Miss Mary Mars, a native of that county, but of German extraction. Capt. Peter Parkison died in Tennessee, and his widow with her six sons moved to Madison county, Ill., in 1818, and there her death occurred. Of the six children, Wash-

ington died in Madison county, Ill.; George, in La Fayette county, Mo.; Emanuel, in Knox county, Tenn.; John, in Mississippi; William, in Lafayette county, Wis.; and Daniel Morgan, in Wisconsin.

Daniel Morgan Parkison passed a number of years of his life in Sangamon county, Ill., and in 1827 moved to Wisconsin, passing a year or two near Shullsburg. He then went to Mineral Point and erected a row of log cabins near the present corner of High and Commerce streets, in which he kept a hotel, the first in the place. His next location was Willow Springs, Lafayette county, where he entered about one section of land, on which he passed the remainder of his life, dying during the Civil war, at the age of seventy-seven. He attained great prominence in the affairs of his town, county and State. During the Black Hawk war he recruited a company and commanded it throughout that conflict. He became a member of the first Territorial Legislature, which convened at Old Belmont, and was also a member of the second, which was held in Burlington, Iowa, then a part of Wisconsin. This did not end his service in the Legislature, however, as he continued to represent his district for some time after the capital was located at Madison, and was a member of the first Constitutional Convention of the State. As may be inferred, he was a man of great influence in those early days, and, when he passed away full of years and honors, it was to leave behind him the priceless heritage of an untarnished reputation. His wife, Mary Elizabeth Hyder, was born in Carter county, Tenn., and died in Sangamon county, Ill., about 1826. She was the mother of eight children, as follows: Jonathan, who died in Madison county, Ill.; Rosanna, who became Mrs. Thomas Connor, and died in Bond county, Ill.; Peter, who died in Lafayette county, Wis.; Mary, who became Mrs. William McAdams, and died in Bond county, Ill.; Nathaniel, who passed away in Lafayette county, Wis.; William Blount, our subject; Jane, who died in childhood in Lafayette county, Wis.; and Ann, whose death occurred in the same place.

After the death of his mother in Illinois, William Blount Parkison made his home with an uncle until he reached the age of fifteen, when he joined his father in Wisconsin. In 1854 he purchased wild land in the town of



Mineral Point, where he has since made his home, now owning 270 acres of arable land, all in a high state of cultivation, well improved with good buildings, etc.

In 1847 Mr. Parkison was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Padon, born in Lebanon, St. Clair Co., Ill., daughter of James and Melinda Padon, and died March 20, 1897, aged seventy-two years. Five children blessed this union: James Daniel, of Washta, Cherokee Co., Iowa; Adaline Melinda, at home; Charles Barton, of Kirkham, Shelby Co., Iowa; Virginia C., now Mrs. O. L. Parkison, of Mineral Point; and William V., of Iowa. Mr. Parkison has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In religious belief the family are all Methodists, in which faith the mother died.

In his political affiliations Mr. Parkison is a Democrat, and has led a strictly temperate life, for a time supporting the Prohibitionists in local elections. He has been prominent in the affairs of his locality for many years, and has held a number of local offices, among them being chairman of the town board, an office held for eight years, for three years was one of the superintendents of the County House, justice of the peace, etc. In 1845 he went overland to Oregon, driving an ox-team. His party, which consisted of 120 wagons, started from Independence, Mo., and was the first to cross the plains to that now prosperous State. They were six months on the road, and Mr. Parkison returned on horseback the following season. They suffered the usual hardships incident to such a journey, had two or three encounters with hostile Indians, but suffered no serious damage. In 1850 he went to California with a horse-team, and returned by water to Acapulco, Mexico, thence overland to Vera Cruz, where he took the steamer to New Orleans.

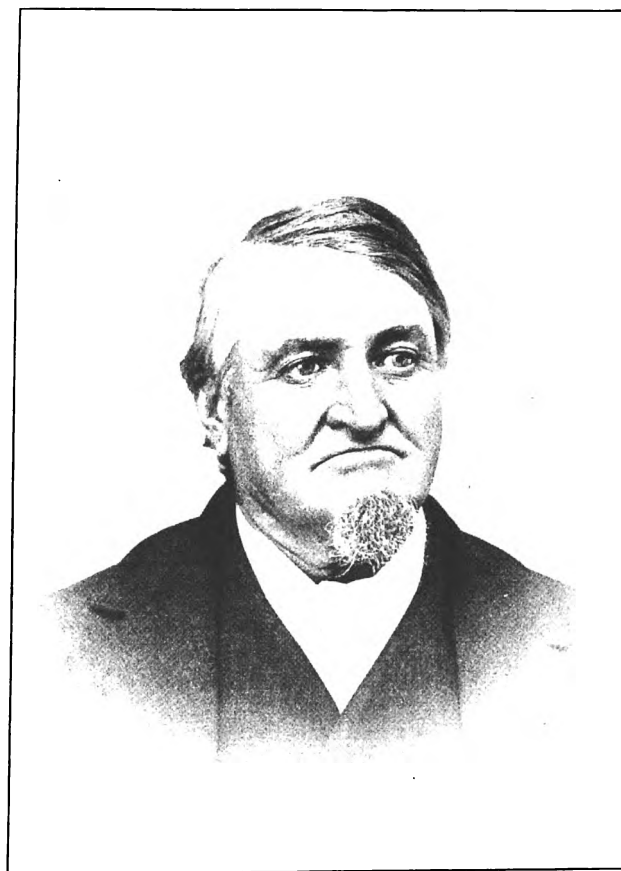
ALVIN BLANCHARD, of Blanchardville, Lafayette county, in honor of whom the village and township were named, is a well-known pioneer citizen, and one of the leading business men and large land owners in the county. He was born in Cortland Co., New York, Jan. 12, 1830, son of Asahel and Elizabeth Blanchard, the former of whom was a native of the State of New York, and the latter of Massachusetts. In 1840 the family emigrated to Wisconsin and located in Dodge-

ville, Iowa county, where the father engaged in mining a short distance east of that town. He afterward purchased a farm and passed the rest of life at that place. His death occurred in July, 1852, the result of an accident in a runaway. He left the reputation of a just and upright man, a progressive citizen and a man of much natural ability. He had held prominent places in the county, having at one time served as county commissioner. During his early life he had been employed on the construction of the New York and Erie Canal. His wife survived her husband many years, passing away at Blanchardville Aug. 26, 1872. Besides the subject of this sketch, they had a daughter, Eliza, who became the wife of John Adams, of Dodgeville.

John Adams was a prominent pioneer citizen, and laid out the village of Adamsville, Iowa county. He was for many years a successful merchant in Black Earth, Wis., and now resides in Pasadena, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Adams had a family of children, several of whom have become known in national affairs: Alva is an ex-Governor of the State of Colorado, and was a candidate for United States Senator in 1900 (he makes his home in Pueblo, that State); Frank, William H. and John are all prominent in business and politics in Colorado.

For several years after his father's death, Mr. Alvin Blanchard worked the homestead farm, and during the time he managed the home farm purchased one of his own. But it is in Blanchardville that nearly his entire business life has been passed. While still a very young man he engaged in the milling business, and purchased the mills at what was afterward called Blanchardville, where he was extensively engaged in milling for many years. In 1856 he entered upon a mercantile career, erecting the first store in the town and passed many years in general merchandising. About 1880 he opened a hardware business, which he still continues. He has erected and still owns many of the principal buildings in the village, and besides owns a large amount of land. For years he has been the leading business man in this part of the county, and, now, although passed the allotted three score years and ten, is still actively engaged in conducting his various interests.

In October, 1851, Mr. Blanchard was married to Miss Mary Skinner, and their children,



*Alain Blanchard*



three in number, are: Clarence A., who makes his home in Blanchardville, but who has for many years been a commercial traveler; Kate, wife of Samuel Corbin, of South Dakota; and William, of Blanchardville. For his second wife Mr. Blanchard wedded Miss Arabella Stoneburner, who died in June, 1897. Nine children were born of the second marriage, those living being: Daniel, born in 1858; Charles, in 1863; James, in 1869; and Lulu, in 1877, now the wife of C. R. Chandler, editor and lawyer of Blanchardville. Those deceased were: May, born in 1860, married John Munson; Elizabeth, born in 1859, died in infancy; Samuel, born in 1861, died in 1866; Alvin, born in 1865, died in 1866; and Mazie, born in 1875, died in 1880. Mr. Blanchard has a wide acquaintance, and is held in high esteem. He comes of good Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather having held the rank of Colonel in the Continental army. In politics he is a Democrat, and has held a number of important positions, being postmaster from 1857 to 1888; school director, chairman of the town board, etc. Although not a member of any church, Mr. Blanchard was the first Sunday school teacher in the town, and has always contributed liberally to the support of the Church, and other worthy causes. He was the prime mover in securing the incorporation of the village of Blanchardville and devoted considerable time and money to that end. The village has one of the finest systems of water works to be found anywhere in a town of its size.

Mr. Blanchard was one of the leading men of the county in securing the Illinois Central Railroad through the east side of Lafayette county, and was one of the first directors of the above named road from Freeport, Ill., to Dodgeville, Wis. About 1872 he gave considerable time and money in an effort to secure a narrow gauge railroad. He has been very energetic in the improvement and development of the town and country. His many business enterprises furnished a great deal of labor, thereby starting many on the road to independent fortunes, and afforded for all a market for produce of the surrounding rural districts. Many of the old settlers relate that they would have suffered in an early day had it not been for Mr. Blanchard. He established the first mail route into Blanchardville, paying for the services himself. He drove cattle to

Chicago, Milwaukee and Madison, when those cities were our nearest markets; and it is conceded by all that he has been a great and good man for this locality.

BRYNGEL SEVERSON, who resides in York township, Green county, four and a half miles east of Blanchardville, holds a creditable position in the confidence and respect of his neighbors, among whom he has been settled many years.

Mr. Severson was born in Vas, Bergen Stift, Norway, Feb. 10, 1844, a son of Sever and Martha Severson, both now deceased. They came to America and settled in Walworth county, Wis., in 1844, when young Bryngel was an infant of only five months. Eleven years later they removed to Green county, to make their home on the farm in section 5, town of York, which is now owned by the gentleman whose career is the subject of this writing. In 1856 Sever Severson died, and his widow survived until 1898. They had only one child, Bryngel.

Bryngel Severson has spent almost his entire life in Wisconsin, where he received his education in the public schools, and has led a useful life. In 1868 he married Miss Eliza Sandmark, of the town of Moscow, who died two years later, leaving one son, Sever Severson, now a farmer and engineer. In 1873 Bryngel Severson married for his second wife Miss Ellen Hanson, of Trempealeau county, Wis., and to this union were born the following children: Henry, at home, who is working the farm; Minnie; Mary; Melvin; Albert; Ida; Benjamin; Josephine; William; Dora; and Raymond.

Mr. Severson was reared on the farm in the town of York, and obtained his education in the public schools. At the present time he owns a fine farm of some 200 acres, on which he lives, in a comfortable and attractive home, and where he has built large and convenient modern farm barns. In his political views Mr. Severson is a Republican, and in religion a consistent and devout member of the Lutheran Church. In York he has long since won recognition as one of the leading citizens of the community, and has served the town as member of the board of supervisors, and as school director, as well as in other positions.

In 1861 Mr. Severson hastened to respond to the call of his imperiled country, and en-

listed in Company E, 15th Wis. V. I. This command was attached to the Army of the Tennessee, and our subject participated in the bloody battles of Stone River, Island No. 10, Union City, Tenn., and Perryville, after which he was discharged from service on account of disability. Recovering somewhat from his injuries, he re-enlisted, in the 46th Wis. V. I., being a member of Company A. This was in the spring of 1865, and he served until the close of the war. On his return to Wisconsin he resumed the occupation of farming, though he has had poor health for many years on account of the exposures he endured while a soldier in the army. Mr. Severson belongs to the G. A. R., and is commander of John E. Gurley Post, No. 224, at Blanchardville. Personally he is well liked, and has the confidence and respect of the community. One of the earlier settlers of the town of York, there are few remaining who were living here when he came. Popular among his neighbors, he is a man well liked by all who know him, and his upright and manly character well deserves the warm friendship it has won.

KNUDT THOMPSON in his life time took a prominent place among the thoroughly honorable and influential citizens of the town of York. Born at Hallingdal, Norway, Aug. 28, 1839, he was a son of Thor Truo, and came to this country in 1861. It was in Dane county, Wis., that his first home was established on American soil. At the end of a year he sold out at that place and came to the town of York, where he bought a farm on section 6, which is still a part of the extensive Knudt Thompson estate. His death occurred in the town of York Jan. 26, 1899, and he was buried in the old Norwegian cemetery in that town. Thor Truo was the father of the following children: Knudt, whose name appears at the opening of this article; Paul, of Trempealeau county, Wis.; and Guri, who is the wife of Kittle Jeglum.

Knudt Thompson married Miss Birgit Bjornson, of Norway, in 1861, and to this marriage were born the following children: OLE K., born Oct. 6, 1862, is still unmarried, and is engaged in farming the old homestead in York; he is a Republican, and has made himself a name as one of the leading men of the community; (2) Thury, born May 16, 1863, is the wife of O. M. Peterson, of Dane

county; (3) Julia, born May 20, 1865, is the wife of G. O. Paulson, of Dane county; (4) Gurine, born May 20, 1867, is the wife of C. E. Paulson, of Dane county; (5) Thor was born Oct. 10, 1869, and is a minister of the Lutheran Church at Estherville, Iowa; (6) Mollie, born Jan. 13, 1872, is the wife of Rev. Edward Hegland, a minister of the Lutheran Church; (7) George and (8) James are twins, and were born Oct. 19, 1875; both were graduated at the University of Wisconsin, from which institution they received the degree of B. L.; James is a graduate from the School of Law, University of Michigan, in the class of 1901, receiving the degree of LL. B., while George graduated from the law department of the University of Wisconsin with the class of 1901, with the degree of LL. B.; they are bright young men, and have a promising future; (9) Gena, born Sept. 29, 1883, is attending the high school at Menominee, Michigan. Mrs. Thompson remains on the home place. She was born Jan. 16, 1837, and is a woman of fine Christian character, very proud of her children, and much respected and beloved in the community.

Knudt Thompson made a name for himself as one of the most successful farmers of Green county. Coming to this country a poor man, by his unremitting industry, wise economy and business acumen, he became the owner of an extensive estate of 305 acres before his death, not mentioning much valuable personal property, as well as financial investments of a high character. Politically he was a Republican, and in religion a faithful and zealous member of the Lutheran Church. In the community he was regarded as a man of strong character, and was known to be a good neighbor, and a devoted husband and father, taking much pride in the higher education of his children. His is a name that is worthy of long remembrance.

JOHN DAVIS, deceased, was a farmer and stock raiser of the town of Lima, Grant county, and was born in North Wales, England, in 1807, where he grew up, and married Miss Sarah A. Kent, born in the same country in 1817. In 1845 they came to this country, by way of New Orleans and the Mississippi river to Galena, settling at Smelser, Grant county, where he was engaged in mining for some time. In 1848 he bought a tract of wild

land consisting of 360 acres, in the town of Lima, where his daughter now resides. A good log house was the family abode during his life. In 1849 Mr. Davis crossed the plains to the gold fields of California, where he met with rather good success. Coming back to his wife and family in their Wisconsin home, he remained here the rest of his life, dying in April, 1875, while on a visit to his sisters near Holywell, England. Mrs. Sarah A. Davis survived her husband's loss some twelve years, and died Nov. 22, 1887, at her home in Lima.

(1) Emma Davis, the oldest child of this worthy couple, was born in Wales in July, 1844, and married Thomas Day, of Grant county. Mrs. Day is now a widow, and lives in Lancaster, with a family of eight children: Etta, Nettie, John, Delia, Bertha, Oscar, Fred, and Flossie.

(2) Catherine M. Davis, born in Wisconsin in 1845, married Pleasant Prichett, a farmer in the town of Lima, where she died on Christmas Day, 1875, leaving three children: Hugh is married and living in Lima; John, deceased in young manhood; and Curtis, who died in childhood.

(3) Mrs. Bevan, the youngest of the Davis family, was born in Smelser, Sept. 30, 1846, and had her education in the public schools of Grant county. In September, 1870, she married Johnson Bevan, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1845. His parents died when he was a mere child, and he grew up in the home of his uncle, Joshua Fawcett, who came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Bevan settled at Little Platte, where he owned a farm which he sold in 1876, and moved to the Davis homestead, the childhood home of his wife, and here they have lived to the present time. Soon after settling on the place he built a new and modern house, and in 1888 put up barns and other farm buildings, and by his assiduous labors he has made it one of the fine farms of the county. It consisted at the time of his purchase of 140 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Bevan are the parents of five children who are now living: Luella, born May 23, 1872, had her education in the public schools and in the State Normal at Platteville, and for ten years has been a popular and successful school teacher; Sartoris, born June 27, 1875, lives at home, and assists in the

farm work; Georgie, born Nov. 2, 1877, died in childhood; Virgil, born Sept. 4, 1879, is at home; Celia, born March 27, 1883, is now attending the State Normal at Platteville, and is preparing herself for teaching; and Hurus, born June 4, 1887, is the youngest of this family.

During the Civil war Mr. Bevan enlisted in Company A, 33d Wis. V. I., and served in the Western Army, under Gen. Banks, and then under Gen. Thomas, participating in a number of fiercely contested battles on the Mississippi, and in front of Nashville. From that city the 33d Wisconsin went to Mobile, and assisted in the capture of that city and its protecting forts. It remained in the service until September, 1865, and had many difficult experiences. After the war Mr. Bevan went back to his old home in Ohio, where he remained for a time. His political views coincide with the principles of the Republican party, and he has held the office of justice of the peace some eight years. As one might expect from his military record, he takes an interest in his old comrades of the tented camp and battle-field, and belongs to Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., at Platteville. In religion Mr. and Mrs. Bevan are associated with the Baptist Church, though his own people are Quakers. Mr. Bevan is a man highly respected for his many good qualities, and is esteemed for his sterling worth and genuine character. Mrs. Bevan is a worthy companion of her honorable and upright husband, and is highly regarded for her womanly character and estimable spirit.

The parents of Mr. Bevan were John and Nancy (Fawcett) Bevan, natives of Virginia, and settlers in Ohio at an early day, where they both died. There are three sisters and one brother living. Lydia is the wife of James Ellis, of Clinton county, Ohio; Lucinda is the wife of Hugh Johnson, of the same county; Sarah J. is the wife of Joseph Arnold, of the same county; and Samuel married and settled at Bloomington, Illinois.

THOMAS STEWART. Among the well-known citizens of Ridgeway, Iowa county, is Thomas Stewart, a worthy representative of an old and prominent pioneer family of the State of Wisconsin, and one who bears a record for faithful service during the Civil war. The family distinguished itself during the early struggles against the Indians, and was iden-

tified with much of the advancement, along every line, which has placed Wisconsin in its proud position in the sisterhood of States.

The founder of the Stewart family in America was Thomas Stewart, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, who came to the United States when a young man and settled in the city of Philadelphia, but later in life came to Wisconsin, where he died; he was buried in *Prairie du Chien*. His family numbered five sons: William, Thomas, Robert, John and James, of whom William, Robert and Thomas served in the Black Hawk war, under the distinguished Gen. Henry Dodge.

Robert Stewart, the third son of Thomas, was born in Philadelphia, Penn., about 1814, came with his father to Wisconsin, and during his long life took an active part in public affairs, being for many years a leading man in his locality. With his brothers he engaged in the Black Hawk war, and in later years, when only peaceful scenes surrounded the comfortable home, would relate many exciting events of those stirring times. In several of the noted battles of that war he took a leading part, and in the celebrated engagement at *Broadaxe* he was able to take three shots at the old chief, Black Hawk, as he was urging his warriors to action. After the close of the war Mr. Stewart settled on land near *Potosi*, where he carried on farming, but subsequently removed to *Dodgeville* and engaged in lead mining, and there his death took place in 1877. His associations were with men whose names are known all over the Union, among these being Gen. Dodge, Jefferson Davis and Zachary Taylor.

The marriage of Robert Stewart took place in 1842, to Charlotte Billings, who belonged to another pioneer family of the Northwest, and to them were born three sons and four daughters, all of whom still survive: Thomas, subject of this biography; Abby Ann, a resident of Chicago; William, of *Dodgeville*; Esther, wife of Simon Davie, of *Dodgeville*; Eliza, wife of Louis Steinhagen, of *Oelwein*, Iowa; Nellie, the wife of Louis Hartstein, of Chicago; the youngest being Henderson, a resident of *Dodgeville*. The beloved mother of the family died in *Dodgeville* in February, 1901. Robert Stewart was a typical pioneer, honest, upright and progressive, one of those to whom Wisconsin owes a debt she can never repay. The family has been noted for its

patriotism, the fathers having proved their love of country in the early days, and four of the sons displaying the same spirit during the progress of the Civil war—Thomas and his three cousins, Oliver, a son of William, who served in the 31st Wisconsin Regiment; James, a son of John, who was a member of Company C, of the 6th Wisconsin; and John, a son of John, who served in an Illinois regiment, all of them gallantly upholding the family prestige. Owing to the death of their parents, these cousins of Thomas, our subject, were reared in the family of their uncle Robert.

Thomas Stewart was born at *Potosi*, Grant Co., Wis., May 9, 1844, and his boyhood and youth were spent at that place and at *Dodgeville*, where he was educated. When the Civil war broke out his patriotic enthusiasm carried him into the army, his enlistment in Company C, 31st Wis. V. I., taking place Aug. 13, 1862, and his discharge dating June 20, 1865. During the whole term of his service he remained with his regiment, which took part in many of the severest engagements of the war. This regiment was organized at *Fort Crawford*, then went to *Madison*, and from there to *Racine*, going south to *Columbus, Ky.*, where it was placed on provost duty for several months. The next move of the regiment was to *Murfreesboro*, where it was required to guard the *Nashville & Chattanooga* railroad, and three months later was sent as a part of Sherman's army to *Chattanooga*, in time to take part in the battle of *Peach Tree Creek*. From this time on the regiment took up its burden of work in the Atlanta campaign, marching with Sherman to the sea, and was engaged in the battles of the siege of *Savannah*, of *Averysboro*, and of *Bentonville*, following which came the surrender of Johnston, and the final grand review in Washington. The regiment was mustered out in *Louisville*, and soon afterward came to *Madison*, where it was disbanded.

After the close of the war, and the final establishment of peace, Mr. Stewart engaged in mining, and in this industry met with great success. For a number of years he has lived retired. He married Miss Ann Jones, a native of South Wales, who came to America with her parents when but sixteen years of age, and to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have been born a family of nine children, six of whom still survive, namely: Thomas, a resident of

Colorado; William, also of Colorado, engaged with his brother in mining; Florence, wife of William Van Wie, of Denver, Colo.; Hiram, Anna and Nellie, at home. The three members of the family who have passed out of life were: Mary, wife of Richard Clark; Jessie, who died at the age of eighteen; and Sarah, who died at the age of thirteen. All of these daughters passed away within the space of three weeks, from diphtheria—a sore affliction indeed to the bereaved family.

Mr. Stewart is a well-known and respected citizen, and has a record for gallantry during his war experience. In politics he is a Republican, and his standing in the community is high. The name is honored among the old pioneers, and our subject is justly regarded as a representative of it worthy the esteem of his locality.

JAMES M. HAYDEN, whose patriotic service in the country's behalf, no less than a blameless life, have won for him the affectionate esteem of his fellow citizens, was born April 16, 1843, in Smithfield, Fayette Co., Penn., a son of Samuel and Nancy Ann Hayden, who were among the early pioneer families that came from Pennsylvania, of whom Grant county has just reason to be proud.

Samuel Hayden was born Nov. 30, 1809, and migrated from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin, settling at Lancaster, Grant county, in 1851, and finally with his family took up his residence in Beetown, with his son, James M. Hayden, where he entered into rest, Aug. 17, 1889. On Sept. 22, 1831, in Pennsylvania, he married Nancy Ann Hall, who was born May 10, 1811, and died Feb. 17, 1892. To their union eleven children were born, nine of whom grew to the age of maturity, and of these six children are living; four brothers were soldiers in the Union army during the Civil war, Isaac, Henry J., James M. and Benjamin F. Of these, James M. was the youngest. The two elder lost their lives in the service, Isaac being a member of the 1st Wis. Vol. Cav., and Henry J. of Company C, 25th Wis. V. I. Benjamin F. served for four years as a private in Company F, of the 7th Wis. V. I., and James M. enlisted in Company C, of the 25th Wis. V. I., Aug. 12, 1862. Service in the trenches before Vicksburg so impaired his health that he was removed, with the sick, to the hospital at Paducah, Ky., and subsequently sent home on

sick leave. On recovering his health he re-joined his regiment at Vicksburg. He took part in the campaign against Atlanta, and in the march to the sea, crossing the Carolinas and Virginia on his way to Washington, where he took part in the grand review.

After being mustered out of the service at the close of the war he returned home to resume the life of quiet agricultural pursuits, in which he has been reared, and which had been interrupted by the upheaval of rebellion. His health, however, was badly impaired by his military life, and he finds himself disqualified for severe manual labor. He is a Republican in politics, and an active worker in his party's cause. During the twenty-second session of the State Legislature (in 1895) he served as engrossing clerk of the State Senate, and later held the important position of clerk to the committee on claims. In July, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Beetown, Wis., which position he now holds.

On Jan. 28, 1872, Mr. Hayden was united in marriage with Miss Cordelia C. Prideau, daughter of James and Mary Prideau. To their union have been born one son and five daughters, Sherman P., Julia, Delia, Mabel, Myrtle and Jessie.

HARVEY CUSHMAN, a worthy veteran of the great Civil war, who is engaged in business at Rewey, Iowa county, is a native of the Keystone State, born at Waterford, Erie county, Oct. 29, 1839. He represents the ninth generation of one of the oldest New England families, many members of which have been distinguished in professional, military and official life. The record begins with Robert Cushman, who was born in England about 1580. He became an ardent supporter of the Puritan faith, and joined Dr. Robinson's famous colony at Leyden, Holland, in which he was an influential member. In company with Carver and Brewster, he made several trips to England to negotiate for a charter from the King, permitting the Puritans to settle in America, their chief anxiety being to secure a guarantee of "Freedom of Religious Conscience." As agent of the company which was promoting their emigration, he engaged the services of the "Mayflower," and started from Southampton with the first party of emigrants, but was one of those elected to return to London, owing to the unseaworthiness of the "Speedwell," in



which a portion of them had taken passage. He remained in charge of the flock in London until the following year (1621), when he came with the second party of New England emigrants in "The Fortune." Though not a regular minister, while at Plymouth he delivered in the colony the first sermon which was ever printed. The next day, Dec. 13, 1621, he departed for England to report to the company according to previous arrangement, leaving his son Thomas, then but fourteen years of age, in charge of his friend, William Bradford, the subsequent governor of the Colony. Two years later he and Bradford secured the charter for a colony at Cape Ann, the nucleus of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Robert Cushman never returned to America, but his son became famous as Elder Thomas Cushman. He married Mary, daughter of Isaac Allerton, who came to Plymouth in the "Mayflower." In 1855 the descendants of this couple numbered 3,336 persons, many of whom were noted for their devotion to principle; a number sacrificed their lives in the Revolution and other conflicts of the nation, and the number included twenty-two clergymen, fifteen lawyers, one lieutenant-governor of Massachusetts, three members of Congress, and many other public officials. Charlotte Cushman, the famous actress, also belonged to the posterity of Elder Thomas Cushman.

Barnabas Cushman, grandfather of Harvey, served in a Massachusetts regiment at the battle of Bunker Hill. After the war he became one of the pioneers of Wilmington, Vermont, locating at that place when it was a wilderness and the nearest store was at Greenfield, Mass. His son, Barnabas, married Miss Polly, daughter of David Cory, a Revolutionary veteran who took part in two bayonet charges at Bunker Hill. This couple lived successively in New York and Pennsylvania, and in 1856 came to Wisconsin, settling in Lima, Grant county, where Mr. Cushman died at the age of seventy-two years. During the war of 1812 he did several months' service in the garrison at Oswego, N. Y. His wife passed away at the age of seventy years. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven sons and three daughters grew up: Alonzo died at Mifflin; Ezra, in California; Lucy (Mrs. James Owens), at Lincoln, Neb.; Mary (Mrs. Jesse Brown), in Pennsylvania; and Sarah, in New York. The survivors with

their present homes are as follows: Obed, at Moro, Ore.; Cephas, at Rewey, Wis.; Laura (Mrs. Andrew Oldfield), California; Warren, in Kansas; Silas, at Lincoln, Neb.; and Harvey, whose name heads this notice.

In 1855 Harvey Cushman left home and came to Iowa county, Wis. A few years later he purchased land near the present village of Rewey, which he cultivated until 1883, when he sold out and removed to Spink county, S. Dak. After spending eight years there he returned to Rewey, where he has since dealt in lumber, grain and other produce, also operating a feed mill. On Aug. 13, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 30th Wis. V. I., and was in continuous service until September, 1865. His company spent the first two years in the Northwest, building a fort at Bayfield, Wis., in which vicinity the Chippewa Indians were threatening the settlers. Thence they went by way of Milwaukee to St. Paul, and marched across Minnesota and erected Fort Wadsworth (now Fort Sisseton), in Dakota. From there the company was sent by way of St. Louis and Paducah to Louisville, where it was joined by the colonel with the balance of the regiment, which had been employed elsewhere in the Northwest. The regiment started to join Gen. Thomas at Nashville, but was intercepted by a telegram, and remained on guard at Bowling Green, where a day or two later they heard of the victory over Gen. Hood. During the balance of the war they were engaged in subduing bushwhackers, marching over a good share of Kentucky. While thus employed, to the credit of the 30th Wisconsin, the excellent discipline which prevailed among its members should be mentioned. Though they had abundant opportunities for plundering and pillaging, they uniformly refrained from disorderly conduct, and won an enviable reputation among the Union officers, as well as with the citizens among whom they were quartered. Mr. Cushman's brother, Warren, served in the same company.

Mr. Cushman was married in 1866 to Miss Caroline, daughter of O. H. P. and Jane McCord, who were early settlers of Iowa county. The latter died there, but Mr. McCord passed away at Baker City, Ore. Mrs. Caroline Cushman was born in Mercer county, Penn., and died in Iowa county, Wis., March 14, 1881, aged nearly thirty-five years. She was a devout member of the Advent Church, and left



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four children: Virgil C., deceased; Mertie A., who died May 1, 1901, at the age of twenty-one years and one day (her funeral was one of the largest ever held in Rewey, denoting the universal respect of the community for herself and the family); Walter N.; and Idella R., both of Iowa county. He was again married, Oct. 27, 1881, to Maria A. Burton, a native of Mifflin township, and daughter of William and Jane A. Burton. By this union he has one daughter and one son, named respectively Amy J. and Harvey R. His posterity also includes eight grandchildren. He is a deacon of the Advent Society at Rewey, which he helped to organize in 1876. He is also connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Masonic fraternity. His life has been one of industry and usefulness, and a great host of friends unite in wishing him continued health and prosperity.

REV. C. A. WIGHT, for several years pastor of the Congregational Church at Platteville, Grant county, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Ashfield in August, 1856, the eldest of the eight children that graced the marriage of Joseph E. and Sarah R. Wight, and of whom, besides Rev. C. A. Wight, four are still living, viz.: E. H. Wight, a business man in New York City; J. H. Wight, a jeweler in Spencer, Iowa; Sarah J., wife of E. C. Kelton, a merchant at Melrose Highlands, Mass.; and Leland H. Wight, a farmer of Hatfield, Mass., residing on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Wight were born and reared in the old Bay State, and Mr. Wight was a merchant and general business man in Hatfield from early manhood until his death. His widow, who is still residing in the old town, is a descendant of the Leland family, many of whom became noted in the annals of Massachusetts.

Rev. C. A. Wight was prepared for college at the Smith Academy, Hatfield, and was the first male student graduated from that academy fully prepared for collegiate studies. He was graduated from Yale College in 1882, and later studied theology in Yale Divinity School. He was ordained a minister of the Congregational denomination at Detroit, Mich., was first appointed to the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Eaton Rapids, next went to Anthony, Kans., then to St. Louis, Mo., and then in 1893 to Platteville, Wis., where he

officiated most acceptably. In 1891 he made the tour of Europe.

While in college Rev. Mr. Wight was a member of the University Boat Crew, editor of the "Yale Literary Magazine," and a member of the Scroll & Key Society. He has been a member of the ex-committee of the Wisconsin Home Missionary Society, and has also served as the society's vice-president.

In June, 1887, Rev. Mr. Wight married Miss Charlotte M. Burgiss, the accomplished daughter of J. H. and Charlotte Burgiss, of Detroit, Mich., and to this union have been born three children, Winnifred E., Elliot L., and Charles A., all of Platteville nativity. Politically Mr. Wight is a Republican. He is classed among the best pulpit orators of the State, and with its profound and better-read theologians, while his piety and sincerity make him beloved and respected by his flock, and extremely popular outside of his own congregation.

FREDERICK FUELBERG, one of the successful and progressive merchants of Platteville, Grant county, is the proprietor of a well-stocked general store, and has built up a fine trade among the best people of the city by honest methods, prompt service and the handling of none but the highest grade of goods, which are offered at very reasonable figures.

Frederick Fuelberg was born in Hanover, Germany, in September, 1866, a son of Frederick and Wilhemina (Brunotte) Fuelberg, both also natives of Germany. Here they were married, and resided until 1890, when the father, wishing to try his fortune across the ocean, came to Platteville, living with his son until his death, which occurred in November, 1899. Having always been a miner by occupation in Germany, upon coming to the New World Mr. Fuelberg engaged in the same work, and was killed in an accident at the mines when blasting was being done. Our subject was the only child in the family, and his mother also survives. The father was always a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, in which he took an active part, and in politics he followed the teachings of the Republican party. An earnest, industrious, honest man. Mr. Fuelberg gained many friends, and his untimely demise was deeply mourned by a large number of people to whom his many admirable traits of character were known.

Frederick Fuelberg received a very good

education in his native land, where he followed the calling of a merchant. In 1883 he made the passage to America, coming direct to Platteville, where he accepted a position in one of the leading hardware establishments in the city. Later Mr. Fuelberg hired out on a farm for some five years, and in 1892 returned to Platteville to clerk for H. P. Schroder for three years. After that he opened his present establishment, which is conducted upon strict business principles. Owing to his thorough understanding of all the details of his undertaking, possessing in marked degree the faculty to cater to the public taste, and also special advantages in buying at an extremely low figure, enabling him to quote prices particularly pleasing to his customers, Mr. Fuelberg has built up a large and constantly increasing trade, and is numbered among the successful merchants of the city.

In 1892 Mr. Fuelberg was married, by Rev. E. O. Geisel, to Miss Emma Johnson, of Platteville, a daughter of Frederick Johnson, one of the old pioneers of Grant county. Mr. and Mrs. Fuelberg have two interesting little ones, Mabel and Clarence, both of whom were born in Platteville. Like his father before him, Mr. Fuelberg is a Republican in his political views, and also a member of the Lutheran Church, as is his wife. Our subject is a trustee in the church, and also secretary of same, and both he and his wife take a very active part in all its work. Mr. and Mrs. Fuelberg are very pleasant, agreeable people, kind-hearted and sociable, and have made many friends, not only in the church, but throughout the city.

JOHN H. OWEN, junior member of the firm of Chambers & Owen, jobbers of notions and cigars, Milton Junction, holds high rank in Rock county as a business man. Aggressive in the prosecution of his trade, cautious in manner, keen and comprehensive in judgment, he has rapidly won recognition and success. He was born in Oneida, Oneida Co., N. Y., Dec. 31, 1856, son of John and Mary (Jones) Owen, and grandson of Richard Owen, a native of Wales, a miner in early life, and later a farmer of Oneida county, N. Y., where he died well advanced in life, leaving a family of twelve children. His wife survived to the age of ninety-nine years and six months. Richard Owen was of poetic taste and ability, and composed many writings in his native tongue.

John Owen, the father of our subject, was born on the island of Anglesea in 1815. He was a miner in Wales in his early life, but in 1834 came to America, and for several years followed mining in Pennsylvania. He then engaged in farming in Oneida county, N. Y., until 1865, when he migrated to Wisconsin, locating at Randolph, and engaging in farming and dairying; he started the first cheese factory in Wisconsin. He died in September, 1893. His second wife, Mary (Jones) Owen, was born at Welshpool, Wales, in 1824, daughter of a wealthy farmer of that place, who lived to the age of eighty-seven years. She died in 1886, aged sixty-two years, like her husband, a devout and faithful Methodist. To John and Mary Owen were born eight children, two sons and six daughters, as follows: Mary E., wife of Edward Jones, of Waupun, Wis.; Catherine, widow of George H. Button, of Milton Junction; Margaret L., wife of Freeman R. Potter, of Wonewoc, Wis.; John H., of Milton Junction; Fannie E., who married Gilbert Burdick, of Randolph, Wis., and is now deceased; Allie S., who died aged fourteen years; Ida E., wife of W. G. Bickelhaupt, formerly of Aberdeen, S. Dak., now of Everett, Wash.; and George L., of Bucklin, Mo. Mr. Owen had two children by his first marriage: Jane, wife of John J. Loomis, of Oneida, N. Y.; and William R., of Randolph, Wisconsin.

John H. Owen, our subject, when three years old removed with his parents, in 1860, from Oneida to Rome, N. Y., and five years later, in 1865, came with them to Randolph, Wis. There he grew to manhood on the farm, attending the district and graded schools, and later taking up farm life, which he continued to the age of twenty-seven years. In January, 1884, he came to Milton Junction, accepting a position in the wholesale notion and cigar store of his brother-in-law, George H. Button, which he filled until the death of Mr. Button, in 1891. The business was then purchased by Mr. Owen and S. C. Chambers, who have ever since conducted it most successfully under the firm name of Chambers & Owen. Mr. Owen is now vice-president of the State Bank of Milton Junction. He is one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of the village and though yet comparatively young in years has amply attested his eminent capacity for commercial and public affairs.

Mr. Owen married, Oct. 26, 1887, Miss Margaret E. Paul, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Black) Paul, of Milton Junction. To our subject and wife have been born four children, Jessie L., Alexander Paul, George B., and Margaret. Mr. Owen is a prominent member of the Methodist Church, now serving as trustee and steward. Fraternally he is a prominent Mason, and a member of Milton Lodge, No. 161, F. & A. M.; Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; and Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T. Politically Mr. Owen is a Republican. He served four years as postmaster, and for two years was a member and president of the school board.

JOHN W. STEWART came of an old pioneer family in Green county, where he was born in the town of York, Sept. 4, 1844. His death occurred Dec. 21, 1894, and within these somewhat brief limits were compassed the activities of an honorable and upright life.

John and Adaline (Robinson) Stewart the parents of John W., were born in Ohio, and came of English origin. In 1837 they entered the Territory of Wisconsin and settled in Wiota township, Lafayette county, and in 1838 he made the first settlement in the town of York, Green county, on Section 27. The husband and father was born in 1806, and died at the age of sixty-one years; the wife and mother was born in 1804, and died in 1844. They were married in 1830, and became the parents of the following children: Decatur, now living in Parker, Turner Co., S. Dak.; Jerusha, deceased; Ellen, wife of Charles Green, Meadow Grove, Neb.; George, deceased in California; J. W., killed in childhood by falling upon a horn with which he was playing; Adeline, who died when a child; and John W. John Stewart was twice married, his second wife being Hulda Brown, who bore him two children: Banks, who lives in Nebraska, and Grant, in Colorado.

John W. Stewart was married Oct. 30, 1870, to Miss Carrie Lunda, daughter of Nels Erickson Lunda, one of the very early settlers of the town of York. Her birth occurred May 20, 1852, on the Atlantic Ocean, while her parents were on the voyage to the United States, and she was one of the following family: Carrie; Erick, who is now dead; Helge; Edward; Emma; Betsy, deceased, and Anton. Mr. Stewart and his wife became the parents

of three children: (1) John W., Jr., born May 11, 1872, resides on the old home farm with his mother and sisters. He is a Republican, and takes a prominent part in local affairs, at the present time being town clerk, and enjoys a good reputation as a capable farmer and reliable man. (2) Adaline I., born Aug. 25, 1874, and (3) Nellie M., born July 7, 1883, both live at home.

John W. Stewart was a thrifty and energetic farmer, ambitious of success, and willing to pay the price of hard work. Never uniting with any church, he held to the principles of the Christian religion, and exemplified in his daily life its high teachings. In politics he held to the Republican party, and was one of the influential men of his day, serving on the town board, and filling other town offices. Mr. Stewart enlisted in the 31st Wis. V. I. in 1862, serving in Company G, of that command, and participating in many of the most hotly contested battles of the war, and being in Gen. Sherman's army when he made his celebrated march to the sea. Before the end of his enlistment he became a corporal, and was regarded as a brave and reliable soldier. Mr. Stewart was popular among his neighbors, and was well liked by all who knew him. His was a genuine and reliable manhood, and on every occasion the real man rang true to the touch of trial and testing. In the business world and at home, he was a good and faithful man and citizen, doing his duty modestly but well, and meeting all the responsibilities placed upon him to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mrs. Stewart and her children remain on the home place, and hold an enviable place in the good opinion of the community. They have a good home, and cultivate the farm according to modern and up-to-date ideas. The mother is regarded as a person of good character, and the young people have many friends, and rank well in the community.

GEORGE HAWK, one of the solid, substantial citizens of Platteville, Grant county, a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, and a man who has few, if any, enemies, was born in Cornwall, England, in October, 1833, a son of George and Johanna Hawk, natives of England. George Hawk, Sr., started with his family to America, in 1846, but the good mother died during the passage, and he landed with his children at Potosi, Wis., where he engaged in

lead mining for seven years, later removing to Harrison, Ill., and dying. To himself and wife were born (all in England) the following family: Johanna, wife of William Gilbert, of Missouri; our subject; Elizabeth, wife of Philip Knapp, of Oregon; Alice, widow of William Chester, of Missouri; Mary A., widow of John Forsythe, of Illinois; and William, a resident of Platteville.

George Hawk was reared and educated in Grant county, commencing work in the lead mines while still a boy, which occupation he followed successfully for a number of years, but later engaged in farming in Harrison township, and then removed to Platteville, where, in 1884, he was honored with appointment as road commissioner, having jurisdiction over eight townships, and still holds the office. During this time Mr. Hawk has also served one year as city commissioner of roads.

In 1856 Mr. Hawk married Miss Sarah Ashworth, who was born in England in 1839, a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Ashworth, whose second husband was Edmund Grindrod, and died in Platteville. Seven living children are in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hawk: Martha, born in 1857, wife of William R. Wallace, a resident of Platteville, and has one son, George; Carrie, born in 1859, widow of Robert Trenary a resident of Pocahontas, Iowa, has two children, Flossie and Earl L.; George E., born in 1862, married Mary Dean, and resides at Pocahontas, Iowa, and has two children, Arthur and Frank; Mary I., born in 1865, wife of John Morman, of Iowa, has one son, Bertie; Robert E., born in 1869, married, is a farmer in Charles Mix county, S. Dak., and has two children, Rufus and Basel; Lizzie A., born in 1870, educated in the Platteville school, and is now the wife of James Hayden, a farmer of Platteville township, has two children, Robert and Estella; Estella died in childhood; Arthur, born in 1879, was a student of the Platteville school and now is farming in South Dakota.

When the war between the States broke out, one of the first to offer his services was our subject, who entered Company F, 21st Wis. V. I., and served with the Western Army until the close of the struggle, when he was honorably discharged, having made for himself a record for bravery, of which he may well be proud. In memory of those days Mr. Hawk is an active member of Sherman Post,

G. A. R., of Platteville. Politically Mr. Hawk is a consistent member of the Democratic party. Both as a private citizen and as a public official Mr. Hawk has proven himself worthy of the confidence of his fellow townsmen, and enjoys a widespread popularity, which is richly deserved.

AMOS S. SMITH is a live stock dealer of Green county, and makes Juda his headquarters for a very considerable business. John and Ann (Sanders) Smith, his parents, were of English and Welsh descent, and were from the East, the mother a native of Delaware and the father of Pennsylvania, where he died. The mother came to Wisconsin at a very early day, and made her home in this State until her death. They were the parents of the following children: Sarah Ann married Newton Wickersham, of Pennsylvania; Caleb P. left home many years ago, went to sea, and has not been heard from for several years; Ellis H. was a carpenter, and died in this State; Mary J. married N. H. Hanson, deceased; Charlotte W. and Hannah B. reside in Monroe, Wis., unmarried; Elizabeth married James Quick, of Kansas; Amos S.

Amos S. Smith was born Feb. 1, 1845, and came to Wisconsin in 1867, making a home in Green county. On Oct. 28, 1869, Mr. Smith wedded Miss Emma L. Wickersham, of Pennsylvania, a daughter of E. P. and Phebe (Gatchell) Wickersham, who came to Wisconsin in 1868, and were Quakers in their religion. To this marriage have been born two children, Martha Gertrude, who was born in 1871, and died Aug. 24, 1895; and Phebe Maud, who was born in 1876, was a very successful teacher in the schools of Green county for a number of years, and is now attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Amos S. Smith enlisted in the war of the Rebellion as a member of the 101st Penn. V. I., and did acceptable service for the government and the nation. An honorable discharge was given him in the summer of 1865. Mr. Smith served in the Army of the Potomac, and participated in some of the hardest-fought battles of the war. Taken prisoner April 20, 1864, he was detained for some time at Andersonville.

Mr. Smith came West after his return from the war, and located in Illinois in 1866. The next year he entered Wisconsin, and set-

ting in Green county, made this his permanent home. For twenty-five years he was a farmer, and in 1883 made his home at Juda, Wis. Here he began buying live stock for John Leglor in 1893, and is still engaged in this business. Mr. Smith has a fine residence in Juda, and is a careful and fore-handed man. From the United States he receives a pension of \$8 a month. Mr. Smith has never identified himself with any church, but believes that honesty and fidelity are the fundamental principles. In politics he is a Republican. He began life without a dollar, but by hard work, economy and industry he has been able not only to live in comfort but to get ahead in the world. Mr. Smith is a member of Ben Davis Post, G. A. R.

**HON. JOSEPH BENNETT.** Among its most highly honored pioneers, Iowa county reckons those stalwart settlers of English stock, whose courage, hardihood and perseverance have done so much toward the development of its mineral resources, as well as toward the upbuilding of its moral and educational forces. To this class belongs Joseph Bennett, the mention of whose name always challenges respect. Born in Cornwall county, England, on July 6, 1822, he has been a resident of Wisconsin for fifty-six years. The story of his life is replete with interest and instruction, and it is from the careers of such men that the youth of the present generation can find enlightenment and encouragement. His life has been an eventful one. His father, Joseph, married Eleanor Berryman. He was a miner and died in 1852, the father of a family of two sons and three daughters. The eldest son, Henry, settled in Wisconsin in 1847. Six years later he emigrated from America to Australia, dying there after meeting with moderate success. A sister, Elizabeth, was married to Thomas Sincock before leaving the old country in 1847, and is now deceased. Another sister, Sarah, is living in Australia, and the youngest member of the family, Jane, died in Cornwall.

It is with the career of Joseph Bennett, the younger, however,—the eminent citizen of Dodgeville,—that this narrative is especially concerned. He grew to manhood in his native shire, and in 1845 married Mary Berryman, who has shared his joys and griefs for more than half a century. Her father was Richard Berryman and her mother, before

marriage, was Martha Williams. She was her parents' only daughter, although she had eight brothers. In 1848 the elder Berryman, accompanied by his third son, William, crossed the Atlantic on what may be said to have been a tour of inspection. The outlook appearing satisfactory, the other members of the family followed the succeeding year. Their new home, in which they must have found a reversal of all previous experiences, was at Hazel Green, Grant county, and here Mrs. Bennett's mother died in 1851. After the death of his first wife Mr. Berryman married Christian Williams. His declining years were passed at the home of his son, William, in Dodgeville township, where he died on Aug. 24, 1868, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was a man of deep religious conviction and earnest piety, a class leader in the Methodist Church, and a liberal contributor to the cause of religion. A brief mention of his children will prove of interest. Richard, the eldest, died April 15, 1893, at the age of seventy years, at the home of his son, William. John, the second son of the first marriage of Richard Berryman, died on his farm in Jo Daviess Co., Ill., Feb. 4, 1880, in his fifty-third year. The third son is William Berryman, of Dodgeville. Henry lives at Bridgewater, S. Dak. James is a resident of the State of Washington. George has his home in Jo Daviess Co., Ill., while the residence of Charles is at Blackfoot, Idaho.

Joseph Bennett came from Cornwall to America not long after his marriage, in 1845, leaving his wife in their English home, until he had found another shelter in what was then, to both of them, a strange land. She joined him the following year, settling in Dodgeville, which has been their home for fifty-five years. To a native of Cornwall, the most natural vocation was mining, and this he followed until 1858, when, in company with James Perkins, Joseph George and a Mr. Arthur, he erected a smelting furnace. Arthur withdrew in 1861, and was succeeded by James Roberts, who continued in the firm until 1864; Mr. Perkins retired in 1869, and in that year the business of Mr. Bennett was consolidated with that of the old firm of Hoskins, Cholvin & Co., and the style of the amalgamated concern became Bennett, George & Co. Later Messrs. Cholvin & George withdrew, and the firm of Bennett & Hoskins came into existence. Mr. Hoskins died in 1889, and for seven years Mr. Bennett



carried on the business alone, retiring in 1896. The business was for many years an extensive one and proved exceedingly profitable, our subject's keen sense and sound judgment proving prominent factors in its success.

It is not only in the business affairs of Dodgeville and Iowa county that Mr. Bennett has played an important part. His fellow citizens have alike honored him and demonstrated their own political wisdom by electing him to numerous posts of honor and responsibility, among them being the presidency of the village, the chairmanship of the town and county boards, the county superintendence of the poor and (in 1876) a seat in the State Legislature. He was also chosen as one of a board of three commissioners to adjust the railroad debt of Iowa county, his associates being Dr. Vivian and Hon. W. L. Joiner. This committee succeeded one previously appointed for the same purpose composed of Mr. Bennett, Dr. Van Dusen, of Mineral Point, and G. Meigs, of Arena. Mr. Bennett is a Republican in politics, and, in religious views, both he and his estimable wife are active and consistent members of the Methodist Church, Mr. Bennett having been, for many years, the efficient superintendent of its Sunday-school.

The union of Joseph and Mary (Berryman) Bennett has been blessed by the birth of four daughters and a son: Ellen, born July 26, 1847, died May 30, 1877; Martha married Reuben Lanyon, of Mineral Point, and now resides with her husband, at Joplin, Mo.; Edith is the wife of the Rev. W. H. Otjen, pastor of the Methodist Church at Oregon, Ill.; Joseph T., the only son, is a druggist at Lancaster, in Grant county; and Flora M. is Mrs. F. A. Carr, of Dodgeville. Their home is one of the most delightful in Dodgeville, religion, with love its handmaid, presiding over its economy. And here this venerable couple, whose lives have been without reproach and whose life work is well nigh done, await the summons which shall call them to a glorious immortality.

**JOHN BLOTZ.** Time, in its unfaltering march, leaves little unchanged, and the beginning of a new century finds living comparatively few of the early settlers of southwestern Wisconsin, who came to the State in the forties, and have left their impress upon its material, economic and political development.

Among those who are left, however, few can more justly claim a title to honor and respect than Mr. John Blotz, of Dodgeville, Iowa county. He was born Aug. 29, 1826, in Nassau, then an independent duchy, but now an integral part of the German empire. His grandfather was named Jacob, and his parents, Martin and Mary Blotz, emigrated to America in 1846. Of their seven children two, Martin and Josephine, remained in Germany, where they passed their lives. The five who crossed the ocean in company with their parents were named Andrew, Margaret, John, Barbara and Catherine. The family was obliged to wait six weeks at Antwerp before being able to secure passage, so great was the tide of emigration and so inadequate the provision for caring for it. Finally, in March, 1846, the party embarked on a sailing vessel bound for New York, and after a voyage, lasting sixty-five days landed at their port of destination. Thence they proceeded without delay to Milwaukee Co., Wis., where the father settled upon land which he began to clear. Within a short time he met an untimely death through an accident, which occurred while he was felling trees in the forest. After this sad bereavement the family resolved to leave the new home which had thus become the scene of such painful associations, and accordingly in the summer of 1847 removed to Mineral Point, Iowa county. There the loving care of her children provided a home for the widowed mother, where she continued to reside until in 1884, after she had reached the ripe old age of eighty-three, the angel of death summoned her to join the husband of her youth.

A brief mention of other members of the family cannot fail to be of interest. Andrew and Margaret were both married before leaving Nassau. Andrew lived for many years in Wisconsin but finally removed to Nebraska, where he died several years ago, leaving four children. Margaret was the wife of Philip Branger, who is also deceased. Barbara, after coming to America, married Theodore Engles, and lives at Mineral Point. Catherine is Mrs. Christopher Schlosser, of Chicago.

Mr. John Blotz, who is the only surviving son of his father, was a sturdy youth of twenty years when he accompanied his parents to the New World. For three years he was employed in work upon a farm, but in 1849 became infected with the "gold fever" which drew so

many brave, hardy adventurers to a nameless grave upon the western plains. He set forth for the California gold fields in March of that year, being one of a party of five, formed of denizens of Dodgeville and Mineral Point. The tedious journey was made in a wagon drawn by an ox-team, and the time consumed was six months. As far as is known Mr. Blotz is the only member of the little band of gold seekers yet living. He followed placer mining for fifteen months when he turned his face homeward, his return being hastened by a serious accident sustained while at work. He came home by way of the Nicaragua route, and the crossing of Central America was a perilous undertaking, which occupied some two months. Soon after his return in the spring of 1851 he purchased a farm, which he began at once to improve. Having reached the age of twenty-five, and his thirst for adventure being satiated, he determined to settle down in a home of his own, and to take to himself a wife. He chose wisely and, fortunately for himself, his proposal met with favor. It was in the autumn of 1851 that he was married, his wife being Lena Berg, who was born in Nassau in 1834, and was brought to America by her parents when a child of nine years. Not many years afterward Mr. Blotz disposed of his farm, and purchased the flouring mill of Peter Theno. The plant had been in operation for several years, but the new proprietor, with characteristic foresight and energy, remodeled it, putting in new and modern machinery and for a long time conducted it with decided success. He is also the owner of an undivided tract of 470 acres of choice land, lying partly in Dodgeville and partly in Mineral Point township.

To Mr. Blotz and his wife seven children have been born, six of whom are yet living. Theresa, the sixth, in order of birth, died shortly after her marriage to Joseph Phillips. The eldest son, Joseph, is a farmer. John resides on the homestead farm. Elizabeth is the wife of George Phillips. Kate is unmarried and makes her home with her parents. Leonard is a harness maker of Dodgeville. Frederick resides in Nebraska. Nineteen grandchildren also appeal to the love of this elderly couple, who are descending the hill of life together, with their spiritual vision uplifted toward a better land. Their home is one of the happiest in Dodgeville, and no family can claim more universal respect. As practical Catholics they have

passed their long and useful lives, and they look forward to death's summons with serene and abiding hope.

JOSEPH HINN, SR., is one of the well known early settlers of Marion township, Grant county, and was born in Baden, Germany, near the famous Black Forest, March 19, 1827, a son of Sebastian Hinn, and a grandson of Michael Hinn. The latter was what would be called a farmer and stock dealer, in this country. He had three sons and one daughter. The name of the eldest son is unknown; the second son was Lindoline, and the third, Sebastian. Michael Hinn was the only male member of his father's family.

Sebastian Hinn was twice married, and by his first union became the father of six children, three sons and three daughters: Andreas; Lindoline; John; Maria; Catherine and Francisca. By his second marriage, Sebastian Hinn had two sons and two daughters; Mathias, Joseph, Barbara and Theresa. Joseph Hinn, Sr., is the only member of his father's family who came to America, and he immigrated on account of participation in the famous revolution of 1848.

Having lost his parents in early boyhood, Joseph Hinn was thrown upon his own resources while yet a child, and was still a young man when he crossed the ocean. In 1849, Joseph Hinn located at Kingston, N. Y., where he remained five years, employed in the stone quarries and on the canal there; then emigrated, with his family to Grant county, Wis., settling on land in Marion township, that he had entered from the government the previous year. This land, which is a part of Sec. 22, became the homestead of the family, and here nine of their ten children were born, and all reared. The farm contained 200 acres, which Joseph Hinn improved, until he became one of the most prosperous farmers of the community. As he advanced in years, Mr. Hinn retired from active life, and now he and his wife reside with their children, some of whom still reside in Grant county, Wis., and others in Iowa.

In 1850, Joseph Hinn married Miss Catherine Brechlar, a native of Baden, Germany, whose father died in his native land, when she was young, and she came to America with her mother. There were born to these good people five sons and five daughters: Charles P. (born in the State of New York, Aug. 15 1853). Christopher (born June 6, 1855, the first born in

Grant county), Joseph (born March 6, 1857), all three prominent business men of Fennimore, Wis.; Magdalena (born Feb. 11, 1859), Catherine (born Nov. 4, 1862), Mary (born Sept. 30, 1864), William (born Aug. 19, 1867), George (born Nov. 19, 1869), Theresa (born Dec. 25, 1872), and Emma (born Feb. 7, 1875). Mr. and Mrs. Hinn, by hard work and good management, accumulated a large property, reared their children carefully, and now enjoy well-earned peace and comfort, surrounded by the love of their children.

JOSHUA H. BERKEY, the eloquent and popular pastor of the Christian Church of Monroe, Green county, is in the prime of life, and full of the ardor of great convictions. He is an ardent churchman, a profound believer in the saving and uplifting power of the Christ gospel, and an unhesitating advocate of its application to the problems of the modern world. He is a forcible and popular speaker, and a lecturer and orator of more than State reputation.

Mr. Berkey was born at Post Oak Springs, Roane county, East Tennessee, March 11, 1852, and is a son of Jacob W. and Mary R. (Moore) Berkey, natives of Indiana and Tennessee, respectively. They were the parents of two children: Joshua H.; and John L., of Monticello, Wisconsin, who was in the employment of the United States government some years at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He is a master painter. The father was a showman, and had traveled over a large part of the United States. He died at Merom, Ind., March 21, 1871, at the age of forty-seven years, seven months and three days. His widow still survives and lives with her son, the Monroe clergyman. Henry Berkey, the paternal grandfather of Joshua H. Berkey, was a native of Somerset county, Penn., and of Dutch descent; he had two sons and several daughters, and died in middle life. Joshua Moore, the father of Mary Moore, was a native of North Carolina, of English and Welsh descent, and began life as a tanner, in later life becoming a farmer; he moved to Wisconsin, and there made his home until somewhat advanced in years, when he moved to Sumner county, Kansas, where he died at the age of eighty-eight. In religious views he was a Quaker. His widow survived him, and reached her ninetieth year.

Joshua H. Berkey has made his home principally in Wisconsin since 1860. In his younger

days he passed about nineteen years on the road with his father. On Sept. 30, 1875, he married Miss Sarah M. Sears, a daughter of Thomas and Adaline Sears, and six children were born of this union: Ada Almada, Iva Idalia, Ena Elvina, Ola Olivia, Ura Uretta and Carol Beatrice. Mr. Berkey had studied pharmacy in Monroe, and after his marriage opened a drug store in Monticello, Wis., continuing in that business several years, during which time his attention was arrested by the pressing character of the temperance reform. He sold out his drug store and went to Denver, Colo., where in 1880 he became the secretary of a mining company, and a little later was chosen as the business manager of Pomeroy's *Great West*, a weekly newspaper. During this time in company with Col. Will L. Visscher, Mr. Berkey started and ran a humorous, dramatic and literary weekly newspaper, under the title of *Hello*. In 1883 Mr. Berkey disposed of his interests in Colorado, and went to Kansas, where he bought a farm in Sumner county, devoting eight years to its development. During this time he founded and conducted a paper at Geuda Springs, Kan., to which he gave the name of *The Crank*. It was a strong temperance paper, and had a wide circulation. While Mr. Berkey lived in Kansas, he was called into the lecture field as a speaker on temperance, and other timely themes. For several years he was a member of the First Day Adventist Church, but was never in pastoral charge of any church until he was called in 1898 to the pulpit of the Christian Church at Monroe, and this charge he still holds. Monroe has been his home for the past six years.

In 1896 Mr. Berkey was nominated on the Prohibition ticket for Governor of Wisconsin, and made a campaign of four months in the proper presentation of his candidacy. He received several hundred more votes than Joshua Levering, the candidate for president of the United States. He carries the flag of his country and his Bible wherever he lectures, and never resorts to personal abuse. His success in making converts has been almost phenomenal. From those who know him best, and have known him longest and most intimately, he has received the warmest encomiums. He is a broad-minded and eloquent advocate of great reforms from the standpoint of the needs of the world, and is full of sympathy and love for those who suffer the ills of the present order.

Of him the *Northwestern Mail*, of Madison, Wis., in issue of Aug. 23, 1900, says:

"Few men have ever been in the State who commanded better audiences or have given better satisfaction to earnest, thinking men than Mr. Berkey. We believe he has been called of God to this peculiar work, and we know that God has placed his seal of approval upon his labors. He is not partisan or sectarian in spirit, but seems to be thoroughly consecrated to the great work of human redemption."

WILLIAM H. NEHLS, hardware merchant of Benton, Lafayette county, is one of the young business men of German descent who are playing an important part in the commercial circles of the county. He was born in Platteville June 25, 1867, a son of Henning and Bertha (Richter) Nehls, and grandson of Jacob and Anne Nehls, all natives of the Fatherland.

Jacob Nehls was born in Germany, and made that country his home throughout life. He was a sea captain and perished in a storm at sea when his son Henning was yet a child. His widow and her three children came to this country in 1852, and lived in New York City for some three years, and then located in Platteville, Wis., where the children grew to maturity. Her death occurred in 1894, at the home of her son Henning, with whom she had lived for twenty-six years. The three children were: Helen, who married Richard Boldt, and died, leaving a family of five children, Etta (wife of William Thomas, of Platteville), John, George, Louisa and Mattie; Frederick, who is engaged in fruit growing in Platteville, and Henning, mentioned below.

Henning Nehls was born in Hanover, Germany, Oct. 13, 1835. After the family had located in Platteville he engaged in smelting, and for thirteen years was in the employ of Leonard Cates. He also followed lead mining to some extent for a number of years, meeting with much success in whatever he undertook. After his marriage, in 1860, to Miss Bertha Richter, he located in Platteville, where he has since made his home, with the exception of three months passed in Louisville, Ky., whither they had gone for Mr. Nehls' health. To Mr. and Mrs. Nehls were born six children: Mattie, born in March, 1861, married the late Frederick Wirth, and has four children, Ber-

tha, Lydia, Julia, and William; Lydia, born in 1865, married Charles Doran, of Galena, Ill., and has two sons, Edwin and Walter; William, born in 1867, now a hardware merchant of Benton, married Nettie Bonson, of Platteville, and has two daughters, Nettie and Helen; Edward, born in 1873, a highly respected young man, met an untimely death by being caught in an elevator in Dubuque, Iowa; Arthur, born in August, 1880, was educated in the Rock school, and is now engaged in the stationery business; Frank L., born in 1884, died in childhood. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nehls are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Nehls is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which she joined twenty-four years ago, and for twelve years served as its president. In politics Mr. Nehls is a Republican, and takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, and is well posted on the topics of the day.

Mrs. Bertha (Richter) Nehls was born in Berlin, Prussia, April 18, 1843, daughter of Rev. Herman and Amelia Richter, of that city. She was brought by her parents to this country in 1844, and her first home was in New York City, whence the family removed to Bridgeport, Conn., where her father studied for the ministry. Rev. Richter later came to Michigan City, Ind., where he built the German Methodist Church, and for twenty-two years was a member of the Northwestern German Conference, and the Rock River Conference. He died in the triumph of faith at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John P. Sampson, in 1885, leaving seven children, Helen, a widow, now residing in Chicago, Ill.; Emma, Mrs. William Grover, of La Crosse, Wis.; Mrs. John P. Sampson, of Greeley, Neb.; Mattie, Mrs. C. H. Morse, of Greeley, Neb.; Lydia, Mrs. George Simpson, of Oklahoma; William, of Illinois; and Bertha, Mrs. Nehls, who was highly educated, and for some years a most successful teacher near Dubuque, Iowa.

William H. Nehls, son of Henning Nehls, received his education in the old Rock School at Platteville, and later became a student in the State Normal School of that place. In 1882 he became a journeyman with H. S. Bailey & Co., in the hardware and tinning business, and remained with them until 1886, when, in company with William Raisbeck, he

started in the hardware business in the town of Benton, under the firm name of Raisbeck & Nehls. At the end of a year Mr. Nehls purchased his partner's interest, and has successfully continued the business alone up to the present time. He has since purchased the store building, and the dwelling in which he resides, and is rapidly progressing on the road to fortune.

In November, 1888, Mr. Nehls was wedded to Miss Nettie Bonson, daughter of John and Fannie Bonson, and of this union two daughters have been born: Nettie, in Benton, in 1890; and Helen, in May, 1895. The Republicans of the county know Mr. Nehls to be one of their unfaltering adherents, and he takes an active part in the political work in his town. He has held membership in the village board and the county board. Socially he is a member of the K. of P., Sylvan Lodge, No. 134, Modern Woodmen, and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with Benton Lodge, No. 268. For five years, in addition to his own affairs, he has been inspector for the Standard Oil Company. In his religious faith he is a Methodist. Mr. Nehls and his charming wife are very popular in the social life of the town, and are highly respected by all who know them.

CHARLES D. STEVENS, proprietor of a leading grocery house of Janesville, Rock county, holds an enviable position in that city, both as a keen and pushing business man and a genial and popular gentleman. He is still a young man, and what he has already accomplished is suggestive of a yet more brilliant future.

Mr. Stevens was born in Evansville, Rock Co., Wis., March 28, 1857. His parents, Samuel and Fannie M. (Burt) Stevens, both native to the soil of Vermont, had fourteen children, several of whom are now living: Jack L., of Greenwood, Wis.; Kate, widow of John McMartin, of Helena, Mont.; Lorinda F., wife of E. S. Williams, of Janesville; Calista A., widow of H. Kelsey, of Janesville; John D., of Janesville; Perry M., of Greenwood; and Charles D. Samuel Stevens was devoted to the cultivation of the soil. He came to Wisconsin in 1848, and made a location near Evansville, where he lived ten years. In 1858 he retired from active labor, and made his home in Janesville until 1869; he

died in 1871, in South Wayne, Wis., at the age of sixty-two. His wife died in 1881, aged sixty-five years. Both were members of the Congregational Church, and he was a lifelong Democrat. His father, James Stevens, died in Vermont, well advanced in years.

Charles D. Stevens was reared in Rock county, and until he was sixteen years old lived on the farm, located in what is now the northwestern part of the city; it was devoted to dairy interests. He attended the Janesville schools, receiving a very fair education, which has stood him well in hand throughout his career. When he was sixteen he left his boyhood home, and became a clerk in the drug store of S. Heimstreet & Son, remaining with them seven years, and was counted very efficient in every department of the business. Leaving Janesville he went to Aurora, Ill., where he spent a year as clerk in a drug store. He returned to Janesville to take a similar position with Croft & Whiton, which he held for two years, at the expiration of that time forming a partnership with W. G. Palmer, and buying out the business of A. J. Roberts. This firm existed twelve years, when it was ended by the sale of Mr. Palmer's entire interest to Mr. Stevens, who conducted it alone for three years. The business had assumed such extensive proportions by that time that Mr. Stevens had no trouble in forming a stock company to continue its management. He became president of the new corporation, and retired from active connection with what was known as the People's Drug Co.

Mr. Stevens is not of a disposition to remain idle or take life easily, and he purchased a half interest in the "Hotel Myers" in company with E. C. Johnson, the firm being known as Johnson & Stevens. "Hotel Myers" is the largest in the city, and under their management it has become one of the popular resorts of the traveling public. Commercial men largely make it a Sunday stopping-place. In May, 1899, Mr. Stevens formed a partnership with W. J. Bates, and purchased the grocery business of Ball & Bates, entering into business under the firm name of Stevens & Bates; this partnership was dissolved Sept. 20, 1900, Mr. Stevens now conducting the business alone and he commands the confidence of the public, and has secured a large and profitable patronage. In all these enterprises our subject has displayed the same admirable busi-



*C. D. Stevens*



ness qualities which command success anywhere, and throughout has shown himself an upright man and a genial gentleman.

On Nov. 12, 1889, Mr. Stevens married Miss Clara Judd, who was born Oct. 1, 1858, in Janesville, daughter of Dr. S. S. and Juliette Judd; the former was a physician of Janesville, and a son of Samuel and Ann (Barnum) Judd, of Bethel, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have had two children, Edwin and Arthur B. Judd, the former of whom died in infancy. They are members of the Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Stevens is a vestryman. He is a Republican in political sentiment. Fraternal-ly he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias.

JAMES BARRON is an example of what may be accomplished by steady perseverance and honest industry, as he came to America a poor boy, among strangers, and now is the owner of one of the finest farms in Wisconsin, with much other property, and every man is his friend.

Mr. Barron was born in Cornwall, Eng., on Jan. 27, 1844, a son of John and Susannah (Ennor) Barron, who were born, reared and died in England. They reared a family of five children, of whom four left the old home in 1863 and came to America, landing in California, where our subject, with two brothers and one sister, located, and where the brothers worked in the mines for seven years prior to coming to Wisconsin. John and Thomas Barron both died in California, and Catherine, now Mrs. Tremaine, still resides in that State. Of the children of John and Susannah (Ennor) Barron, one daughter, Mrs. Nettle, remained in England.

In 1871 Mr. Barron, our subject, came to Grant county, where he purchased his present farm, which is located three miles west of Georgetown. In 1871 he was married to Miss Mary J. Kemp, of Grant county, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Chambers) Kemp, old pioneers of Grant county, coming here previous to the Black Hawk war. Joseph Kemp, the grandfather of Mrs. Barron, fought the Indians in this war. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kemp were natives of England, and their marriage occurred in Grant county, Wis., in 1847. They lived there until 1849, when Mr. Kemp crossed the Plains to California, and worked there in the mines some fifteen years. Removing his family

to the West in 1851, he came back to Smelser township in 1867, and remained until the time of death, which occurred in 1877. His wife died in 1896, leaving three children: John W., born in 1849, died at McPherson, some years ago, his children now living in Iowa; Joseph J., born in 1859, married in Smiesler, and now lives on the old Kemp home in this township. Mrs. Barron was born in California in October, 1853, and was partly educated in that State, although she attended school after the return of the family to Wisconsin.

James Barron received a good education in the schools of his country, and after his marriage and return from the West settled on his present farm, in 1871, where he has made many improvements which have enhanced the value of the property, and made it one of the attractive places of the county. To his first purchase of eighty acres, he, with the noble assistance of his wife, has added, until now he is the owner of 250 acres of well cultivated land, and also a farm near Ipswich, Lafayette county, and still another farm in Smelser. A family of eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barron, the survivors being: Sarah J., born in March, 1872, educated in the Platteville Normal school, for six years one of the successful and acceptable teachers in the public schools, in 1898 married Everett Louthain, of Grant county, and they reside on his farm; Mary K. born Dec. 1, 1876, educated in the Platteville Normal, a successful teacher for two years in the public schools, married James Shephard, of Smelser, and resides on a farm of our subject in Lafayette county (she has one daughter, Retta, born in August, 1900); Richard, born in September, 1878; Edith, born in October, 1880, is a student at the Normal; Bessie F., born July 23, 1887, and James E., born in June, 1893, are students at school.

This family has been brought up in the M. E. Church, to which Mr. Barron cheerfully contributes. Politically he has always been a Republican, and although he has a natural love for his own land, he is an American now and proud of her government and institutions. For some twelve years he has held the position of clerk of the school board, and at present is a member of the town board. In 1898 Mr. Barron made a visit to his old home to gratify a longing to recall old associations, but came back with no desire to remain. The success which has attended him on this side of the ocean, the



home he has earned, and the friends he has made, all tend to make him more American than English.

**BENJAMIN J. DAVIS.** One of the few remaining pioneers of Iowa county, whose coming dates from the time when Wisconsin was a territory, is Benjamin J. Davis, of the village of Barneveld, who located here in October, 1846.

Benjamin J. Davis was born in Wales, a land which has contributed to America, not only many sweet singers, but also men of brain and brawn, who have become leaders in those lines which require industry, activity and patience, combined with high morality. The birth of Mr. Davis was in July, 1814, and in 1842 he landed in the city of New York. After a trip through Ohio, Mr. Davis made his way to Milwaukee and there engaged in his trade, that of blacksmith, but as a few Welsh families had already settled in Iowa county, Wis., he determined to join them and become the owner of some of the Government land which, about this time, was opened up for settlement. Leaving his family in Milwaukee, he started on foot for Iowa county, in order to make his selection and entry of land, and upon reaching there, located a quarter section on Section 4, Town 6, Range 5, East, and then continued his journey to the land office which was situated at Mineral Point, where he made his entry and then returned to his family in Milwaukee, as he had come, on foot. To Mineral Point and return by the route he pursued involved a travel of at least 250 miles, through almost a wilderness, as in the whole distance he found only an occasional settler's lonely cabin keeping guard in the great woods. That he was expeditious may be imagined, when it is recorded that the trip consumed but a week. When the food which he had taken with him gave out he would, as far as possible, appease his hunger with the small fruit he found on the way, although much of it was not very sustaining.

In October, 1846, Mr. Davis arrived with his family from Milwaukee, and settled on the land that he had entered. He set to work immediately to erect a small cabin as a shelter for the family, and also to build one in which to carry on his trade. As the first, and, for a long period, the only blacksmith in this locality, he found plenty of work, and very soon was recognized as a thorough workman, trade coming to "Blacksmith Davis" from long distances.

As time went on, Mr. Davis added to his land and became the owner of 500 acres, and cleared it as he could, still following his trade, while the country progressed and built up about him. At length advancing years admonished him that he had earned an easier life, but it was not until in March, 1883, when he was bereft of his faithful wife, that he consented to retire, and then removed to the village of Barneveld, a hamlet which had grown into being since his settlement in Wisconsin.

To Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born twelve children: ten noble sons and two beautiful daughters, all but one of whom survive to do honor to their venerable father and the name they bear. The father's namesake, Benjamin J., died at the age of twenty-seven years. The daughters are: Mary, born on Jan. 12, 1854, married O. C. Evans, and resides in the town of Brigham; and Nellie J., born March 15, 1875, married Leyellan Jones, of Chatsworth, Iowa. The family of sons which Mr. Davis has reared into honorable citizenship deserves more than passing notice. The nine survivors are stalwart men of fine presence, averaging 200 pounds in weight and standing six feet in height. A most effective photograph taken of this justly proud father, and equally proud family of sons, recalls the tales of Welsh folk-lore, when giants held the fastnesses of the mountain heights, and the world knew naught of their struggles in the clouds. It is an inspiring picture, telling of physical perfection, and mental endowment. In order of their birth, these sons are: John J., born Nov. 15, 1845; Daniel J., born Feb. 1, 1848; Thomas J., born Jan. 1, 1852; George W., born Dec. 24, 1856; William J., born May 25, 1858; Stephen J., born Dec. 11, 1860; Joseph J., born April 1, 1863; Albert J., born March 7, 1866; and Alfred J., born March 10, 1871. The city of Chicago is fortunately the home of all of these sons of Mr. Davis, with the exception of one, where they increase the city's prosperity by their business ability and progressive methods. Mr. George W. Davis formerly lived in Chicago, but now resides on a fine farm which he owns in Arena township, in Iowa county, Wis. Joseph J. Davis is a well-known physician of Chicago, a graduate of Rush Medical College, a man of skill and medical prominence; and Alfred J., is a lawyer who has been prominently identified with public affairs in Chicago, and in 1896, was the candidate of his party for Congress. These brothers,

in union, comprise the Davis Cream Separator Company, with offices located at 88-90-92, West Jackson street, Chicago, Ill., the product of this company receiving medals at the World's Fair, in 1893. The father of this remarkable family, stills owns the homestead farm, in the town of Brigham. Few men are better known throughout Iowa and adjoining counties than Mr. Davis. By nature he possesses a social and genial disposition, and has always won friends in every community. Nature, also, gave him a fine constitution and an exemplary life has preserved it to a wonderful degree. His memory of the early days makes of him a delightful companion, as he can relate so many thrilling experiences of his own pioneer life. When Mr. Davis came to Iowa county, the Indians still roamed the country which they still claimed as their hunting grounds. With these natives he often came into contact, and this gave him an admirable chance to learn the Indian character. Mr. Davis places a high estimate on the honor of the Red man as he knew him more than a half century ago. The Indian was almost sure to return any kindness, and as an instance, he relates that upon one occasion, having divided his scanty supply of bread with an Indian who had asked for food, he found, on rising the next morning, a quarter of venison hanging at his door. Many times Mr. Davis has been heard to remark that he would much rather meet an Indian when alone than a white man whom he did not know. All his life Mr. Davis has enjoyed most robust health, and his children inherit his excellent constitution. The skill of a physician has seldom been needed in his household. His prominence as an intelligent man and old settler as well as his substantial condition, long gave him somewhat of a leadership in township affairs, and he was called upon to serve in many local offices and for many years was a justice of the peace.

REV. ARTHUR C. KEMPTON, who died Dec. 4, 1900, was the capable and eloquent pastor of the First Baptist Church of Janesville, and achieved a reputation that reaches far beyond the limits of Wisconsin for piety and devotion to his sacred calling. He was born in Nova Scotia, May 6, 1870, a son of the Rev. Joseph F. Kempton, a well known Baptist minister. He was graduated from Acadia College with honors in 1890, and from Rochester The-

ological Seminary four years later. Because of special work he also won the degree of M. A. in 1893.

Mr. Kempton's first pastorate was with the First Baptist Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where in three years he made the remarkable record of nearly three hundred additions to the membership of the church, building a new house of worship, and making this the largest Baptist Church in Wisconsin. During this period he also served two years as president of the Baptist Young People's Union, of Wisconsin.

In 1897 Mr. Kempton made an extended tour of Egypt, Palestine, Turkey and Europe, after which he was called to the First Baptist Church of Janesville. The success attending his work here equaled that which crowned his labors at Eau Claire. In October, 1899, he was unanimously elected president of the twenty-five thousand Christian Endeavorers of Wisconsin, and with the hearts of the young people of the State beating responsively to his appeals he hoped great things for the church in the immediate future. His death cut short a most useful career, and caused universal sorrow wherever he was known, but while

"He died young, there are silvered heads,  
Whose race of duty is less nobly won."

JONATHAN SMITH, one of the older and more prominent representatives of the farming interests of the town of Brooklyn, Green county, is a man whose high character and conceded integrity add to the reverence his eighty years command. He owns a farm situated in Section 11, of the town of Brooklyn, where he has long identified himself with the best interests of the community. He was born at Dover, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, March 7, 1820, and is a son of Stephen and Filura (Love) Smith, the former born in Massachusetts, and the latter in New York. They were the parents of four sons and five daughters, four of whom are now living: Jonathan; Emorilla, the wife of C. S. Gray, of Brooklyn; Euphrasia, wife of Hans Christianson, of the town of Brooklyn; and Emory, of Brooklyn. Stephen Smith was a farmer, and came West to Wisconsin in 1843, and in July of that year bought a farm of eighty acres in Walworth county, five miles north of Lake Geneva, which he very soon sold, and the following year came to Green county, and in May located on the farm in the town of Brooklyn,

on which his son Jonathan may now be found. There he lived with this son until his death, in 1852, at the age of fifty-eight. His widow died in 1877, when seventy-five years old. They were both members of the Congregational Church.

Jonathan Smith, the father of Stephen Smith, and the grandfather of Jonathan Smith, whose name appears above, was a native of Massachusetts and one of the early settlers of Ohio. For six years he was in the Revolutionary war. He was a farmer, and was seventy years old at the time of his death, in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. He was the father of three sons and four daughters. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Smith was a native of one of the eastern States and he was married in New York. There was only one child born to his marriage, she who afterward became the mother of Jonathan Smith.

Jonathan Smith lived in Ohio until he reached the age of twenty-three years, where he was bred a farmer, which has been his occupation through life. He learned the plastering trade, and followed it for thirty years, although at the same time he was engaged in farming. When his father came to Wisconsin he accompanied him, making the journey from Ohio by team, and he remained with his parents as long as they lived. Since their death he has continued on the home they made.

Jonathan Smith was married Jan. 28, 1877, to Mary A. Thompson, who was a daughter of Otis and Polly (Hunt) Thompson. They have one son, Forest A., who is now twenty-one years of age, to whom the active management of the farm is committed. It contains eighty acres, and is cultivated according to the latest and most progressive agricultural methods. Mr. Smith was formerly a Whig, but he became a Republican at the organization of that party. He has never held an office, and has never had the least desire for one, as his own business was all he felt he could adequately manage.

Otis Thompson was a native of Vermont, and his wife Polly (Hunt) of New Hampshire. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters, and three of their children are now living: Rufus, of Belgrade, Mont.; Mary A. is the wife of Mr. Smith; David S. Thompson, of the town of Brooklyn. Mr. Thompson was a farmer, and brought his family West to Wisconsin in 1848, locating them

on an eighty-acre farm in the town of Brooklyn, Green county. Mr. Thompson was a soldier in the Civil war, and belonged to the 8th Wis. V. I., in which he enlisted in 1861. He participated in the battles of Frederickstown, New Madrid, Island No. 10, Farmington, Iuka and Corinth, Jackson and Vicksburg, and it is recorded of him that he was always a brave soldier, and would be found in the very forefront of danger. He was a member of T. L. Sutphen Post, G. A. R., at Evansville. Mr. Thompson was born July 28, 1807, at Richmond, Vt., and was married June 17, 1829. In 1836 he removed with his family to Portage, N. Y., where he lived twelve years. He died in September, 1899, at the age of ninety-two years and two months. His wife died in 1888, at the age of seventy-five years. Timothy Thompson, his father, was a native of Vermont, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a carpenter in his younger days, and reared a family of eight children. In the early forties he came from Pennsylvania into Wisconsin, where he lived a number of years, and died at his home in Oregon, Dane county, aged about seventy-eight years. Mrs. Smith's maternal grandfather was James Hunt, who was born in New Hampshire. He was a farmer and had a large family. He reached the age of eighty-eight years, and died in his native State.

Mrs. Jonathan Smith, born in Erie county, Penn., Dec. 14, 1834, married for her first husband Amos C. Anderson, an early settler in the town of Brooklyn. They had one daughter, Sarah E., who married Judson E. James, and is the mother of four children: Floyd C., Layle A., Paul, and Jessie M. Mr. Anderson died in 1866, while engaged in prospecting in California. He and his wife crossed the Plains in 1860, requiring about four and a half months to make the journey.

JESSE RAYMER, a retired farmer of Browntown, Green county, whose death on July 1, 1897, removed one of the most public spirited and respected citizens, was born in Greene county, Penn., Dec. 5, 1843.

His parents, Jesse Sr., and Mariah (Kelly) Raymer, were of German descent, and brought their family from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin about 1843. They made their home in Cadiz township, and there reared their family of seven children: William, deceased; John, a retired

farmer of Monroe; Jesse; Freeman, of Monroe; Jane, wife of Luke Bradley, of Adams Co., Wis.; Harriet and Mary, deceased. The mother is yet living and makes her home in Cadiz township.

Jesse Raymer received such education as the common schools of the neighborhood afforded, and continued to work at farm work, to which he had been trained from childhood, until 1893, when he removed to Browntown, and there erected for himself a modern eight-room dwelling, in which he passed his last days. He began life as a very poor boy, but his untiring industry and natural business ability won for him a place among the substantial men of the county. At his death he possessed a comfortable home, and about one thousand dollars in personal property. During the Civil war he enlisted in Co. B, 31st Wis. V. I., under Capt. Nat Treat, of Monroe, and took part in some of the hard fought battles of that terrible struggle. He received an honorable discharge in 1865, and while never wounded, his health was so shattered by his hard service that he was granted a pension, which his widow continues to receive. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious connection a Methodist. The building of the new Methodist Church at Browntown aroused in him the deepest interest, and it was while working there that he was taken ill. He was a splendid citizen and a good, kind neighbor, and his genial smile will be missed for many years by those who, by knowing him best, learned to love him.

In Cadiz township, Green county, on March 18, 1866, Mr. Raymer was married to Miss Amelia Loomis, who was born Nov. 16, 1851, daughter of Cornelius and Jane (Van Harne) Loomis, the former of whom came to Wisconsin from Ohio about 1843, and took up government land in Cadiz. To Mr. and Mrs. Loomis were born nine children, of whom five lived to reach maturity: Mary, now deceased; Fidelia, wife of Isaac Michaels, a farmer of Cadiz; Amelia, Mrs. Raymer; Hattie, wife of Charles Phillips, of Browntown; and Cyrus, who married Eliza Michaels, of Cadiz. William Loomis, father of Cornelius, and grandfather of Mrs. Raymer, was an early settler of Ohio. To Jesse Raymer and wife were born nine children, as follows: Alfred, of Picket Station, Wis., married Mary Denny, of Cadiz township; Ephraim married Ida Divan of Browntown; Hattie is the wife of James Land,

of Browntown; George, of Winslow, Ill., married Lois Beldon, of Minnesota; Ansel married a Miss Forsythe, of Lafayette county, Wis.; Oney resides at home with his mother, as do Belle and Roy. The ninth child, Cyrus H. died in infancy.

Mrs. Raymer is a noble Christian woman, and takes great interest in the work of the Methodist Church and its Sunday school, serving as teacher and class leader.

MARSHALL PEASE RICHARDSON is one of the young and successful professional men of Janesville, and is himself one of the products of that beautiful and growing city of the Northwest.

Mr. Richardson was born in Janesville. After passing through the common schools, he entered Beloit College, later becoming a student in the State University at Madison, from which he was graduated in 1889. His mind was of that perceptive and analytic cast which naturally inclined him to the study of law, and in 1893 he was admitted to the Bar. He has risen steadily in his profession, and has identified himself with the best interests of his native city; has served three terms as justice of the peace; and in the spring of 1900 was the Republican nominee for the office of city attorney. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Christian Science Church known as "The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts."

ROLLA M. STRONG is a product of Grant county, and was born in the town of Platteville, Jan. 14, 1848. Thomas and Martha M. (Bond) Strong, his parents, were both born in North Carolina, and in that State were reared and married. Thomas Strong was the son of Thomas Strong, Sr., who died in Platteville, in the home of his son. Thomas Strong, Sr., was a soldier in the war of 1812, and the ancestry of the family antedates the American Revolution in New England.

After their marriage our subject's parents spent some three years in Tennessee, and in 1838 came to Platteville, Wis., where Mr. Strong followed mining very successfully throughout life. He purchased a farm of 160 acres near Platteville, and lived thereon until 1850, when he disposed of it and moved into Platteville, making his home there during the brief remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Strong

both died previous to the breaking out of the Civil war.

The Stronges were Whigs in political sentiment. Our subject's father was a supporter of the Methodist Church, of which the mother was a member. They reared a family of eight children: (1) Henry was born in Tennessee, and came with his parents to Wisconsin. During the gold excitement he and his brother John, each with a wagon and four yoke of oxen, crossed the Plains to that distant land of gold, and were quite successful in their mining ventures, Henry spending some years in the mines in Colorado and Nevada before returning to Platteville, where he died in June, 1898. (2) John made his homeward journey from the far West successfully, and is now living in Platteville, where he is married and has a family. (3) Martha, born in Platteville, is the widow of Christopher Williams, and lives in Vernon county, Wis., where she has reared a large family. (4) Mary, born in Grant county, is the widow of George Fry, of Highland, Wis., where she is living with her family. (5) Jane, born in Platteville, is the widow of Wesley Williams, and lives in Indiana. (6) Thomas, born in Platteville, married Miss Lucy Shafer, of Grant county, and they are now residents of Iowa. They have one daughter, Nellie. (7) Samuel, born in Platteville, is now a resident of the State of Washington, and is engaged in mining in British Columbia. (8) Rolla M., the youngest member of the family, is the subject of this article.

Rolla M. Strong was born in Grant county, and educated in the common schools of the State, attending for the most part what was known as the old Rock school of Platteville, where he was very well fitted for an active life. When a young man he followed mining in the lead regions of Grant county, and when the Civil war broke out was ready to go to the front. He enlisted in Company B, 43d Wis. V. I., and faithfully did his duty as a soldier until the close of the war. The regiment was a part of the Army of the Tennessee, and Mr. Strong witnessed some of the most tremendous struggles of the great war. At Nashville, Tenn., he was honorably discharged from the service, and, making his way back to his old home in Wisconsin, he resumed work as a lead miner, which has been his occupation more or less to the present time.

Mr. Strong and Miss Martha Himan were

married in 1875. Mrs. Strong is a daughter of Perry and Jane Himan, old pioneers in Grant county, and was born in the town of Harrison, May 11, 1851. Mr. Strong and his wife lived some years on a rented farm in the town of Harrison, when he purchased his present farm in the town of Paris. That was some fifteen years ago, and under his energetic management the farm has been greatly improved, and is to-day one of the most attractive places in this portion of the county. They have four children: (1) Alta, born in 1876, was educated at the State Normal School at Platteville, and for several years was a teacher in Grant and Vernon counties. She married James Conley, a printer of Oconomowoc, Wis. (2) Harry, born in 1878, is unmarried and at home; he is a worker in the lead mines. (3) Lennice, born in 1881, is now a student at the Normal in Platteville. (4) Roy, born in 1884, is at home, and under his father's supervision is managing the home farm.

Rolla M. Strong is a steadfast Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. Before he was eighteen years of age he donned the Union blue, and all through his life has given evidence of patriotism adequate to any demand that might be made upon it. Mr. and Mrs. Strong both belong to the Congregational Church of Mt. Zion, where he has always taken an active part in church work, and is a liberal supporter of his denomination. Mr. Strong is a member of Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., at Platteville.

Mr. Strong comes from one of the good old Southern families whose ancestry dates back to a period long antedating the Revolution, and he is worthy of the name he bears.

W. R. SNOWDEN. Prominent among the business men of Platteville, Grant county, is numbered the subject of this review. No one in the vicinity is better known, for here almost his entire life has been passed, and all his interests from boyhood have been closely associated with those of the locality. In his special line of business he has met with excellent success, and by the energy and zeal which he has manifested has won the confidence and esteem of the public.

Mr. Snowden was born in New York City in 1845, and is of English descent. His father, Randolph Snowden, was born in England

Jan. 5, 1820, and in 1828 came to the United States with his parents, Randolph and Emaline Snowden, locating in New York City, where the grandfather followed the machinist's trade, though in England he had engaged in weaving. Both he and his wife died in New York. In their family were five children, namely: Randolph, Jr.; Edward, who died in New York; George, a resident of Jersey City; John W., who died in that city; and Emaline, who died in New York.

Randolph Snowden, Jr., was reared in New York City from the age of eight years, and in Paterson, N. J., he learned the machinist's trade. On coming to Platteville, Wis., in 1849, he built a foundry, the first west of Chicago, which he and his brother George owned and operated together for some time, but later the latter sold his interest to Randolph and went to California, remaining there two years. He then returned to Platteville, where he followed farming for some time, but is now a resident of Jersey City, N. J. Randolph Snowden continued in active business in Platteville for many years, and was one of the leading men of the place. In New York he married Miss Elizabeth J. Price, a native of that city, and to them were born three sons and one daughter, namely: W. R.; Edward H., who went West; Robert L., a resident of Milwaukee; and Mary E., Mrs. Pollock, of San Francisco, Cal. The father died in Platteville Jan. 13, 1883. the mother Feb. 5, 1877.

At the age of four years W. R. Snowden was brought by his parents to Platteville, and in its public schools he obtained his education. After reaching manhood he engaged in general farming and stock raising for ten years, and since that time has devoted his attention to fruit farming and dairying, in which business he has met with marked success, being energetic, progressive and enterprising. He owns a fine fruit farm adjoining Platteville. Mr. Snowden was interested in the building of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago & Northwestern railroads into Platteville, and has been actively identified with all enterprises which have for their object the upbuilding and development of his adopted town and county. He is superintendent of the Platteville Canning Co., whose plant was built in 1893.

At Platteville, in 1870, Mr. Snowden wedded Miss Mary E. Bondurant, a native of

Hazel Green, Grant county, and a daughter of Edward and Henrietta Bondurant, natives of Kentucky. On coming to Grant county, in 1833, her father was unmarried, and here he was married in 1842. His wife died in 1895, but he is still living, and now makes his home in Platteville. By occupation he was a miner and farmer. His children were Mary E., Mrs. Snowden; Julia, Mrs. Shrigley, of Platteville; Jefferson, also of that place; and Sarah, Mrs. Berry, who died Oct. 1, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Snowden have six children: George B., proprietor of the Platteville Laundry; Anna L., at home; Frederick, who is a partner of his brother in the laundry business; and Nellie E., William J. and Bessie, all at home.

During the Civil war Mr. Snowden enlisted at Platteville in Company K, 47th Wis. V. I., for one year, and was mustered into the United States service at Madison, the regiment being attached to the Army of the Tennessee. He did garrison duty at Tullahoma and Nashville, and received an honorable discharge at Madison in September, 1865. He is now a prominent member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R., in which he is now filling the office of senior vice-commander, and also belongs to Melody Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; and Miriam Chapter, No. 15, O. E. S. Religiously both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically he is identified with the Republican party. His genial, pleasant manner has made him quite popular in business and social circles, and as a public-spirited, enterprising man he is recognized as a valuable citizen of the community.

**WILLIAM SMILEY.** Perhaps in these days of rapid progress, we find too little time to remember those who bravely endured hardship and privation, in the great States of the Northwest, in order to extend the domain of civilization, and to secure for their descendants the comforts and resources which it brings. A true history of pioneer days would be as full of adventure as the most thrilling romance produced by one who draws from an unbridled imagination.

A worthy son of one of the early pioneers of Green county, Wis., who has passed his life here, and with wonder has seen its mighty development, is William Smiley, the subject of

this sketch, who is one of the most substantial and influential citizens of Albany township. He was born on his present farm, on Sept. 6, 1854, a son of Daniel and Eleanor (Bemus) Smiley, both of whom were natives of New York. A family of six children were born to them: Lorinda, who married John Hulburt; Sarah, who is the widow of William Gould, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Charles B.; Julia, who married Dr. Broughton, of Dwight, Ill.; Florence E., who married Lorraine Hulburt, of Albany; and William, our subject.

The paternal grandfather was Joseph Smiley, a native of New York, of Scotch-Irish descent, who was a farmer by occupation; was a minute man in the war of 1812; was present at the burning of Buffalo; and died at an advanced age. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Charles Bemus, who was a farmer and drover in New York; was a lieutenant of minute men, in the war of 1812; reared a large family and died when full of years.

Daniel Smiley, the father of our subject, engaged in milling before he removed to Wisconsin, in the early days of the State, settling near what is now the city of Janesville for a few years, then moving into Exeter township, where he engaged in mining and boarding for about three years, then came to Albany, Green county, where he bought 280 acres of land, living upon that property until his death, when about seventy-four years old. His wife survived for some years, dying at the age of eighty-four. Both of them had been consistent members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Smiley had been a member of the Wisconsin legislature.

William Smiley has had the advantage of residing in his boyhood home all his life, his youthful associations clustering around this place. His landed possessions are large, consisting of the home farm, containing 340 acres (this being generally conceded to be one of the very finest in this part of the State), also an interest in eighty acres on Section 28, a one-third interest in a section in Lamoure county, N. Dak., near the town of Edgely, and a half section in Lyon county, Minnesota.

Mr. Smiley was married on Oct. 8, 1876, to Miss Ida May Flint, a daughter of Capt. Thomas and Mary (Simmons) Flint, and eight children have resulted from this union: Arnold B., who married Miss Daisy Cartelyou,

and resides in Lyon county, Minn.; Sarah Edna; James Bemus; Lorraine; Robert F.; Harry L.; Florence Ida; and Mary. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smiley are valued members of the Baptist Church in Albany, in which Mr. Smiley is a deacon, and to which he gladly and cheerfully gives a generous support. In politics he belongs to the Prohibition party, and is socially connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. In public affairs in county and township, our subject has taken an active interest, acting as supervisor for several terms, also as town assessor, and has given his services as school director for many years. Mr. Smiley has taken the intelligent position that life on a farm may be just as pleasant and comfortable as in any other place, if properly provided for, and has made improvements which render his home a model. Possessing the esteem of neighbors and associates in a business way, looking back upon a well-spent life, he can estimate the value of a quiet, temperate existence as an agriculturist of Green county.

DR. GEORGE H. WEBSTER has attained a wide reputation as a clairvoyant physician and healer in the city of Janesville, Rock county. He has his office at the corner of North Jackson and West Milwaukee streets, and is now, at the very prime of his manly powers, commanding a good practice, and accomplishing many strange and remarkable cures.

Dr. Webster was born at Spring Lake, Mich., Feb. 28, 1860. His parents, John and Mary (Pedley) Webster, were born in Haddenham, Cambridgeshire, England, and had a family of six sons and one daughter, three now living. Alice is the wife of C. H. Pierce, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Tom and George H. have their home in Janesville. John Webster, who was a farmer in England, emigrated to this country in 1849, finding a home in Spring Lake, Mich., where he engaged in the lumber business. He was expert with machinery, fond of the railroad, and after he had been selling lumber for some fifteen years secured a place as engineer on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad, which he held for many years. He was a man of good character, and a devout Christian, was always in his place at church, and loved the sanctuary. He was a deacon in the Baptist



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Church, of which he and his wife were members. He died at Spring Lake Jan. 17, 1895, at the age of sixty-nine years, eight months and fourteen days. His wife died August 2, 1890, aged sixty-four years, three months and twenty-six days. His father lived and died in England, reaching a ripe old age, and had a large family. His wife's father was also English born and bred, reached a great age, and was the father of some sixteen or seventeen children.

Dr. Webster spent the first ten years of his life at Spring Lake, Mich., where he made a fair start in the local school. Then he left home and came to Oregon, Wis., to live. He made the most of the advantages afforded by the Oregon schools, and then attended the Northwestern Business College, at Madison. When he had completed his schooling he made his way to Chetek, Barron Co., Wis., where he took up a homestead claim of sixty-two acres of exceptionally valuable land, making his home there for ten years, and finally disposing of his real estate. He returned to Oregon to become a clairvoyant physician, having developed strange powers in that direction, and a multitude of people have implicit faith in his abilities. He had an office in Madison for a year, and then moved to Albany, this State, where he spent six years. There he was married, Nov. 23, 1892, to Miss Mary Alverson, who was born June 21, 1876, and is a daughter of Thomas and Susan (Carle) Alverson. Dr. Webster is a Mason, and belongs to Albany Lodge, No. 36, A. F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, with which his wife is associated. He has united with the fraternal insurance orders of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Maccabees. The Webster family has a record of unusual vitality, and many of its representatives have attained great age. A great-uncle of the Doctor, Tom Webster, lived to be one hundred and six years old, and was able to read without glasses at that age.

DANIEL STANTON is a well-known stock and dairy farmer of the town of Harrison, Grant county, and is far along the highway of success. He is an earnest and ambitious man, and is willing to be industrious and prudent, that he may win an honorable position in the world, and gain a competence that

will make life easy in the years when work shall be forbidden him.

Mr. Stanton was born in the town of Harrison, Grant county, May 24, 1857, a son of S. W. and Catherine (McKemmy) Stanton, the former born in New York in 1820, and the latter in Scotland. The parents came to Wisconsin, when they were young people, and here they were married and settled on the farm where their son Daniel now resides, and made it their home until 1892, when Mrs. Catherine Stanton died. After her death the bereaved husband moved into Platteville where he is still living. Five children were born to them. Janette, the eldest, was born in 1855, in Grant county, was educated in the Platteville schools, and became a successful teacher, but is now married and lives in Wood county, Wis., the mother of six children; Daniel; Martha, born in 1861, is now the wife of Peter Hatfield, of Platteville; Phineas, born in 1863, now a farmer of Harrison, married Miss Adda Willis, and has one daughter, Dora; Grace, born in 1872, attended the Platteville Normal, and was a teacher for several years, and married Frank Yerke, a dentist in Iowa.

Daniel Stanton spent his boyhood and youth on the parental farm, and received his education from the district school. He has always followed farming, and regards it as the noblest occupation a man can follow. In May, 1879, Mr. Stanton wedded Miss Edith Withrow, the estimable daughter of William and Martha Withrow, an old pioneer family of Grant county. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and her mother, Martha (Cooper), of Delaware. They came West at a very early day, and were married in 1840 at Potosi, Grant county, where they lived some years. Later in life they settled in the town of Paris, where he died in 1879, and she in 1885. They had eight children, of whom Mrs. Edith Stanton, the youngest, was born in December, 1859, and attained womanhood on the farm in the town of Paris. Mr. Stanton bought 120 acres adjoining his father's farm after his marriage, put up a comfortable home, and lived there until 1892, when he purchased the old homestead of 230 acres. He has recently erected a fine house, ample and commodious, with all the modern improvements, finished throughout with hard wood, and every convenience a modern farm house can demand. It is one of the most valuable and handsome residences in the

entire town. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton are the parents of six children: Ernest, born in February, 1880; Eldridge, in February, 1882; Warner, in December, 1884; Norman, in August, 1886; and Virgil, in February, 1895. Nellie, their only daughter, was born in May, 1888; when she was eight years old she was accidentally shot through the spine by a neighbor boy, and for over three years she has been a great sufferer, having no use of her lower limbs, but is a bright and lovely young girl, and her misfortune is a constant grief to her friends and loving parents. The family are associated with the Congregational Church, and Mrs. Stanton and her children are members of that fold. The Stantons, both father and son, are Republicans. They are prominent people and all their representatives are highly respected by all who know them.

William and Martha Withrow had eight children: (1) John was born in Potosi, Wis., in 1841. He was a soldier in the Union army, enlisting in Company H, 25th Wis. V. I., and served throughout the Civil war. He married Miss Margaret Wilson, and settled on the old homestead in the town of Paris, where he died Jan. 6, 1890, leaving a wife and seven children. (2) Jane, deceased. (3) Rebecca, deceased wife of Payton Vaughn, of Lemars, Iowa. (4) George, now a miner of the Klondike, while his wife and four children live in Chicago. (5) James, a conductor on the street cars in Omaha. (6) Wesley, married and is a farmer at Waukon, Iowa. (7) Lavinia, now the wife of Silas Vanetta, of Harrison. (8) Edith, the wife of Daniel Stanton. Mr. Withrow and his wife were among the old pioneers, and were religious people, both being members of the Congregational Church.

JOHN S. BELL, the popular and efficient postmaster at Brooklyn, Green county, was born near Stanhope, N. J., Feb. 9, 1842, son of Almon and Mary (Shampnor) Bell, both natives of New Jersey, and the parents of eight sons and four daughters. Ten of these are now living: John S.; Winfield Scott, of Hand county, S. Dak.; Anson, deceased; Theodore F., of Buffalo, Mo.; Aaron, of Madison, Wis.; William H., of Elgin, Ill.; Mary Adeline, the deceased wife of Alonzo Devine, who is also dead; Laura E., wife of John Parish, of Stoughton, Wis.; Almon H., of Verona, Wis.; Orson H., of Chetk, Wis.; Eva L.,

wife of Charles Devine, of Oregon township; and Hattie, wife of William Hautby, now residing on the homestead.

Almon Bell was a farmer, and settled in Dane county, Wis., as early as 1848. In 1852 he made the journey overland to the California gold mines, driving through with oxen and cows. On the way the hoofs of the oxen were burned off in the sands of the desert—so they yoked up the cows and completed the journey. Mr. Bell worked in the mines for three years, six months of the time in the Frazier river up to his arm pits in water. In 1855 he returned to his Wisconsin home, to remain until his death, which occurred April 28, 1900, at the age of eighty-two. His widow is still living, and is over seventy-nine years of age. Both were Baptists in religion, and in politics he was a Republican until the organization of the Greenback party. He ran for the State Legislature on that ticket, having previously filled various town offices such as supervisor, treasurer, and assessor.

Joseph Bell, the father of Almon and the grandfather of John S., was a native of New Jersey, of Scotch-Irish descent, and proved himself of the most devoted patriotism in the Continental army. He crossed the Delaware river on the ice bare-footed, leaving the blood of his feet on the ice as he walked. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived to be ninety-eight years old, but was blind for some years before his death. He was the father of a numerous family.

The maternal grandfather of Mr. Bell was Thomas Shampnor, who was born in New Jersey, of Dutch descent, and followed shoemaking all his life. In 1850 he came to Dane county, Wis., and here died in 1868, the father of eight children.

John S. Bell was six years old when his parents removed from their eastern home and settled in Wisconsin, and he was reared to manhood on the Dane county farm. He was attending the district school at the time the Civil war broke out, and at once enlisted in the Randall Guards, Company H, 2nd Wis. V. I., but was rejected on account of his size. At Janesville he enlisted again in Company D, of the same regiment, and was accepted. His long and honorable career in the army was abundant justification for his acceptance the second time. He enlisted a private, and was mustered out as a captain by brevet. He had

charge of his company from May 5, 1864, until it was disbanded. Captain Bell was in the army exactly four years, two months and nine days. Enlisting May 19, he was sworn June 16, 1861, and was mustered out at Jeffersonville, Ind., July 25, 1865. The first battle in which he participated was at Bull Run, where he was shot in the head, and left on the field, as it was supposed, all but dead. He rallied, and was taken prisoner by the rebels, being kept at Manassas Junction twelve days without so much as having his wound washed with cold water. Taken to Libby prison he was transferred to the hospital, where his skull was trepanned with silver, and on his recovering he was sent to Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he was kept four months. Salisbury, N. C., was his next place of detention, and there he was paroled, and came home by way of New York City. After being home a few days he was sent with fractions of companies to Benton Barracks, St. Louis. When the Indian troubles broke out in Minnesota he was sent to Byfield, near Ashland, to protect the settlers. In the spring these soldiers were exchanged, and ordered to report to their respective regiments. They had made their way as far as Philadelphia, when they were held there to protect the city against the advancing rebels under Lee. While there the battle of Gettysburg was fought, and then the troops who had been halted at Philadelphia found their regiments. The Second Wisconsin was actively engaged in the service, and Mr. Bell participated in every battle in which it was engaged during its organization, except those that occurred while he was in the southern prison pens and on the northwestern frontier. Finally the regiment, greatly reduced, was united with the 6th Wisconsin. Mr. Bell was all through the battles of the Wilderness, and at the second battle of Hatcher's Run he was again wounded in the head, and was in the field hospital for a short time. During the final movements of the war that forced the surrender of Gen. Lee, Mr. Bell's regiment was continually on the march, not stopping more than two hours at a time. After the surrender, April 9, he with others, divided their rations with the hungry rebels.

When peace smiled over the land again Mr. Bell worked on his farm for a year, and then sold it, and rented another for a year. For a few months he was in a flouring mill at Steb-

binsville, and for about a half year he was at Dunkirk Mills. After this he began farming in the town of Rutland, which was his occupation until 1881, when he opened a depot of agricultural implements at Brooklyn, and for twelve years met with marked success; during three of these years he also managed a hotel. In 1882 Mr. Bell bought and platted land, and sold it in lots, since which time the village has grown continuously. There have been several very destructive fires in the village, in which Mr. Bell has suffered a considerable loss. Since June 15, 1897, Mr. Bell has officiated as postmaster at Brooklyn, and at the same time has been engaged in farming.

On Nov. 4, 1873, Mr. Bell was married to Miss Elenora Colburn, daughter of Hobart and Catherine (Prouty) Colburn. They became parents of five children: Bertha N., Hugh R., Harvey H., Leslie H., and Legrand L. Bertha married Frank Winkler, and has one child, and is living near Sac City, Iowa. Mr. Bell belongs to Brooklyn Lodge, No. 251, F. & A. M., of which he is a charter member, and he also sustains the same relation in the local lodge of the I. O. O. F., and the Modern Woodmen of America, and the T. L. Sutphen Post, No. 41, G. A. R., of Evansville. In politics he is a Republican, and was treasurer of the town of Rutland several years. Mr. Bell was the first Master of the Masonic Lodge at Brooklyn, being master for five years continuously. Mr. Bell was made a Mason in 1871, at Cookville, Wis., in Waucoma Lodge, No. 90.

JOHN A. JOHNSON, hardware merchant of Hollandale, Iowa county, and the present clerk of Moscow township, which office he has held continuously since 1893, has, in his long service in that incumbency, come prominently and favorably before his fellow townsmen, among whom he has grown in regard as the years have passed, both on account of his ability and of his integrity.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 5, 1856, in Moscow township, son of John and Johanna Anderson, natives of Norway, who were reared and married in their native country. Coming to America, they settled on a farm of 160 acres in Moscow township, Iowa Co., Wis., in which locality they were among the early settlers. Mr. Anderson had come to America in the hope of bettering his financial condition and

making a comfortable home for his family, and he began bravely, but he did not survive many years after his emigration, his death occurring May 15, 1856, several months before our subject was born. The family consisted of four children, two sons and two daughters. The mother still survives, and resides on the old homestead.

John A. Johnson, whose name introduces these lines, has passed his entire life in the town of Moscow. He attended the district schools in the locality of the home place during his boyhood, acquiring a practical foundation for the commercial training which he received later. It was his ambition to enter mercantile life, and in order to prepare himself for the proper conduct of such affairs as should confront him in that line, he studied at the Mt. Morris (Ill.) Business College for a time, and later at the Northwestern Business College, at Madison, Wis. His studious habits and quick comprehension attracted the favorable notice of his instructors, and when he left the last-named institution he received a very high testimonial, in the form of a recommendation, from Prof. R. G. Deming, of that college. Not long afterward, desiring to see something of the world, he went to St. Paul, Minn., where he was engaged as clerk in a store for a time, and thence went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he was similarly engaged by another business house. In 1888, after about one year's stay in Minneapolis, he returned to Wisconsin, and for two and a half years carried on a hardware business in Blanchardville, Lafayette county, on his own account. He has since been engaged in that line in Hollandale, Iowa county, with constantly increasing success, and he has won a high standing among the substantial merchants of that place. Fair dealing and good values have been the special characteristics of his establishment, which now does a thriving trade.

Mr. Johnson's fellow citizens, believing that his business ability would be as valuable in the public service as in the management of his private interests, and knowing well his upright character, elected him in 1893 to the office of clerk of the town, and he has served in that office ever since, a record probably unparalleled in the records of Iowa county. His last nomination—the ninth—was by acclamation, the highest recommendation of his faithful discharge of the duties of his office which a public

official of any kind could ask. Mr. Johnson's enterprise and spirit of progress are in keeping with his energetic disposition, and he has done his full share in advancing every project looking toward improvement in his locality. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

On Aug. 30, 1889, Mr. Johnson married Miss Gusta Winden, and three children have blessed their union, Blanche J., Ulysses A. and Herlaug G. Mrs. Johnson is well educated, having graduated from the high school at Monroe, Wis. Her father, Andrew G. Winden, a native of Norway, is now a resident of Monroe, Green Co., Wis. His family consisted of four children, two sons and two daughters, of whom Julius Winden, a graduate from three different institutions, Monroe high school in 1893, Milwaukee Normal School in 1898, and the University of Wisconsin in 1900, is at present principal of the high school at Montello, Wisconsin.

ALBURTUS C. BEAN, one of the representative citizens of Wyalusing township, Grant county, enlisted on Sept. 9, 1864, in Company I, 3d Wis. V. I., being credited to Watterstown township. He joined his regiment at Atlanta, Ga., and went with Gen. Sherman's army on the famous March to the Sea, and thence to Washington, D. C. He took part in the severe engagements at Bentonville and Averysboro, which were the last battles of importance between the armies of Sherman and Johnston. With his regiment, Mr. Bean was honorably discharged at Madison, Wis., but his service in the war for the Union does not constitute all of his military career, as he re-enlisted Sept. 11, 1868, as a member of the 5th United States Cavalry. In the regular army he served chiefly in Kansas and Nebraska, and with his regiment had several encounters of more or less importance with the Indians, perhaps the severest of which was what is known as the Tall Bull fight. In this battle Mr. Bean received a severe gunshot wound in his left knee, which resulted in his discharge Nov. 10, 1869, and from the effects of which he has never fully recovered.

Mr. Bean is a native of New York, having been born at Saratoga Springs, on June 1, 1847. His father is John C. E. Bean, who now, at an advanced age, resides with, and is cared for by, his son. The wife and mother died many years ago. The family came West

in 1859. Alburtus C. is the only one of his father's children who entered the army. He was married in 1872 to Miss Cynthia Parker, and they have become the parents of three children, namely: Jane, Nina and Charlotte. Mr. Bean did his duty well as a soldier, and as a citizen is highly esteemed. Fraternally he is an honored member of the Grand Army Post at Bloomington, and politically is a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

REV. ALBERT B. BECHTOLT, who owns and conducts a fine farm one mile north of Browntown, in Cadiz township, Green county, is well known in that locality both as an earnest preacher of the United Brethren persuasion and as a thrifty farmer, active in all good works for the moral and material growth of the community in which he has taken up his residence.

Mr. Bechtolt is a native of Green county, born March 24, 1861, in Jordan township, where his father, Daniel B. Bechtolt, has resided for half a century. The family is of German origin, our subject's great-grandfather, Mathias Bechtolt, Sr., having been born in Germany, whence he emigrated to America before the Revolutionary war, settling in Berks county, Penn. His family consisted of eleven children, namely: Isaac, George, Frederick, Daniel, Mathias, Jr., William, Elizabeth, Catherine, and three who died young. Of these Mathias, Jr., grandfather of Rev. Albert B. Bechtolt, was born in 1788 in Berks county, Penn., and in 1813 married Miss Christina Epler, of Berks county, who bore him eight children: Christina, Catherine, Mathias, Lydia, Peter, Permelia, Elizabeth and Daniel B., all deceased except Permelia and Daniel B. The family came to Wisconsin in about 1851, settling in Jordan township, Green county, where the father homesteaded forty acres of government land. There the parents passed the remainder of their days, and they lie buried in the old Kelly graveyard in Cadiz township.

Daniel B. Bechtolt was born Feb. 22, 1837, in Licking county, Ohio, received his education in his native State, and was trained to agricultural pursuits on his present farm, which he has continued to carry on most profitably, having a well-improved place, now comprising 160 acres, equipped with good barns, etc. When he commenced life on his own account he had not a dollar to his name, but he has

succeeded by dint of perseverance in acquiring a comfortable competence, and at the same time has made for himself an honorable name among the best citizens of his community. As one of the leading farmers of the township his influence in local affairs is strong, and always exercised in the cause of right. His political support is given to principle and not to party, and he may always be depended upon to aid by his ballot the best men and the best measures, regardless of their political sponsors. In religion he is inclined to the faith of the United Brethren.

On March 12, 1857, Mr. Bechtolt was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Wagner, who was born Feb. 19, 1839, in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Charles and Lydia (Shultz) Wagner, and eight children blessed this union, namely: Maria, now deceased; Albert B., our subject; Lydia, wife of Charles Blain, of Jordan; Samuel, of Iowa, who married Ettie Lafever; George, of Monroe township, Green county, who married Ina Wells; Ervin, who remains on the old home place, and is married to Isa Wells; Ida Elmedia, wife of Walter Kessler, of Jordan; and Orpha, who died when an infant. Mrs. Bechtolt passed away June 19, 1880. She was a true Christian woman, sharing in the high esteem in which her husband has always been held, and was deeply mourned by her neighbors and friends throughout the township.

Albert B. Bechtolt was reared on the old home place in Jordan, and received his early education in the public schools of that neighborhood, later taking a special three-years course for the ministry, while in Nebraska and Iowa. Having been reared to farm work, he came to Cadiz township at the age of twenty-one years, and hired out on the farm to Thomas Watson for a time. His next move was to Hampton, Iowa, where he remained five years, thence removing to Litchfield, Neb., of which place he was a resident eleven years, until his return, in 1900, to Green county. Here he purchased, from Joseph Woodle, of Monroe, a large farm of 230 acres, in Cadiz township, in the cultivation of which he is now engaged. Mr. Bechtolt was in Nebraska during the terrible drought of 1894, when the farmers were obliged to depend upon the charity of the East for support and grain for the next year's crops.

While at Hampton, Iowa, Mr. Bechtolt

was converted, uniting with the United Brethren Church, and he has been a preacher of that denomination since 1888, during which time—with the exception of three years—he has also engaged continuously in agricultural pursuits, his work as a minister of the Gospel being conducted solely with the aim of doing all in his power for the betterment of his fellow men, by the advancement of the cause of Christ. While in Nebraska he was the leader in the building of two churches. Mr. Bechtolt is a man whose high moral worth and strength of character are no small factors in his success as a religious worker, and his intelligence, thorough knowledge of the Scriptures, and fluency as a speaker are naturally valuable aids to him in this respect also. However, it is his earnestness, kindliness and real desire to do good, traits which are shown forth strongly in his consistent Christian life, which win most readily, and his efforts have met with rich reward. That he has executive ability of a high order is apparent from the fact of his active continuance of agricultural pursuits, in which he has succeeded so well, even though they have not received his entire attention. Rev. Mr. Bechtolt is a prominent citizen of his township in more ways than one, and his influence is directed into those channels where, in his opinion, it will do the greatest good to the greatest number. His political support is given to the man, not to the party. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the M. W. A.

On Sept. 23, 1886, in Hampton, Iowa, Mr. Bechtolt was united in marriage with Miss Mary Trindle, of that place, who was born Dec. 25, 1865, daughter of James and Margaret (Baird) Trindle, of Hampton, and is of Scotch-Irish origin. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bechtolt, as follows: James D., June 12, 1887; Ervin, May 10, 1889; George, July 7, 1892; J. Earl, July 7, 1894; Blanch, Dec. 20, 1897; Viola, Dec. 15, 1899. All are living except Earl, who died Nov. 15, 1895.

Mrs. Bechtolt's parents had children as follows: William, who is deceased; George W., of Kearney, Neb.; Jane, wife of D. J. Sweeley, of Kearney, Neb.; Martha, deceased, who married William Hall; John, a resident of Kearney, Neb.; Julia S., wife of J. S. Silvius, of Browntown, Wis.; Orphia, deceased wife of B. E. Claypoole; and Mary, Mrs. Bechtolt.

Mrs. Bechtolt's grandfather Baird was a prominent resident of Bairdstown, Penn., which place was named in honor of the Bairds.

A. W. WELLERS, engineer and miller of Platteville, Grant county, and a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this part of Wisconsin, is a prosperous clerk of the city in which he resides, and highly esteemed.

A. W. Wellers was born in Germany, in April, 1845, a son of A. W. and Wilhelmina (Myer) Wellers, natives of Germany, who came from that country to America, in 1846, when our subject was but one year old. A. W. Wellers, Sr., was a cabinetmaker by trade, and was the first of that trade to locate in this portion of the State, settling as he did in Platteville, where he resided until 1865, when he removed to Hurricane Grove, and died one year later. The mother survived until 1888, when she, too, passed away in Grant county. Four children are still living, of the family born to these worthy people: (1) Elizabeth, born in Germany, in 1838, grew to womanhood in Platteville, married John Tobler, who died in the Civil war, leaving one son, John, now of Chicago; Elizabeth then wedded Andrew Govier, of Fennimore, and they have four children, Edward, Burton, Grant and Ida. (2) Meta, second child of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wellers, Sr., was born in Germany, in 1842, was educated in the public schools of this city and Lancaster, and is now a successful teacher and palmist in Chicago, being a great linguist, and speaking fluently, German, Latin, Greek, and French. (3) A. W., our subject. (4) Mary, born in Platteville, in 1849, married, is now a resident of Oakland, Cal., with one daughter, Laura, who is also married, and a resident of Buffalo, New York.

A. W. Wellers, Jr., grew to manhood in Grant county, where he received a common-school education, later removing, with his parents, to Hurricane Grove, and at the time of his father's death, the entire support of the family fell upon his shoulders. For twelve or fourteen years thereafter the family continued to reside upon the farm, but at the expiration of that time Mr. A. W. Wellers removed with his mother to Platteville, where he engaged with his uncle, John Kemler, as a clerk, and where he learned the trade of miller. This trade Mr. Wellers has followed continuously ever since, in various parts of the county,

and for eighteen years was employed by Noah Virgin, one of Platteville's pioneer business men, but is now a clerk in Platteville.

In 1877 Mr. Wellers married Miss Maria Seitz, of Grant county, a native of Germany, daughter of Henry Seitz, now deceased. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wellers purchased property on Furnace street, where they resided until 1895, when they sold this residence, and purchased another in the Homestead Addition to Platteville. Here they erected a substantial home, and are surrounded by all modern comforts. To them were born six children: Margaret, born in Platteville, a graduate of the State Normal, and a young lady of culture and refinement; Georgia C., a student in the Normal School of Platteville; Emma A., student in Platteville Normal School; Albert W., a student in the high school; Charles H., a student in the Normal School; and Marie, in the Platteville schools. Politically Mr. Wellers has always been identified with the Republican party; is a member of the Modern Woodmen, and of the Knights of the Globe, as well as of the Platteville fire company. The entire family are members of the Lutheran Church, in which they are deservedly prominent. The Wellers family is well known throughout Grant county, and Mr. and Mrs. Wellers are good representatives of the solid people of Platteville.

**CHARLES WEITTENHILLER.** For a third of a century this gentleman has been prominently identified with the industrial and business interests of Platteville, Grant county, and is to-day one of the leading merchants of that place. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, as he was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1844. His father, Sebastian Weittenhiller, was a native of the same province, born in Eichstadt, Bavaria, April 27, 1824, and there married Annie Schiell, whose birth occurred in that village in 1822. In 1849 he crossed the ocean to America, and after spending eighteen months in New York, came West to Galena, Ill., and in May, 1853, took up his residence in Platteville, Wis., where he was joined by his wife and children. The following November, they having remained in the Fatherland until that time. In Rochester, N. Y., he learned the cooper's trade, which he followed in Platteville for eleven years, and then, in 1864, purchased a farm of 164 acres.

and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He died in Platteville in 1898, but his wife is still living, and continues to reside at that place. Of their children Charles is the eldest; Conrad, the second son, is a farmer of Platteville township; Mrs. Emma Callaway is the next of the family; Philip is a farmer of Laurens, Iowa; Mrs. Lena Secord resides in Washington, as does also Jennie; Mary makes her home in Platteville, and Mrs. Etta May is a resident of Washington. In religious belief the family are Presbyterians.

Since the age of nine years Charles Weittenhiller has made his home in Platteville, and in early life he learned the cooper's trade with his father. He began business for himself in 1867 as a manufacturer of cooperage, and continued to carry on operations along that line until 1890, when he embarked in merchandising. He carries a large and well-selected stock, and by fair and honorable dealing has built up an excellent trade.

During the war for the Union, Mr. Weittenhiller enlisted at Platteville, Jan. 24, 1864, in Company E, 25th Wis. V. I., under Capt. J. M. Scott, for three years or during the war. His command was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 16th, and later the 17th, Corps, Army of the Tennessee, and participated in the engagements at Snake Creek Gap, Ga., Resaca, Dallas, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Nickajack and Atlanta. With four comrades Mr. Weittenhiller was captured at Decatur, July 22, 1864, and sent to Andersonville prison, where he was incarcerated two months, being exchanged Sept. 23, 1864. After rejoining his regiment at East Point, Ga., he was sent to the convalescent camp, and after four weeks spent at Marietta, Ga., again joined his regiment in time to take part in the March to the Sea. He was all through Georgia, and the Carolina campaign, in the battle of Salkahatchie River, in January, 1865, and later took part in the engagements at River Bridge, South Edisto, Bentonville and Goldsboro. He was transferred to Company K, 12th Wis. V. I., and with that command was honorably discharged at Louisville, Ky., July 16, 1865.

In 1867, at Platteville, Mr. Weittenhiller married Miss Jennie Marshall, a daughter of E. H. Marshall and his wife, Johanna. Her father, who was a native of New Hampshire and a farmer by occupation, came to Grant county, Wis., as early as 1836, but spent his



last days in Iowa, where his death occurred in 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Weittenhiller have a family of five children, namely: Cora, Addie, Marenus, Charles and Jennie. Mr. Weittenhiller uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has taken quite an active interest in local politics, being elected a member of the city council and justice of the peace, both of which offices he most capably and satisfactorily filled. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America; Melody Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M.; and Washington Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M. He is one of the most prominent and influential business men of his adopted city.

**BERNT WILLIAM QUALLEY.** Among the many monuments which throughout Wisconsin have been erected to unflagging industry and sound business judgment, there are few superior to the highly improved farm of 160 acres in Exeter township, Green county, owned and, until lately, operated by the subject of this sketch. Migrating when a lad of seventeen years from Norway, his native land, to Wisconsin, Mr. Qualley worked for a time as farm laborer, then at a trade until he could save the purchase payment for a little home of forty-eight acres. To this he has added from time to time until the valuable and well tilled farm he now owns became the merited fruit of his persevering efforts.

He was born near Bergen, Norway, Feb. 13, 1848, son of Ryer and Helga Qualley, and grandson of Bartle Qualley, a life-long resident of Norway, who had a family of six or seven children. Helga Qualley was a daughter of Tron Qualley, a Norwegian farmer who had two sons and three daughters. Ryer Qualley, the father, was a tailor by occupation. He came to America about 1867 and located in Dane county, Wis., where he farmed for several years, then moved to Brooklyn township, Green county. He died in Exeter township in 1877, aged fifty-six, and his wife in 1885, aged seventy-four years. They were devout members of the Lutheran Church. To Ryer and Helga Qualley were born six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom four are now living, namely: Thomas, of Brookings, S. Dak.; Bernt William, our subject; Bertha, wife of Stark Himle, of Kasson, Minn.; and James, of Brookings, South Dakota.

In his native land Bernt William Qualley received a good common-school education, and, as a boy, found occupation in a match factory. In 1865, when about seventeen years of age he came to America, landing at Stoughton, Wis., where he began work by the month on a farm. Later, at Whitewater, he acquired the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for about ten years. Possessing a fondness for the independence and activity of farm life, Mr. Qualley then purchased forty-eight acres, a portion of his present farm of 160 acres in Exeter township. Here he made a homestead that ranks high among those of the township. In February, 1901, Mr. Qualley bought a stock of dry goods and groceries from J. E. Litel, and renting his farm to his son-in-law, Stanley Dietz, he, on March 1, 1901, moved to Attica, Wis., to enter upon a mercantile career.

Mr. Qualley was married, July 3, 1875, to Miss Elizabeth Melvina Bartlett, daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Price) Bartlett. Six children, two sons and four daughters, have been born to them, namely: Derwin, who died aged two months and twenty-five days; Harriet, a teacher in Exeter; Sarah, who married Stanley Dietz, of Monroe, Wis., and has one child, Wesley; and Verna, William and Grace, at home. Mr. Qualley, in religious faith, is a Lutheran, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Republican, and is now serving as one of the supervisors of Exeter township. Among the social orders he is a member of Dayton Lodge, F. & A. M., and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of the most industrious, progressive and successful men of Exeter township.

**MRS. CHRISTOPHER F. SCHROEDER,** a well-known resident of Platteville, and a representative of a prominent pioneer family of Grant county, was born in Smelser township Oct. 23, 1845, and is a daughter of Dedrick and Maria M. (Melvin) Harms.

The father was born March 30, 1805, in Hanover, Germany, where he was reared and educated, and in 1834 sailed from Bremen, and arrived in New Orleans after a long and tedious voyage. By flat-boat he came up the Mississippi river to Dubuque, Iowa, where he worked at day labor, and later found employment in the mines. The same year, however, he came to Grant county, Wis., and com-



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menced working in the mines here. At that time he was unmarried, and in very limited circumstances. In 1839 he was joined by his brother John, and together they invested their money in land, always doing business under the firm name of D. & J. Harms. Their first purchase was the claim of a Mr. Hazard, who had commenced to break the land, and to it they added from time to time, as their financial resources increased, until they owned a large amount of property. The partnership between the two brothers continued until the death of Dedrick, Sept. 3, 1882. He was married in Galena, Ill., Aug. 6, 1843, to Miss Maria M. Melvin, a native of Bloomington, Ind., and a daughter of James A. and Sarah S. (Roberts) Melvin. Her mother was born in Virginia, of Holland ancestry, while her father was born near the city of Baltimore, Md. He brought his family to Grant county, Wis., about 1831, becoming a farmer of Belmont township. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk war, and during those troublesome times his family twice went to the fort at Mineral Point for protection. Both Mr. and Mrs. Melvin died in Nebraska. After his marriage Dedrick Harms located on the old homestead in Smelser township, where he engaged in farming and stock raising throughout the remainder of his life. Although he came to the New World empty-handed, by industry and good management he became one of the most successful and substantial citizens of his community. Politically he was a Democrat, and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. She departed this life March 10, 1898. Their children were as follows: John C., born June 6, 1844, died March 13, 1871; Mary I., born Oct. 23, 1845, is the next in order of birth; Henry H., born Feb. 16, 1848, died Nov. 9, 1898; Dedrick W., born Jan. 30, 1850, died April 23, 1856; James W., born Feb. 20, 1852, and Louis L., born Oct. 7, 1853, are both represented elsewhere in this volume; Martha J., born April 15, 1855, died June 25, 1886; Sarah E., born May 8, 1857, is the wife of Dr. A. R. Law, of Madison, Wis.; Emily M., born April 9, 1860, and George L., born April 25, 1862, live on the old home farm; and the youngest, born Nov. 3, 1864, died in infancy.

Mary I. Harms grew to womanhood on her father's farm in Smelser township. and there she was married, Jan. 16, 1868, to Chris-

topher F. Schroeder, a native of Holstein, Germany, and a son of Peter and Anna (Scheel) Schroeder, who were also born in Germany, and on coming to this country first settled in Galena, Ill. In 1847 they became residents of Grant county, Wis., and later made their home in Lafayette county, this State, where the father improved a farm. He died in California, but the mother's death occurred in Wisconsin. Their children were Henry; Catharine, Mrs. Niehaus, of St. Paul, Minn.; Christopher F.; Frederick, of Lafayette county, Wis.; and Mary, of Platteville.

After his marriage Mr. Schroeder purchased a farm in Iowa county, Wis., where he made his home for fifteen years, at the end of which time he sold that place and bought a farm in Platteville township, Grant county, known as the "Block House farm." It is the oldest farm in the county, and was first owned by Mr. Krusen, then by John Stiles, later by Mr. Huntington, and then by Mr. Schroeder. This well improved and valuable tract of 360 acres is still owned by Mrs. Schroeder. Her husband died March 17, 1894. He was a Democrat in politics, and had served on the jury. With his wife he held membership in the Lutheran Church at Platteville. He was a man of exemplary habits, commendable purpose, and unbending integrity, and in all life's relations merited the confidence which was so freely accorded him. Mrs. Schroeder is a most estimable lady, and like her husband makes many friends. In their family were four children: (1) Anna Maria is now the wife of Jacob Brugger, Jr., of Platteville township, and they have four children, Clarence Elmer, Fernie Isabelle, Hazel May, and Herbert D. (2) George William, a resident of Plymouth county, Iowa, married Anna Scheel, and they have three children, Mabel Gert-rude, Ethel Isabelle and Bessie Helen. (3) James F. married Etta Johnson, and resides at home. (4) Ellen Jane died at the age of ten months..

JOHN ANTHONY, a leading stock and grain farmer of the town of Lima, Grant county, widely known as a capable and progressive man, was born in Pennsylvania, in January, 1857, and is a son of John and Louisa (Case) Anthony, both natives of Cornwall, Eng., where they were married. In 1856 they came to Wisconsin, and settled in Lafayette county,

where Mr. Anthony followed the tailoring trade for a time, and then engaged in mining. The celebrated Raisbeck mines at Meeker's Grove in Lafayette county, were discovered by him, and these mines he worked by lease for fifteen years, and met with large success in his mining operations, clearing up a considerable sum of money. In 1888 he purchased the farm where his son John now resides, and there died in 1889, leaving his wife with one son, John. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Anthony still resides at her home in Meeker's Grove.

John Anthony had his early education in the district schools of Lafayette county, and when a young man he learned the blacksmith trade, which has been his occupation for twelve years. In 1884 he married Miss Eva McReynolds, the daughter of Wilson and Jane McReynolds, an old and respected pioneer couple of Grant county. After marriage he settled on his present home property, which has been his home since that time, with the exception of two years which he spent in the Raisbeck mines. Mr. Anthony has given up the trade of blacksmithing, and confines himself to the operation of his farm. To him and his wife were born three children, all in the town of Lima: Frank W., born in 1885; Louisa J., born in 1887; and John, born in 1889, all of whom are students in the home school.

In politics Mr. Anthony has always been a Republican, and has been constable for eight years, and has been a delegate to the county convention several terms. Mr. Anthony is a member of the Washburn Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and in religion he has been reared in the Methodist Church. He is a young man of excellent business qualifications, and for a number of years has bought horses largely for the Chicago and eastern markets. Known throughout the community for his integrity and fair dealing, he has many friends and is highly esteemed.

J. E. KENNEY is numbered among the prominent business men of Cuba City, Grant county, where he conducts a large furniture and undertaking establishment.

Mr. Kenney was born in Jo Daviess county, Ill., Sept. 26, 1851, a son of Edward and Catherine (Fitzpatrick) Kenney. Edward Kenney was born in County Kilkenny, Ire-

land, in 1800, and his wife in Tipperary, Ireland, in 1811. They were married in Ireland in 1833, and four years later the father came to America, settling in Illinois, where he was joined by his wife and one daughter in 1844. The family located at the lead mines in Jo Daviess county, Ill. Here the father followed mining until 1855, when he purchased a farm in the southwestern part of Lafayette county, Wis., and remained thereon until his death, in November, 1884. His wife passed away in 1873. Both of these good people were earnest members of the Catholic Church, and the father was a Jacksonian Democrat, although he never took an active part in politics. Their family consisted of six children: (1) Mary, born in Ireland in October, 1834, came to America when ten years of age. She married William Nagle, of Jo Daviess county, a soldier of the Mexican war and one of the "49" Californians, who purchased land in Wisconsin. Mr. Nagle died in 1860 in the West, where he had gone to look after some of his interests. He left his wife and one daughter, Mary C., the wife of Allen Vandiver, of Missouri, later of Illinois, where she died, leaving three children, John E., Anice and William J. (2) Bridget T., born Oct. 17, 1845, died in 1867. (3) Ellen A., born Feb. 1, 1847, married William O'Rourke, of Lafayette county, who served three years in the Civil war, after which he moved to Lawler, Iowa. There Mrs. Ellen O'Rourke died, leaving ten children, John E., Mary C., Theresa, Lewis, Rose, William, Cyrillus, Thomas, Alice, and Maggie. (4) Michael J., born Sept. 14, 1848, who was educated in common schools of Wisconsin, married Bridget Brannon, of Missouri, and settled near St. Jo, that State, where the family still reside. In 1883 he went to Mexico for his health, later to Idaho, where he died in January, 1898, leaving a wife and four children, Mary C., Theresa, John and Thomas. (5) Catherine, born in February, 1850, died in April, 1869. (6) J. E. is our subject.

J. E. Kenney was educated in the public schools of Lafayette county. In 1879 he went to Salt Lake City, Utah, and successfully followed silver and lead mining for two years; then moved to the Wood river country, Idaho, and following mining for six years, part of which time he was manager for a Salt Lake City company. In 1886 he came back to Jo Daviess county, married, and returned with

his young wife to Idaho. In 1888, coming to Grant county, Wis., he settled in Cuba City, where he formed a partnership with John Walsh in a furniture and undertaking business, buying the latter out in 1894, since which time he has continued the establishment alone. In addition to their furniture and undertaking business Mr. Kenney and his partner were contractors and builders, and among their best contracts is the fine graded school building in Cuba City, as well as a number of business blocks and private residences. Mr. Kenney is a graduate of the embalming school of Illinois, and thoroughly understands every detail of his business. His undertaking establishment is furnished with all appliances; a full line of caskets is carried, and all the appointments are in excellent taste. In the furniture department purchasers find a full stock of the finest, as well as most substantially constructed, furniture, while prices are uniformly the lowest, taking into consideration the excellence of the articles.

In 1886 Mr. Kenney was married to Miss Mary M. Walsh, of Jo Daviess county, Ill., daughter of John and Johanna (Day) Walsh, pioneers of that county. Mrs. Kenney was born and reared in Jo Daviess county, growing to womanhood upon a farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Kenney have come three children: Mary Calista, born in Cuba City in August, 1889, who is now attending school; and Oscar and Oswald, twins, who died when seven months old.

Politically Mr. Kenney has always been identified with the Democratic party, has served most acceptably as alderman for four terms, treasurer two years, assessor two years, and was one of those who had the village incorporated. He has always taken a deep interest in local affairs, and is ready and willing to promote anything tending toward the advancement of the material prosperity of Cuba City. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kenney are consistent members of the Catholic Church, and he is a charter member of Branch No. 96, Catholic Knights of Wisconsin.

ALVIN F. ROTE, the capable and efficient superintendent of public schools in Monroe, Green county, is universally conceded to be one of Wisconsin's best equipped, most conscientious and most thorough educators.

Lewis Rote, our subject's father, was one

of Green county's most prominent and influential citizens, and a brief outline of his life is given in a succeeding paragraph. His mother's maiden name was Vashty C. Hitchcock, and her birthplace was Trumbull county, Ohio. She was a lady of rare refinement, innate grace and superior education, being a student of Hiram College, Ohio, of which President James A. Garfield was an alumnus. Prof. Rote lost her maternal love and care when he was but fifteen years old, but her memory yet remains to him fresh and sacred. She left two children, of whom Alvin F. was the elder. A daughter, Mary, was educated at the Monroe high school, and married F. F. White; she died years ago, leaving two daughters, and her husband has since followed her to the grave.

In order to get a correct comprehension of the career and services of Prof. Rote, it is necessary to recount the salient events in the life of his father, Lewis Rote, a man whose moral worth, blameless life and high intellectual attainments at once challenged admiration and enforced respect. Lewis Rote was born in Center county, Penn., Aug. 3, 1827. His parents removed to Venango county, in that State, and settled near Oil City, when he was a mere child of three years. At the age of sixteen he began the battle of life for himself, alternately working and teaching school until he found himself qualified to enter the college at Meadville, Penn. After three years' attendance at that school he began the study of law, and in 1853 came to Wisconsin. After halting at several points in the lead mining district he finally settled in Monroe. Here he taught school for several years before engaging in the practice of his profession. After the death of his first wife Lewis Rote married Edna Bancroft, of Portage county, Ohio, who survived him. In 1884 he moved to Pierce, Neb., and engaged in farming, which vocation he followed until his death, on Nov. 23, 1899. During his residence in Monroe he was a prominent and influential citizen, being several times elected village clerk, a member of the school board, and justice of the peace. He was a man of uncompromising integrity, and absolutely fearless in maintaining what he believed to be the truth. Quiet and unobtrusive in demeanor and habits, he was none the less genial of temperament and generous at heart. After settling in Nebraska he was elected county judge, but resigned the office before the ex-

piration of his term. He was an uncompromising Republican, and an earnest worker for his party, being an effective speaker and an admirable organizer. Many of the older residents bear testimony to his ability as an educator, and he was for many years one of the leaders of the Green county Bar.

Alvin F. Rote was born July 6, 1858, in Monroe. Immediately upon graduation from the Monroe high school he matriculated at the State University at Madison. At the close of his Sophomore year he taught in the high school in the city of his birth, discharging the duties of that position with a fidelity and ability which won universal commendation. Returning to the university, he completed his course, and graduated in 1882. He was at once appointed principal of the high school at Neenah, Wis., where he remained four years. The nine years following were passed, four at Berlin and five at Beloit, and in 1895 he entered upon the duties of his present office.

While teaching at Neenah Mr. Rote was married to Miss Mary W. Krueger, of that place, whose father, William Krueger, was one of the early pioneers of Winnebago county. They have one son, Robert, who was born in Berlin in 1888.

Prof. Rote is an enthusiast in his work, and under his skillful management and watchful oversight the schools of Monroe compare favorably with those of any other city of like size in the State, the diploma of the high school being accepted at Madison as sufficient evidence of fitness to enter the university. Fraternally our subject is a Royal Arch Mason, being affiliated with the Beloit Chapter. In religious faith he is a Universalist.

JOHN LONGBOTHAM, merchant, banker and real-estate dealer in Dickeysville, Grant county, was born in the town of Paris, that county, in 1852, a son of Thomas and Hannah (Wreakes) Longbotham.

Our subject's parents were natives of Yorkshire, England, the father born May 13, 1807, and the mother in June, 1821. They came to Grant county in 1841, and here Mr. Longbotham was engaged in selling ore for a time, after which he went into farming, in Paris. He bought a good farm, where he made his permanent residence. Here his wife died in 1880, and he on Sept. 22, 1892. Mr. Longbotham in his earlier days voted the Demo-

cratic ticket, and later was a Republican. A prominent and popular man in his section, he was called upon to fill many local offices, and was widely known for his ability and unswerving integrity. He was the father of six children: (1) William, who was born in Potosi, Grant county, obtained his education in the Platteville public schools, and is engaged in business at Lawrence, Neb., where he is living. He is unmarried. (2) Elijah, born at Potosi, married Miss Celia Taylor, and settled at Rockford, Iowa, where he died recently, leaving two children, Ella and Overton. (3) Thomas, born at Dickeysville, married Miss Alvira Gillmore, of Dubuque, Iowa, and they have one son, Thomas. He is now in business at Platteville, being one of the leading liverymen of Grant county. (4) Rebecca A., born in the town of Paris, was educated in the home schools and in the Platteville Normal, and became a partner with her brother John in the store, which partnership has continued for some eighteen years. Miss Longbotham was appointed postmaster at Dickeysville under the first administration of President Cleveland, and is still holding that position. (5) John is the fifth child of his parents. (6) Joseph, born in Paris, grew to manhood on the old homestead, and is now cashier of the Farmers Bank of Cuba City, where he is doing a fine business. For some years he lived at Platteville, moving to his present location and business in 1898. He married Miss Kittie Matthews, of Dickeysville. The Longbothams are all Republicans, and have all been more or less prominently identified with the Methodist Church.

John Longbotham was reared on the family estate, and acquired his education in the common schools. While still quite young he had charge of his father's business to a considerable extent, and in 1880, in company with his sister, engaged in a general mercantile business in Dickeysville. During the intervening years he has continuously dealt in real estate, making a specialty of desirable farm lands, and has handled some of the choicest farm property in this part of the State. He belongs to a syndicate extensively interested in lands in the northern part of the State. By close attention to business and wise management Mr. Longbotham has become one of the wealthy men of his part of the county. In 1890, and again in 1892, he was elected to the Gen-

eral Assembly, and has served his constituents most acceptably. In financial affairs Mr. Longbotham has taken a conspicuous part, in 1890 organizing the Farmers Bank of Cuba City, of which he is president. He also founded a bank at Stevens Point, of which he is vice-president. He is one of the prominent figures in the business world in this part of the State, and sustains a high reputation for honesty and integrity in all his business dealings. Mr. Longbotham has never married.

**HARLAN J. JOHNSON**, Lancaster, Wis. This gentleman is the owner and publisher of the *Grant County Herald*, the oldest established weekly paper in Southwestern Wisconsin. It was founded in 1843 by J. C. Cover, and has occupied an important place in journalistic circles ever since. Mr. Johnson took charge of the *Herald* in April, 1900, purchasing the same from C. R. Showalter. It is not his first experience in newspaper work, he having founded the *Dial-Enterprise*, at Boscobel, in company with Fred A. Myers, which was conducted most successfully under his management until March 1, 1900, at which time he disposed of his interests to Mr. Myers and removed to Lancaster, the county seat, where a broader field of work was open.

Harlan J. Johnson was born in Boscobel Dec. 23, 1872, and is a son of Jens O. Johnson, a native of Norway, and an emigrant to this country at the age of sixteen years. The paternal Johnson located at Boscobel after he had attended the academy at Albion, Wis., where he was graduated. In this city he engaged in insurance and became quite successful. In 1874 he removed to Northfield, Minn., and soon after received the appointment of adjutant for the German Insurance Co., of Freeport. He was holding this position at the time of his death, March 15, 1885. He was a soldier of the Civil war. Fraternally he was a Mason, and also belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic, taking a lively interest in everything that tended to preserve the feeling of comradeship and fraternity among the old veterans. He began life for himself as a poor boy, and though he died early was able to leave a very considerable competence for those who came after him. Mrs. Jens O. Johnson, born Betsy J. Rice, was a daughter of Moors and Clarissa (Phillips) Rice. She was born in New Hampshire Aug. 4, 1840, and married

Mr. Johnson Dec. 23, 1866. She is still living in Boscobel. Mr. and Mrs. Jens O. Johnson were the parents of four children, of whom only two are living: Cora died at the age of nineteen years; Harlan J. is our subject; Gertrude is living at home; and Louise died when she reached the age of nineteen years.

Harlan J. Johnson had his early education in the public schools of Northfield, Minn., and at Boscobel, Wis. In the month of February, 1892, he entered the office of the *Boscobel Dial*, and in the month of May, three years later, he purchased the *Boscobel Leader*, in company with Fred A. Myers. They changed the name to the *Enterprise*, and in October, 1895, consolidated it with their newly-purchased property, the *Dial*, and gave the new paper the name of *The Dial-Enterprise*.

Harlan J. Johnson was married to Miss Mildred Muffley, June 23, 1896. She is a daughter of L. Muffley, and was born in Boscobel Oct. 7, 1878. They are the fond parents of three children, Carl M., Mildred L. and Frances R.

**DAVID BURRINGTON**, who owns a fine farm of forty acres in the village of Browntown, Green county, is a descendant of a family who came to America shortly after the arrival of the "Mayflower," and whose progeny are scattered all over the United States. Ami Burrington, the great-grandfather of David, a native of Connecticut, was the father of four children that grew to maturity, namely: Edward, Hulda, Rensselaer and Lucinda.

Edward Burrington, son of Ami, married Lydia Merritt, of Vermont, and reared a family of five children: Reuben; Wilber, of Minnesota; Amanda, who wedded Lucius Griswold; Lewis, deceased; and Perry, of Wisconsin.

Reuben Burrington, son of Edward, was born May 5, 1829, in Orleans county, Vt., and at the age of seven years was taken by his parents to Pennsylvania, where they remained some years, and then moved to Ohio. On Jan. 1, 1857, he married Miss Cordelia Meacham, daughter of Hosea and Mary (Nichols) Meacham, who originally came from New York State, and were of Scottish origin. Mr. and Mrs. Meacham had a family of six children: L. R., of Clark county, Wis.; Cordelia, Mrs. Burrington, born in 1834; William R., killed at Fort Jackson, La., in the Civil war;



Fannie B., wife of Jacob Dietz, of Monroe, Wis.; John, a farmer of Cadiz township; and Horace, a farmer in Clark county, Wis. Walter W., an adopted son, resides in Brodhead, Wis. Hosea Meacham was a son of Lyman Meacham, who was born in New York, and was the father of the following children: Hosea, Bettie, Lydia, Nancy, Lucina, Sallie, Ann, Milo, Daniel, Jeremiah, Jeannette, Lucy, Noah, Lucinda. To Reuben Burrington and his wife were born nine children, of whom seven survive, those beside our subject being: Eva, wife of Boyd Niles, of Green county; Hosea, who married Ellen Bouffman; Daniel, who married Minnie Mohov, of Chicago; William, who wedded Hattie Murr, of Naperville, Ill.; Fannie, wife of James Flannery, of Jordan township; and Mabel, wife of Charles McCoy, of Argyle, Wis. Reuben Burrington served in the Civil war as a member of Battery D, 1st Wisconsin Volunteer Heavy Artillery.

David Burrington, son of Reuben, was born July 4, 1862, and was reared to manhood on the farm in Green county, receiving such literary training as could be obtained in the neighborhood schools. At the age of twenty he went to Colorado, remained one year, and then, returning to Wisconsin, found employment on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road as section foreman, with headquarters at Gratiot, Wis. He efficiently discharged the duties of this position until 1899, when he resigned, removing to Browntown, where he had purchased land. He is now engaged in the dairy business in connection with farming, and is meeting with no little success.

On April 5, 1888, Mr. Burrington was married to Miss Minnie Huebner, daughter of C. F. and Mary Huebner, and by her had four children, three of whom are now living: Charles, Ervin and Florence. Mrs. Burrington died Dec. 19, 1894, and on May 23, 1896, Mr. Burrington married Miss Marguerite Long, daughter of Casper and Elmira (Long) Long, residents of Browntown, Wis., of German descent. Two children have been born of this second union, one that died in infancy, and Hazel. Mr. Burrington has taken an active interest in public affairs, and during his residence at Gratiot was a member of the village board. Politically he always votes the Republican ticket. As a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church he takes a part in all church work. Socially he belongs to Gratiot

Lodge, No. 118, of the Masonic fraternity, of which he has served as secretary for a number of years, and at Browntown is a member of the M. W. A., Pearl Camp, No. 1141.

R. B. LUCKEY, one of the leading merchants of Cuba City, Grant county, and a man who plays an important part in the commercial life of that locality, was born in Iowa in September, 1867, a son of Stephen and Sophia (Day) Luckey.

Stephen Luckey was born in Pennsylvania, in 1829, while his wife was born in Ohio, in 1844, and, her parents dying when she was but a child, she was reared by a sister. Stephen Luckey was reared to manhood in Pennsylvania and New York, later coming West to Rock county, Wis., where he remained until 1865. Then he moved to Iowa, was a traveling salesman until his death, which sad event occurred at Mt. Hope, Wis., in 1891, his wife having passed away in 1883. Mr. Luckey had been twice married. His first wife, Mariah Ward, an eastern lady, became the mother of two sons: John, born in Wisconsin in 1850, moved to Colorado in 1879, married, and is now a prosperous real-estate agent; and George, born in Wisconsin in 1852, married Ella Hayse, resides at Richland Centre, where he is engaged in the livery business (they have two children, Bessy and Blanch). By his marriage with Sophia Day Mr. Luckey became the father of three sons: Jay, born and educated in Iowa, married a Miss Dax, of Dubuque, Iowa, and has been traveling salesman for the Miller Broom works for some sixteen years; Guy is single, and in business at Richland Centre as a liveryman; and our subject.

R. B. Luckey grew to manhood in Iowa, attending the graded schools, and later engaged as clerk in the general store of W. H. Proctor, at Monticello, for some eight years. In the fall of 1886 he embarked as a merchant at Fillmore, Iowa, continuing there until 1893, when he removed to Cuba City, opened a general store, and now has the largest establishment of its kind in the city. Mr. Luckey making a specialty of boots and shoes. The stock carried is a fine one, averaging about \$10,000, and every facility is afforded for the accommodation of the patrons, while the goods are of the latest design. By his upright methods he has firmly established himself in the business life of Cuba City.

In 1893 Mr. Luckey married Miss Rachel Longendyke, of Fillmore, Iowa, daughter of Peter and Eliza Longendyke, of Kingston, N. Y. Mrs. Luckey was born at Kingston, N. Y., and well educated in her native State. Her parents moved to Monticello, Iowa, where they both died. Mr. and Mrs. Luckey have one son, Cort, born in Iowa, who is a student in the Cuba City schools. Politically Mr. Luckey has always adhered to the principles of the Republican party, and for five years has served as a member of the board of councilmen, giving entire satisfaction. Mr. Luckey is an active member of Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 2753, of Cuba City. Both Mr. and Mrs. Luckey are prominently identified with the M. E. Church, although not members, and very generous in the support of all church work. They are pleasant people, whose circle of friends is daily widening, while Mr. Luckey is highly esteemed for his reliable way of doing business, and his ability to keep in touch with public demands, so as to provide exactly what is most desired.

ARTHUR DOYLE is one of those sturdy natives of old Ireland who have made their adopted country proud to call them her own.

Born in County Wicklow, Ireland, March 17, 1840, Mr. Doyle is a son of Andrew and Mary A. (Byrne) Doyle, both of whom were natives of Ireland, born about 1808, and married in that country. In 1853 the family reached Hazel Green, Grant county, where Mr. Doyle settled down to farming, and there spent the remainder of his life, owning at the time of his demise a fine farm of many acres. He lived to be seventy-four years old, his wife surviving until 1894. Both were consistent members of the Catholic Church. They left the following named children: Catherine, who married John O'Sullivan, of Smelser, died leaving six children. Sarah is Mrs. Joseph Baufield of Cuba City, Wis., and has a family of five children, one of whom, Thomas F., is now a priest, in charge of St. Joseph's Church, Houston, Texas. Margaret married Patrick Merrigan, of Jo Daviess county, Ill., and is now a widow residing in Union county, S. Dak.; she has a large family. Patrick married Mary Quinlan, and moved to Nebraska, where he died in 1897. Julia A. is the widow of Thomas Badsfuid, of Smelser, and has a large family, one son, William, being a Catholic

priest in Bankston, Iowa. Andrew married Mary Morgan, of his own country, and resides in Yankton, S. Dak. Bridget married George Schroer, and resides in Cuba City, with two children, Lulu and Mary. Charles, the first born in Grant county, married Maggie Byrne, and settled on the old homestead in Hazel Green township, where he died in 1893, leaving six children, who reside in Platteville.

Our subject was a student before coming to America, and continued his education in Hazel Green. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, 90th Ill. V. I., termed the "Irish Legion" because of the large number of gallant sons of Erin in its ranks, and served under Grant and Sherman, participating in the battle of Vicksburg, and both battles of Missionary Ridge. He suffered from three wounds, one of these being in the breast, and saw much hard service, being in many engagements and making long marches. On account of his wounds he was honorably discharged, and came home a sergeant, having risen from the ranks.

Returning to his old home in Hazel Green township, our subject again took up peaceful pursuits, but the hand that has wielded a gun needs time before it can accustom itself to the plow, and it was not until 1866 that Mr. Doyle settled down to hard work on a farm. Owning eighty acres of prairie land near Cuba City, given him by his father, he began its improvement, adding to it until at present he owns a fine estate of 280 acres, so improved and cultivated that it ranks with any in Grant county. His comfortable, modern dwelling, excellent buildings and flourishing orchards, make his place an ideal country home.

Mr. Doyle was married in 1865 to Miss Catherine Walsh, a daughter of Nicholas and Mary Walsh, old pioneers. Her father was born in Ireland, her mother in Kentucky, and they resided in Illinois at the time of the birth of Mrs. Doyle, in October, 1842. She received her education at the Sisters' school in Benton, and is an estimable lady. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle: Mary A., Charles and Sarah are deceased. Andrew died when a young man, in 1887. Mary, born in 1872, died in 1890; she was a student at St. Clair Academy. Rev. Nicholas, born Nov. 3, 1869, received his early education in the Georgetown school, entered St. Francis Seminary, at Milwaukee, where he was educated

for the priesthood, spending ten years in that school, and was ordained in July, 1892. He had charge first of Ridgeway parish, and died April 29, 1895, in Shullsburg, his death being a terrible affliction to his family. Patrick M., born in 1873, was a student at Cuba City, and finished his education at St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, but on account of failing health spent five years in Texas, and is now a member of the mercantile firm of Donohoo, Splinter & Co., in Cuba City. Charles P., born in 1877, received a finished education at St. Joseph's College, and is one of the partners in the above mentioned firm. Thomas F., born in 1881, is a graduate of the Cuba City high school, and now a student at St. Joseph's College. Malda, born in 1883, is a graduate in the class of 1900, of the Cuba City high school, and now attending school at St. Clara's Academy, Sinsinawa, Wis. Maggie E., born in 1885, is a student in the high school at Cuba City.

After his return from the army our subject was made town treasurer, continuing in office during 1864-65. Politically he has always been identified with the Democratic party, and he has efficiently filled the position of chairman of his township and also that of assessor. As a leading and prominent politician Mr. Doyle has been before the public many years, and has always been found one upon whom the lime-light of public criticism discloses no flaw. Devoted to his church, he is one of its cheerful and generous supporters, and of every Catholic charity that comes to his notice. Generous to his family, he has spent large sums of money on their education, and they reflect credit upon him, being among the most intelligent and cultured members of the community. Grant county has no finer specimen of politician, farmer, or veteran of the Civil war than she finds in Arthur Doyle.

WALTER WILLIAM PECK, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of southwestern Wisconsin, is a native of the State, born Jan. 19, 1860, in Lafayette county, at Darlington, a son of L. S. and Lovisa (Robinson) Peck, both of whom were natives of New York, and became residents of Lafayette county in 1858. They now reside in the city of Kilbourn, Wisconsin.

Our subject is one of a family of three members; George is a pharmacist, residing in Chicago; and Clara resides with her parents.

Dr. Peck received a high-school education in Darlington, and began the study of medicine with Dr. Smith, finally graduating at Rush Medical College, Chicago, in the class of 1883. The whole of his medical career has been passed in Lafayette county. He was located in Fayette six and one-half years, having moved thither immediately after graduation, and for twelve years has been kept busy with his growing practice in Darlington. In 1895 he was graduated from the New York Post-Graduate Medical School, making a specialty of surgery and diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Dr. Peck is recognized as a man of marked ability in his profession, and has become one of the most trusted members of the medical fraternity in the State. In surgery, especially, is he considered very skillful. He has been prominently identified with the city's interests, and has gained the esteem of the community. He is chairman of the town and county boards. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge and Commandery, and also of the K. of P.

On May 3, 1888, Dr. Peck married Miss Nannie Moore Parkinson, a daughter of Peter Parkinson, and a granddaughter of Daniel Morgan Parkinson. One daughter has come to Dr. and Mrs. Peck, Helene, born Feb. 9, 1891.

COL. DANIEL MORGAN PARKINSON. No name in the pioneer history of Lafayette county is entitled to greater honor, or more worthy a place in the Commemorative Record of Southwestern Wisconsin, than that of Parkinson. The head of the family was Daniel Morgan Parkinson, who was born in Carter county, East Tennessee, Oct. 20, 1790. His father, Peter Parkinson, was a sturdy Scotchman, and on the maternal side he was descended from famous Revolutionary ancestry, his mother being Mary Morgan, a sister of Gen. Daniel Morgan, the commander of Morgan's famous riflemen in the war for independence.

Col. Parkinson's father died when he was a child of two years, the mother being left with seven small children to support, and in a wilderness of the new Southwest, which was overrun by savages, and whose forests had but just begun to echo to the blows of the axe of the white man. But the faithful and



*W. W. Peck, m. d.*



energetic mother proved equal to the conditions in which she was placed, and reared her children, though without the advantages of education, to be esteemed and honorable citizens. On attaining to manhood our subject left his native place and located in White county, in his native State, later removing to Madison county, Ill., thence to Sangamon county, in the same State.

At about this time the tide of migration set in toward the lead regions of southwestern Wisconsin, and in 1827 Mr. Parkinson located at New Diggings, then in Iowa county. In 1829 he removed to Mineral Point, and there erected the third cabin at that place, this cabin becoming known as "Mineral Point Hotel," and here many a tired miner and weary traveler found refreshment and rest. In 1833 he entered a quarter section of land in what is now the town of Willow Springs, and later erected a house thereon, and this became the homestead of the family. Here Daniel Parkinson died, on Oct. 1, 1868, at the age of seventy-eight. This place was known among the early settlers as "Prairie Spring Hotel." No man was better known or more highly esteemed among the pioneers than he, and among his intimate friends were such men as Gov. Henry Dodge, Ebenezer Bingham, William D. Hamilton, Charles Bracken, Abner Nichols, J. P. Cox, Levi Sterling, Judge J. W. Blackstone, and many other men of prominence.

Mr. Parkinson served as captain, major and colonel, successively, of Territorial militia, and saw service in the Winnebago war as lieutenant, later, in the Black Hawk war, commanding the 5th Company, Mich. Mounted Volunteers, where he earned great praise as an Indian tactician. Three times he was elected to the Territorial Legislature, and often held a seat on the county board of supervisors of Iowa county. In 1846 he was elected to represent the county of Iowa in the Constitutional Convention of that year. Despite the dissolute associations of the early days Col. Parkinson was a sturdy exponent of temperance tenets, and never indulged, nor allowed liquor to appear in his household. So thoroughly did he instill temperance principles into the minds of his three sons that they all arrived at maturity without knowing the taste of liquor.

In physical form Col. Parkinson was of herculean build, having been six feet, six inches

in height, and well proportioned. In politics he was a staunch adherent of Andrew Jackson, and on all occasions, and in all places, maintained his Democratic sentiments. Previous to coming to Iowa county he had contracted his first marriage, with Elizabeth Hyder, who was a first cousin of Gen. Wade Hampton's father. To this union three sons were born, Peter, William and Nathaniel. Col. Parkinson married twice subsequently, and his last wife, like the others, preceded her husband to the better land. The only surviving member of his immediate family is his son William, who, at a very advanced age, resides at Mineral Point.

Peter Parkinson, the eldest son, was born in Carter county, Tenn., Jan. 22, 1813, and became no less distinguished in Lafayette county than was his honored father. In 1819 the family removed to southern Illinois, and settled in Silver Creek, twenty-five miles east of St. Louis, which was then on the Western frontier, and St. Louis but a small village. In August, 1828, he came to Wisconsin, his father and the rest of the family having come the previous year. In 1832, with his brother, Nathaniel T. Parkinson, he settled in the town of Fayette, which was ever after his home. In that year he and his brother broke sixty acres of land, which was the first farm of any considerable size made in the town. On this farm he and his brother, both then unmarried, lived together for five years, and increased its extent to 400 acres.

In 1832, when but nineteen years of age, young Parkinson took an active part in the Black Hawk war, participating in the famous battle of Pecatonica, in which every Indian engaged was slain, and when he died the last survivor of the bloodiest battle of the Black Hawk war passed away. In the battle of Wisconsin he also took part, and assisted in the burying of many of the men who were slain. In 1854 he was a member of the State Legislature from Lafayette county, and one of the four members who had the courage to vote against the Kansas-Nebraska resolutions of that body. As a legislator he was active and influential in the passage of several laws in the interests of the people at large, and was the author of that part of the Mechanics' Lien Law which extended its provisions, which have now been embodied into the laws of every State in the Union. In 1855, during the Kan-

sas-Nebraska troubles, he was appointed by President Pierce to the office of lieutenant in Company A, Dragoons, 3d Cavalry, U. S. A. While at St. Louis, on his way to report at Jefferson Barracks, the sudden and dangerous illness of his wife compelled him to resign at once; had not the unfortunate event occurred, there is no doubt but his military career, begun so auspiciously, would have increased the lustre of that gallant regiment. Col. Parkinson served as county commissioner, chairman of the town board, and justice of the peace, although he had never sought office nor position. A number of times he was president of the Agricultural Society of his county; of the Old Settlers Society; and of the Pioneer Association, which he organized.

While never engaged in the practice of law, Col. Parkinson was familiar with its principles, possessed an excellent knowledge of the provisions of the statutes, and argued a case before a justice of the peace as well as a practicing attorney. As a writer he was strong and vigorous, and on some topics was considered the best writer in Lafayette county. The prominent traits of his character were firmness and decision; he was sincere and ardent in his friendships, had no sympathy or patience with littleness or meanness, and was ever severe in condemnation of the evil doer. An old neighbor said of him that he was ever ready to do right himself, and to make others do right. Prominently identified with town, county and State, to the close of his life, he was able to relate many interesting incidents of the early days.

In December, 1837, Mr. Parkinson was married to Lucy McCollum, and theirs was the first marriage ceremony performed in Lafayette county. Two sons and a daughter were born to this marriage: The elder of the sons is Judge John D. Parkinson, who has for many years been circuit judge of the 25th district of the State of Missouri, with residence at Kansas City; the younger son, Thomas Benton, was killed at Little Rock, in the war of the Rebellion; the daughter died in infancy. Mrs. Lucy Parkinson died April 5, 1842. In 1847 he married Cleantha S. Welch, of Madison, Wis., and by this marriage four daughters were born: Lucy Helena became Mrs. Derrick, of Oil City, Penn., and died many years ago; Iantha Corinne is now Mrs. Abby, of Beebe, Ark.; Tessie Alberta is now Mrs.

Jenkins, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Mary. Mrs. Parkinson died in 1862, and in November, 1864, Mr. Parkinson married Sarah A. Moore, of Old Belmont, youngest daughter of the late Col. John Moore, an old pioneer of this county. Three children were born of this union: Nannie Moore, the wife of Dr. Walter William Peck, of Darlington; Philip, who resides on the old homestead; and Elizabeth, who is now a student in the University of Wisconsin. The honored father died in his old home in Fayette, May 30, 1894, in his eighty-second year.

In many respects Mr. Parkinson was a remarkable man, having inherited from his ancestors a strong constitution, and he possessed a large and powerful frame, with a dignified and commanding presence. Thoroughly understanding the politics of the country, and possessing a remarkable memory, he was enabled to make valuable contributions to the State Historical Society. It was the universal sentiment, of the county and of the State, when Peter Parkinson passed away, that his example and influence had been such as to leave lasting marks upon the generations to come in the state he loved and served so well. The last Mrs. Parkinson survived her distinguished husband a few years, passing away on April 7, 1898.

CHARLES E. BONSON, proprietor of the Platteville bus line, one of the solid and substantial men of that place, is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Grant county. His birth occurred in Platteville Dec. 12, 1850, and he is the son of John and Fannie S. (Stephens) Bonson.

The paternal grandfather of Charles E. Bonson, Dr. Richard Bonson, with his wife, Isabella, came to Platteville in 1836, being an old pioneer of Grant county. He engaged in smelting ore, and followed that occupation the remainder of his life. At his death he left two sons, Edward and John, the former of whom was killed by lightning when yet a young man.

John Bonson, the father of our subject, was born in England in 1827, and his wife in Cornwall, England, in 1833. Their marriage occurred in 1850. At that time John Bonson was a butcher, but later he purchased a farm, which he conducted until his death, in 1872; his wife is still living, residing in Platteville.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Bonson, four of whom died in infancy. Charles E. is our subject. Isabel is now the wife of Robert Chapman, of Kansas City, and has a family of seven children, Frank, Thomas, Emma, Cora, Faye, Ella and Fannie. Frank, born in Grant county, married Mary Churchill, and resides in Platteville, being assessor of the town; they have seven children, Harry E., Jessie, Nellie, Leta, Charles, Frank and Bessie. Annie L., born in Platteville, is now the wife of Cyrus Huntingdon, and has three sons, Alden, Jesse and Eddie. Nettie L. was born and educated in Platteville, receiving a fine musical training; she is now the wife of William Nehls, formerly a hardware dealer of Platteville, but now residing at Benton, Wis., and there are two daughters in this family, Nellie W. and Helen. Ella, a very charming young lady, was taken away by death when still a young girl.

The mother of our subject was a daughter of Michael and Mary (Cowlin) Stephens, who were both born in Cornwall, England, and came to this country in 1842, the father's twin brother, John, having made the trip one year previously. Ten years later, in 1852, they crossed the plains to California, working in the mines for some two years, after which they returned to Platteville, locating on a farm, where they remained the rest of their lives. Mrs. Stephens died in 1881, and Mr. Stephens in 1886. Of the ten children born to this worthy couple, William C., Jane J., John, Fannie S., Elizabeth A., Samuel C., Mary A., J. C., Emily and Ellen, five are still living. William C. married, and settled in Platteville, where he died in 1897. Jane J. is the wife of J. Stevens, and now resides in Platteville. John, now a resident of California, has a family of three daughters. Fannie S. was the mother of our subject. Elizabeth A. married John Trenary, and now resides at Belmont, Wis. Samuel C., born in England, is now a resident of Sioux City, Iowa, is married, and has two sons, Arthur and Frank, both residents of Laura, Neb. Mary A. married James Nicholas, and died leaving two daughters. Mrs. John McCabe and Mrs. Louella Graham, wife of Joel Graham, both of Platteville. Emily married Edwin Johnson, and died leaving two children, Edwin A. and Eva J., of Platteville. Ellen was born in Platteville in 1842, the only one of this family born in America;

in September, 1876, she became the wife of Ambrose Tregenown, of Platteville; they have no family. Mr. Stephens, the father of this large family, was counted among the prominent pioneer citizens of the State, and was actively identified with the interests of Platteville, being very popular on account of his pleasant, genial manner, and many excellent qualities. In religious matters he was an earnest member of the M. E. Church, and in politics was first a Whig, when that party was merged into the Republican party becoming an ardent adherent of its principles.

Charles E. Bonson, our subject, was educated in the excellent schools of Platteville, after which he engaged in farming until 1882, when he embarked in his present enterprise. His stables are well equipped, and his vehicles thoroughly modern in every respect. By prompt service and an accommodating spirit Mr. Bonson has built up a very flourishing business, which is constantly on the increase.

In 1874 Charles E. Bonson married Miss Mary Hough, of Platteville, who was born in 1854, daughter of Ephraim Hough, one of the old pioneers of Grant county, and was a lady of culture and education. In 1898 Mrs. Bonson died, at her home in Platteville, leaving her husband and four children: Fannie I., born and educated in Platteville, married, in 1896, Scott Loveland, of Platteville, and has one daughter, Mary; John, born and educated in Platteville, a graduate of business college, is not married, and resides at home; Miss Ella, born and educated in Platteville, is attending the State Normal; Ora, born in Platteville, is still a student at the State Normal.

In December, 1898, Mr. Bonson married Mrs. Sarah R. Thomas, a most estimable lady, who is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. Politically Mr. Bonson has always been identified with the Republican party, and socially he is connected with the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America.

WILDER B. JACOBS, of Avoca, Iowa county, is one of the most highly esteemed citizens, and an honored survivor of years of dangerous service in the war of the Rebellion. Worthily has he been placed in the position of commander of the Henry Lawton Post, No. 279, G. A. R., at Muscoda, Wisconsin.

Mr. Jacobs was born in the town of Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y., in November,



1843, a son of Gustavus and Harriet (Perkins) Jacobs, both of whom were born in the town of Rutland, Rutland Co., Vt. Gustavus Jacobs was a sergeant in the war of 1812, and his father, the grandfather of Wilder B., was a captain in the war of the Revolution, and perhaps the patriotic blood of his forefathers flowed with vigor in the veins of our subject, and produced the results which won for him such a record for gallantry. By trade Gustavus Jacobs was a ship carpenter, and his assistance was required in the building of the fleet by which Commodore Perry gained the victory of Lake Erie. For many years he followed his trade, and at the time of the birth of our subject he was engaged in boat building on the Genesee Valley canal at Mt. Morris, N. Y., but later removed to Angelica, Allegany county, but in 1855 the family, comprising the parents and three sons, came to Wisconsin and settled in Sauk county, the children being: Palmedus P., Burley A., and Wilder B. In the fall of 1855 another son, Henry, with his family, also came to Wisconsin, these being all who located in this State. The present survivors of the family are: Gustavus, Jr., Palmedus, Wilder B. and Hannah. The parents removed from Sauk county to Platteville, Wis., about 1869, where they died in 1875, the father surviving the mother by a few months. They were far advanced in life, the father aged ninety-four, and the mother but a few years younger. Both were highly esteemed and consistent members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Jacobs was a powerful man physically and intellectually, and was a profound student of the Bible, his knowledge of that Book being remarkable.

Wilder B. Jacobs passed his young manhood on the farm in Sauk county until his enlistment at Prairie du Sac, on Sept. 23, 1861, in the 6th Battery, Wis. Light Artillery, as a private, and remained in the service until July 3, 1865. This battery served in Mississippi, Missouri, Alabama and Georgia, and Mr. Jacobs participated, with his command, in these battles, which are enrolled upon the pages of American history as examples of bravery for which a nation must ever be proud: Island No. 10; siege of Corinth, in the spring of 1862; battle of Corinth, on Oct. 3-4, 1862; Port Gibson; Willow Springs; battle of Raymond; battle of Jackson; Champion Hills; siege of Vicksburg; Missionary Ridge; and

battle of Nashville, and other minor engagements. This battery lost a large number of men; at the battle of Corinth alone it lost eighteen brave men, while twenty-three were wounded. As worthy of mention, Mr. Jacobs took part in all these battles, and was never absent from the battery when even a skirmish took place.

After the close of the war Mr. Jacobs was engaged by the Prairie du Chien division of the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad as a conductor, and in this position he remained for seventeen years. In 1879 he went to Minnesota and South Dakota, running in the same capacity from St. James, Minn., to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the following three years, and was then employed on the St. Paul system, running from Sanborn, Iowa, to Mitchell, S. Dak. In the fall of 1896 he came to Avoca, where he has since resided. His long and exhausting army service told upon his health, and it has never been satisfactory since, although he did not allow it to prevent a busy life. His brother, Henry Jacobs, was a member of Company K, 23d Reg. Wis. Vols., and died on the steamer "John H. Dickey," from a wound received at Arkansas Post, while his brother-in-law, Philander S. May, served in the same company, and also gave up his life.

Wilder B. Jacobs was married Sept. 1, 1865, to Miss Mary V. Parish, a native of the town of Muscoda, who has the distinction of being the oldest white native living in that place. Her father was a lieutenant in Company F, 44th Wis. V. I., and was honorably discharged in August, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have an adopted daughter, Lila C., who is the wife of Norman J. Luther, train dispatcher for the Great Northern railroad at Larimore, N. Dak., and they have two children, Mary E. and Norman W.

Mr. Jacobs assisted in the organization of Henry W. Lawton Post, G. A. R., in 1899, since which year he has held the post of commander, and is regarded with the highest esteem by his comrades, and is serving on the Department staff. He also assisted in organizing Henry W. Lawton, W. R. C., No. 34, in January, 1900. In his pleasant home in Avoca this brave soldier enjoys the rest "his valor won." Both he and wife are consistent members of the M. E. Church and most respected citizens.

ALBERT F. LICHTENWALNER, a hustling and energetic business man of Monroe, Green county, has been a tradesman of this city for something over twenty years, and in that time has achieved a decided success in the acquisition of a host of friends. He has been industrious and accommodating, with a commendable spirit of enterprise and a laudable ambition to lead in the lines in which he is engaged.

Mr. Lichtenwalner was born in Lehigh county, Penn., March 28, 1854, and is a son of Joseph S. and Mary Ann (Fenner) Lichtenwalner, both natives of that State. They were the parents of six sons and three daughters, and seven of these children are now living: Albert F.; Valentine, of Jefferson township; Mantana, of Monroe; Mary C., wife of Milton Keller, of Jefferson township; Simon, of Monroe; Nietta, wife of George Whitehead, of Jefferson township; and Harvey, of Westfield, Wis. The father was a farmer, and came to Wisconsin in 1868, locating in Clarno township, Green county, where he bought a farm of seventy-six acres, and added more land to it until he had 125 acres. This farm continued to be his home until his death in 1885. His widow still survives, and has her home in Monroe. She is a member of the German Reformed Church, while her husband was a Lutheran. His father, Joseph Lichtenwalner, father of Joseph S., and grandfather of Albert F., was born in Pennsylvania, and came of German ancestry, the family history beginning on the river Rhine, and dating back, in America, to about the year 1735. Barnet Fenner, the father of Mary Ann Fenner, mentioned above, was a native of Pennsylvania, where he was a farmer and reared twelve children, all of whom lived to be married.

Albert F. Lichtenwalner spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native State, and then came to Wisconsin. He had his education in the common schools, and was reared on the farm. When a young man of eighteen he began to teach school, and taught two terms with fair success. Very early in life, however, he had determined to be a druggist, and accordingly began the study of pharmacy in Monroe, almost before he had attained his majority. He mastered the details of the business in a most thorough and competent manner, and in 1878, in company with F. K. Studley, bought out his former employer, C.

E. Adams, under the firm name of Studley & Lichtenwalner. In 1887 Mr. Studley disposed of his interest to Mr. Lichtenwalner, who has since conducted the establishment without a partner. He has done well, and keeps a full and complete line of drug goods and drug appliances, such as would be found in a well-kept and prosperous pharmacy, and has also for many years carried a well-selected stock of groceries.

On Feb. 4, 1877, Mr. Lichtenwalner married Miss Mary C. McCamant, daughter of John and Adaline (Wells) McCamant. No children have brightened their home. Mrs. Lichtenwalner is a very popular woman, and a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Lichtenwalner has various fraternal associations, belonging to the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., and the Modern Woodmen, and politically is a staunch Republican. He was city clerk four years, and served as alderman from the 4th ward three years. He lives on Liberty street, and has had his home in Monroe since 1874.

CHRIST F. HARTWIG, residing on a fine farm of 400 acres four miles north of Juda, Green county, is a son of William Ludwig and Sophia (Hebberman) Hartwig, who were born in Delitzsch, Germany, and were married in 1849. They came to Wisconsin in 1855. They were the parents of four children, of whom the eldest, (1) Christ F., is our subject. (2) William, born in 1853, married Mary Ansmeir, and died in 1887. (3) Ferdinand, born in 1855, married Mary Ausmus, and is now dead. (4) Mary, born in 1865, is now the wife of Ferdinand Ausmus, a farmer in Sylvester. William Ludwig Hartwig was born in 1825, and died in 1890. Mrs. Sophia Hartwig, his widow, was born in 1824, and is still living in Juda, much respected by all who know her.

Christ F. Hartwig was born Feb. 4, 1850, in Delitzsch, Germany, and was about five years old when he came to this country with his parents. He has followed farming all his life, and has been an active and industrious man. Part of the home place, which was taken by his father in 1858, is included in his own extensive landed possessions. On Jan. 15, 1874, Mr. Hartwig was married to Miss Libbie, daughter of Phillip Henn, of the town of Jefferson, a German by birth. This union has

been blessed with six children: Lydia, who is living with her grandmother, Mrs. Sophia Hartwig, in Juda; and Minnie, Clara, Edward, George and Lillie, all at home.

Mr. Hartwig was reared on the paternal estate, and acquired his education in the common schools. Beginning life a poor boy, he has worked hard, taken advantage of every opportunity, and prospered, now owning 400 acres of fine land in the town of Sylvester, which is worth at the very lowest calculation eighty dollars an acre. There are fine buildings and ample equipments on the place, and high grade and profitable farming is the order. Politically Mr. Hartwig is a Republican, and has served his town as school director and in other local offices. He has been a consistent member of the Evangelical Church at Juda, Wis., for many years. He has an unquestioned standing as a progressive farmer, and an honest and upright man. Our subject was named after his grandfather, Christian Hartwig, who came to this country about thirty-five years ago, and died in the town of Sylvester soon after his arrival, at the age of seventy-five years.

FREDERICK BEILHARZ, who, as a blacksmith and wagonmaker, was for many years prominently identified with the industrial and business interests of Cassville, Grant county, has made his home in that place since 1855, locating there when it was a village of about a dozen houses. As a public-spirited citizen he was actively connected with its early development and progress, and after a useful and well-spent life he is now living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest.

Mr. Beilharz was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Oct. 17, 1831, a son of Christian and Barbara (Kubbler) Beilharz, who spent their entire lives in that country. In their family were eight children, namely: Mrs. Christiana Christ, a resident of Buffalo, N. Y.; Frederick; Mrs. Barbara Hunter, of Germany; Mrs. Christ, who died in Clayton county, Iowa; Fredericka, a resident of Germany; Dora, who resides at the old home in the Fatherland; Mrs. Caroline Hoover, of Cassville, Wis.; and John, who came to Cassville in 1859, and three years later enlisted in the 27th Iowa V. I., with which he served three years, and is now living at the Soldiers Home in Iowa.

Frederick Beilharz was the first of the fam-

ily to come to America. He sailed from Rotterdam in April, 1852, and after a long and tedious voyage of fifty-eight days landed in New York, June 17, whence he proceeded at once to Buffalo, N. Y. In that city he worked at his trade for two years before coming to Wisconsin. In 1854, at the land office in Mineral Point, Wis., he entered a tract of land in Cassville township, Grant county, and immediately located thereon, devoting his time and energies to its improvement and cultivation until his removal to Cassville in 1855. Since then he has made his home on the block where he now resides. Erecting a shop, he successfully engaged in blacksmithing and wagon-making for many years, but has now laid aside the cares and responsibilities of business life, and is living retired, enjoying the fruits of former toil. Besides the property he owns in Cassville, he still has a good farm in Cassville township, which he rents.

In 1855, at Cassville, Mr. Beilharz was united in marriage with Miss Mary Munch, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Rietz) Munch, who, on coming to this country, first located in Hoboken, N. J., and in 1855 became residents of Cassville, Wis. Later Mr. Munch, who was a farmer by occupation, moved to Emmetsburg, Iowa, where both he and his wife died at an advanced age, she being nearly ninety-two at the time of her death. Their children were Mrs. Mary Beilharz; Mrs. Elizabeth Engler and Mrs. Catharine Adrain, both residents of Emmetsburg, Iowa; Lizzie, who died in that State; and Henry, who died in Whittemore, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Beilharz have four children: (1) Mrs. Lusetta Eiseneggerich, of Dubuque, Iowa, has three children, Freddie, Lucy and Arthur. (2) Fritz, a blacksmith of Cassville, married Lucy Bishop, and they have two children, Fred and Emma. (3) Mrs. Mary Shatkin, whose husband is a merchant of Minneapolis, Minn., has four children, Henry, Arnold, Edwin and Fred. (4) Henry, also a blacksmith of Cassville, married Lizzie Gallebrant, and they have three children, Ray, Mabel and Blanche.

In his political affiliations Mr. Beilharz is a Republican, having always voted with that party since its organization, and he is now efficiently serving as a member of the city council. He is one of the prominent pioneers of Cassville, and is still one of its leading and

influential citizens. Socially he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and religiously is a member of the Lutheran Church.

DAVID E. JACOBS. The life of this influential and honored citizen of Iowa county, who at present fills the office of county treasurer, has been filled with more than the customary measure of adventure and change. His father migrated from New York to Ohio early in life, and later removed to Canton, Fulton Co., Ill. There he married Matilda Emery, a native of Ohio, descended from one of the German-American families of Pennsylvania, a sturdy stock, whose branches have spread all over the central West, leaving everywhere the impress of keen acumen and sterling honesty.

The "Colonel," as he is commonly addressed, has a deep hold upon the hearts and respect of the community. He was born in Fulton county, Ill., Feb. 9, 1845, grew to early manhood on his father's farm, and his natural bent was toward an agricultural life. The outbreak of the Rebellion, however, stirred every patriotic impulse of his nature, and on June 2, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, 65th Ill. V. I. On Sept. 15, following, he was captured at Harper's Ferry, and remained a prisoner of war until the following spring, when he was exchanged. He was at once attached to the command of Gen. Sherman on the Georgia campaign, and took part in the memorable battles at Franklin and Nashville, Tenn., as well as in the preliminary campaign against Atlanta. His department commander was Gen. Thomas, the "Rock of Chickamauga." He participated in the annihilation of Hood's army, and followed its shattered remnants as far as Clifton, Tenn. From that point the command to which he was attached was ordered to join the forces of Gen. Sherman, but to proceed by way of Washington, and was present at President Lincoln's second inauguration, afterward proceeding South as far as Raleigh, North Carolina.

After being mustered out Mr. Jacobs, in common with other volunteers, returned home, to be greeted with laudation and glad acclaim. A spirit of restless activity, however, still possessed him. For some years he made his home at Galva, Ill., going thence to Chicago, and later to Shelbyville, Mo. From the latter point he returned to Galva, where for several years he successfully conducted a stock farm near

Bishop's Hill. For twenty years he was in the employ of McNeil & Higgins, of Chicago, as a traveling salesman. For some sixteen years preceding his first election to the county treasurership, in 1898, his home was at Mineral Point. In 1900 he was re-elected by a majority of 1,627 votes, the largest ever received by a county officer in Iowa county.

As has been pointed out, the life of Mr. Jacobs has been eventful; it has been no less successful. His courage has been tested, and found not wanting; his energy is of the sort which never tires; his shrewd native ability is rarely deceived; and his fidelity to every trust reposed in him has ever been beyond question. Of a genial and generous nature, he readily wins friends, whom he keeps by virtue of his strong character and uncompromising fidelity. In Grand Army circles he is well known and prominent, being past commander of George H. Legate Post, No. 125, Mineral Point; has served as aid-de-camp to the National Commander; and has been repeatedly chosen a delegate to National Encampments.

Mr. Jacobs was married, Dec. 2, 1867, to Miss Mary L. Welton, of Galva, Ill., and to their union have been born four sons and two daughters: Clyde W., Jessie, Myron R., Nellie M., Ernest R. and Arthur V. Mrs. Jacobs' father, Seymour Welton, died while in the United States service during the Civil war, as a member of the 6th Missouri Battery, in which two of his sons, Virgil and Nelson, both attained the rank of sergeant.

M. M. RICE, one of the prominent farmers of Marion township, Grant county, is one of the pioneers of that locality, having located there in 1854.

Mr. Rice was born in Allegany county, N. Y., in 1850, a son of Moors and Clarissa (Phillips) Rice, natives of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, respectively. They were reared in New Hampshire, in 1854 came to Grant county, where the father opened up government land and speculated largely in real estate, paying \$1.25 an acre for the fine farm adjoining the farm now occupied by our subject. Later in life he removed to Boscobel, where his death occurred in 1879, his wife surviving him until 1883. In politics he was a Republican, and he was honored by being chosen to the office of commissioner in Marion. To himself and wife were born eight children: Myra, Mrs. Rieks, died in Boscobel

in 1887; Oliver A. is a resident of Boscobel; Lucy, Mrs. A. D. Reed, died in 1891; Betsy, Mrs. Rieks, is a resident of Boscobel; Benjamin died in Boscobel in August, 1892, from the effects of wounds received in the war, he having served in a Wisconsin regiment; Anson enlisted, and died at Nashville, Tenn., in 1864; Clarissa is now Mrs. Deyoe, of Wisconsin; M. M. is our subject.

M. M. Rice was but four years old when the family came to Wisconsin, and so has grown up with the State. His farm now consists of 196 acres, in a fine state of cultivation, a part of which was comprised in the old homestead. Mr. Rice devotes a part of his attention to the growing of honey, having ninety-five hives, and his product commands a high price on account of its excellence.

In 1872 Mr. Rice married, in Marion township, Emma Rieks, daughter of Reuben and Emrancy (Ortrander) Rieks, natives of New York, and early pioneers of Wisconsin. The father is still living, residing at Boscobel; the mother died April 29, 1895. To our subject and wife six children have been born: Leta, now Mrs. Tuffley, of Marion township; Albert, attending college at Beloit, Wis.; George, who is married and resides in Marion, operating a cheese factory; and Harry, Ora and Warren, still at home.

Politically Mr. Rice is a Republican, has been a member of the town board, and chairman of the Marion township board. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Congregational Church of Boscobel, in which Mr. Rice is a deacon, and they are well known and highly esteemed throughout the county where they have resided, practically, all their lives.

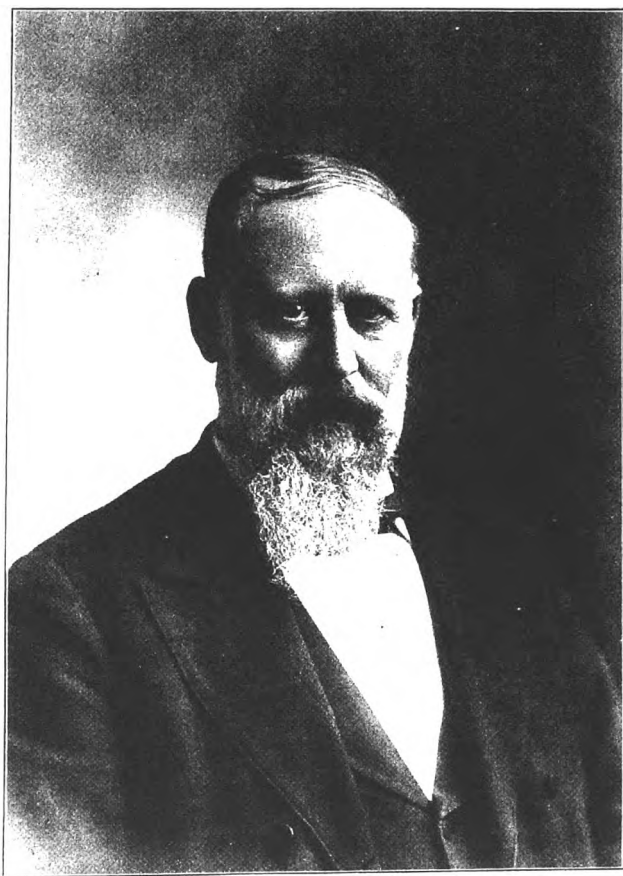
F. M. CRONIN, M. D., one of the very prominent physicians of Lancaster, Grant county, was born in Platteville, same county, June 16, 1846, the only child born to Dr. Edward and Emily (Moore) Cronin.

Dr. Edward Cronin was born in Philadelphia, Penn., Feb. 22, 1822, and died in Platteville, Grant Co., Wis., in 1894. His elementary education was acquired in his native city, but he afterward attended, and in 1842 was graduated from, the Literary Department of the University of Pennsylvania. He then entered upon the study of medicine, under Prof. John K. Mitchell, of Jefferson Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1844, and the same year came

to Wisconsin and settled down to practice in Platteville, Grant county. Here he secured a large list of patients, and was quite successful in his treatment of them, continuing in practice until 1850, when, like thousands of others throughout the country, he was attracted to the newly discovered gold fields of the Pacific slope. He reached Sacramento during the prevalence of the cholera scourge of that year, and his professional services were at once eagerly demanded. He remained in the city until the epidemic was conquered, and then sought the Fraser river region, tarrying there until 1853, when he returned to the States and located at Galena, Ill. There he resided until 1860, when, with a desire to better qualify himself in the more modern system of practice in his profession, he returned to Philadelphia and attended an additional course of lectures at Jefferson College. After practicing in Platteville, Wis., until 1864, he went to Philadelphia and practiced until 1867, when he again came West, and followed his profession at Mineral Point, Iowa Co., Wis., until 1872, when he settled in Platteville, there passing the remainder of his life. Dr. Edward Cronin was a man of great energy and force of character, was an able and successful physician, and a truly public-spirited citizen, and his amiable wife, who survives him, still has her residence in Platteville. She is a daughter of Col. Moore.

Dr. F. M. Cronin, when young, owing to the frequent removals of his parents, received his literary education at various places, attending at Sinsinawa Mound, Platteville (at the academy under Prof. Guernsey), and the Northwest grammar school in Philadelphia, from which latter he was graduated. He began the study of medicine under his father, and was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1876. He commenced active practice at Platteville in conjunction with his father, and later went to Texas as surgeon for the Texas & Pacific Railway Co., with headquarters at Dallas, continuing as such three years. He returned to Wisconsin, locating at Mineral Point, whence he removed to Cassville, and in 1891 settled in Lancaster, where his professional ability and skill were at once recognized, and where he has since been favored with an extensive patronage.

The Doctor married Miss Abby Johnson, of Platteville, a daughter of Edwin Johnson,



*F. M. Cronin M.D.*



and this union has been blessed with two children, one of whom, Frank M., is deceased; the survivor is a daughter named Emily. The Doctor is a Knight Templar Mason, and is also a Knight of Pythias. Politically his sympathies are with the Democratic party, but he has never taken any very active part in political affairs. He is very highly esteemed as a physician, and as a citizen, and he and his wife move in the best social circles of Lancaster.

JOHN H. STEINHOFF, a very successful stock and dairy farmer of Harrison township, Grant county, has achieved very satisfactory results by industry, thrift and integrity, and holds an enviable position in the business world because he is an upright and honorable man, not afraid of hard work, and willing to meet every engagement.

Mr. Steinhoff was born in Platteville, Grant Co., Wis., Feb. 3, 1867, son of William F. and Amelia (Sue) Steinhoff, both natives of Hanover, Germany, where the father was born in 1832, and the mother in 1831. They married in Germany, and remained in their native land until 1857, in which year they came, by way of New Orleans and the Mississippi river, to Platteville. They crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel, and the voyage was tedious and protracted to a degree. They bought a small home in Platteville and occupied it for some time, leaving it to go on a rented farm in the town of Belmont, Lafayette county, on which they lived for several years. Mr. Steinhoff rented another farm in Elk Grove, that county, where they made their home for several years, finally buying the home farm on which their son, John H., may now be found. It contained 150 acres, which Mr. Steinhoff increased to 191 acres, and there he lived until 1894, when he moved into Platteville, where he purchased the house and lot where he now resides. He made many important improvements on the farm, remodeling the old home in many ways, and putting up a large barn in 1892. In 1883 his estimable wife passed away. She was the mother of thirteen children, twelve of whom survive, one son, Henry, dying when two days old. Lena, born in Germany, is living with her father. William was born in Harrison township, and is now a farmer there; he married Annie Wachter, of Illinois, and has one daughter, Clara. August, born in Platte-

ville in 1860, married Miss Minnie Miller, and is a farmer in the town of Harrison. Minnie was born in Platteville in 1862, married Henry J. Opperman, of Clayton county, Iowa, and lives on a farm in Iowa; they have two children, Albert and Irvin. Mary, born in 1864, married Albert Nehls, and lives in Platteville; they have one son, Freddie. Emma resides with her father. Annie, born in 1871, is now the wife of Peter Karman, and has three children, Bernard, Walter and Mabel. Frederick, born in Elk Grove in 1873, married Flora Golmar, and lives on his farm in the town of Platteville, with his wife and two children, Guerdon and Margaret. Lizzie lives with her father. Miss Amelia lives with her father. Frank, born in 1878, was educated in the Platteville Business College; he is unmarried.

John H. Steinhoff acquired a very fair education in the schools of Platteville and Elk Grove, and his life has been spent to a very large degree on the farm where he grew up. He is a thorough farmer, and brings to the cultivation of the soil good judgment of business opportunities and unflagging industry. In September, 1896, Mr. Steinhoff and Miss Laura Kliebenstein, daughter of August and Margaret Kliebenstein, were united in marriage. Her parents were born in Grant county, of German parentage, and Lewis Kliebenstein, her grandfather, was an old pioneer settler in Grant county. Mrs. Steinhoff was born there in July, 1873, finished her education in the Platteville Normal, and is a cultured and scholarly woman; she was one of the successful teachers of Grant county for some five years, until her marriage. After their marriage the young couple purchased the old Steinhoff homestead, which now contains, by recent addition of thirty-nine acres, 230 acres. They have one son, Edward Loraine, who was born May 10, 1899. Mrs. Steinhoff lost her father when she was a small child, but her mother and a brother are still living. The latter, Edward Kliebenstein, of St. Cloud, Minn., is engaged as clerk in the shoe business.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinhoff are members of the German Lutheran Church, as were their parents before them. He is a Republican, following the footsteps of his father also in this respect. His father was a member of the school board and a supervisor for a number of terms, and John H. has been township treasurer for the last five years, and also clerk of



the school board. Socially he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Our subject is one of those enterprising and active young men who are bound to come to the front in local affairs through native honesty and manifest ability. He and his excellent wife command the respect and confidence of all who know them.

G. E. REAR, one of the old settlers of the towns of Adams and York, Green county, resides in his handsome and well appointed country home, six miles southeast of Blanchardville, and eighteen miles northwest of Monroe. The farm contains 174 acres, and is counted one of the finest places in this part of the State.

Mr. Rear was born in Waldrus, Norway, June 23, 1845, and is a son of Holver E. and Julia Rear, who came to Dane county, Wis., in 1852. Two years later they removed to the town of Adams, Green county, making a location on Sections 10 and 11. They were the parents of a family of eight children: Easton and Clayton, both living in Iowa; Ole, of the town of Adams; Oliver, of Minnesota; Bettie, who is now deceased; Mary, deceased; Carrie, wife of Andrew Hauge, of Minnesota; and G. E., whose name introduces this article.

G. E. Rear was married May 16, 1866, to Miss Annie Avok, who was born in Norway, daughter of Nels Avok. This union was blessed with the following children: Julia, born July 21, 1870, married Ever Coldron, and died Sept. 10, 1897; Henry, born April 28, 1874, is at home, and is unmarried; Albert was born April 27, 1877; Caroline, June 4, 1880; Annie, Jan. 24, 1883. Mrs. Rear died Jan. 20, 1890, and was buried in the cemetery connected with the Lutheran Church in Adams township, of which she was a devout member. She was a hard-working woman, a good wife and a kind mother, and her memory survives in many loving and grateful hearts.

Mr. Rear was married Sept. 1, 1890, to Miss Carrie Rood, of the town of York, a daughter of Ole and Julia Rood, who were born in Norway. To this union have come the following children: Oscar, born in 1891; Gena, Sept. 6, 1892; Alma, Aug. 10, 1894; Gilmon, Jan. 20, 1896; Bennett, Oct. 4, 1897; Clifford, May 20, 1899; and Eornes Selmer, May 2, 1901.

Mr. Rear is a Republican, and has proved himself a good citizen. In the town of York

he has served as clerk, school director and assessor, filling these positions for many years. His home place consists of 174 acres, and he owns a half section of choice land in South Dakota. Mr. Rear is an energetic and progressive farmer, engaged in general farming, stock raising and cheese making, for which latter branch he furnishes the milk of some twenty-five cows daily. Well supplied with this world's goods, and commanding the confidence of the community in which he lives to a marked degree, his present circumstances present a great contrast to the conditions of poverty under which he began life. Industry, integrity and a readiness to embrace the opportunity that agriculture in southwestern Wisconsin presented in his early life have lifted him to his present enviable position as a prosperous and wealthy farmer.

CHARLES ALLEN ARMSTRONG, M. D., Boscobel, Grant county, is a rising young physician, and one who is well fitted for his work, not only by a careful and extended training at school, but by a natural aptitude, and the teachings and example of his father, who was one of the most noted members of his profession in the State.

Dr. Armstrong was born in Lima, Rock Co., Wis., Nov. 30, 1862, and obtained his early education at Boscobel, being the only graduate from the high school in 1880. He spent the fall of that year at Madison in attendance at the State University, and in the winter taught school in Blue River. The fall of the following year he entered Milton College, where he spent two years, again entering the University of Wisconsin in 1883, as a member of the class of 1886, Ancient Classical Course. He left the University owing to the destruction of Science Hall by fire, in December, 1884, as his pre-medical work was all laboratory at that time, and at once entered Rush Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1887. He came back to Boscobel after his graduation, and entered into the practice of medicine. In 1888 he spent some time at Black Earth, attending to the practice of Dr. Kester during his extended absence. In 1889 he came back to Boscobel, and entered into partnership with Dr. L. G. Armstrong, with whom he was associated until 1895. Since that year he has been alone in practice.

Dr. Armstrong and Miss Matie E. Sprague were married March 5, 1890. At the time of

her marriage Mrs. Armstrong was living in Cortland, Neb. She was born at Eagle, Wis., a daughter of Bingham and Elizabeth (Hurst) Sprague, and in 1880 accompanied her family to Nebraska, where her father and brothers George and William are settled. The Doctor and his wife are the parents of two sons: Roy Allen, born April 1, 1891; and Robert W., born Aug. 19, 1896. Mrs. Armstrong is a lady of many charms and graces. The Doctor is a Republican, and was mayor of the city in 1892. He is a charter member of Alpha Lambda Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity of the University of Wisconsin. His Masonic education has been acquired in Grant Lodge, No. 169, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and Boscobel Chapter, No. 52. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias of Fennimore, Wis., is a member of the I. O. F., the K. O. T. M., the M. W. of A., and in 1901 was elected head physician of the Modern Woodmen, having been a member of the various head camps for eleven years. He is the surgeon of the St. Paul railroad in this division. For several years he was surgeon of the Wisconsin Division, Sons of Veterans. Dr. Armstrong is a member of the Wisconsin State Medical Society and of the Central Medical Society, and is highly respected in his calling.

HERMAN P. DAILEY, a skillful and highly successful photographer of Beloit, Rock county, has caught the loftier ideals of his calling, and his work is warm with artistic glow. His pictures are not only true to nature, but they are refined with the touch of culture, and while they are a lasting delight in that they preserve cherished form and feature, they also keep the light of the smile and the sparkle of the eye, so that every photograph has a voice of affection for friend and acquaintance.

Mr. Dailey was born in Washington county, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1866, and is a son of Perry and Polly (Dake) Dailey, both natives of New York. His parents had a family of ten children, all but one now living: Henry, of Woodstock, Ill.; Elvin, of Detroit, Mich.; Charles, of Janesville, Wis.; Ida, widow of William Wilson, who has her home in Huron, S. Dak.; Fred, of Chicago; Arthur, of Madison, Wis.; Delia, wife of Henry Simdraker, of Woodstock, Ill.; Herman P., of Beloit; and William, of Greenwood, Ill. Perry Dailey owned the famous Sandy Hill Stone Quarry

at Sandy Hill, N. Y., which he operated until he came to Illinois, in 1868. He located on a farm near Greenwood, in McHenry county, and engaged in its cultivation for a number of years. In 1888 he gave up active farming, and made his home in the village of Greenwood, where he is still living. He has become quite an extensive dealer in real estate, and owns most of the business houses in Greenwood. Mrs. Dailey died in 1895, at the age of sixty-seven. She was a Baptist in her religious convictions. Mr. Dailey enlisted in the Union army, and served three years as a soldier. Politically he is a Republican, and has held various town offices. His father, Henry Dailey, was a native of New York, of Scottish descent, and lived to see ninety-three years. He reared nine children. He was engaged in the livery business. Henry P. Dake, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was of Scottish descent, and lived to be ninety-four years old. He had six children.

Herman P. Dailey lived on his father's farm near Greenwood until he reached the age of fifteen. He was a bright student in the local school, and was sent to Valparaiso, Ind., to take a year's instruction at the Normal, after which he had a year at the Chicago University, and another year at Beloit College. He began photographic work at Chicago, where he spent three years in a studio, and with the experience thus gained he in 1893 came to Beloit and opened a studio for himself. His excellent work attracted attention, and he has gone steadily onward since coming to this city, with an ever-increasing patronage and a widening circle of friends. Mr. Dailey is an artist of fine ability, who thoroughly understands his calling, and his business is growing on his hands every day. Personally he is an affable and agreeable gentleman, who enjoys the confidence and esteem of all his acquaintances.

Mr. Dailey and Miss Abigail Burprey were united in marriage Nov. 9, 1890, and they have one daughter, Marian, born Aug. 6, 1900. Mrs. Dailey is a daughter of Charles and Helen (Day) Burprey, and is a lady of many gifts and graces. He is a Republican, and takes a deep interest in the welfare of the country.

JAMES JONES well deserves honorable mention among those industrious and useful citizens of Jordan township, Green county,

whose busy lives have contributed so much to the moral and material welfare of the community where he is now living. He was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1856, and is a son of Peter and Margaret (Sweany) Jones, both born and reared in Ireland. His parents came to this country about 1848, and were married in the State of New York in 1855. To them were born two sons, James and John, the latter of whom, born Jan. 17, 1865, is now a traveling salesman for the Heinz Pickle Company, a well-known Chicago house. Peter Jones, who was born about 1827, died in Monroe, where he had been living some time in retirement, in 1890. Mrs. Margaret Jones, who was born about 1827, died in 1896.

James Jones married early in life, becoming the husband of Miss Mary Knight, of the town of Adams, April 13, 1877. Mrs. Jones is the daughter of John and Margaret (Conway) Knight, of Irish birth and rearing, and among the very earliest settlers of the town of Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Knight had the following family: Thomas, Mary (who is Mrs. Jones), Ann, John, William, Michael, James, Katie, Margaret and Dennis. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of the following children: Margaret, born Jan. 20, 1880, is a teacher in the Green county public schools; John, born June 14, 1881; Katie, born March 16, 1884, is a bookkeeper and stenographer in Monroe; Peter, born Nov. 20, 1885; Mary, born May 24, 1890; Edna, born Dec. 28, 1896; James C., born Sept. 26, 1898.

Mr. Jones was born on the farm, where he was reared, and had his education in the district school. Starting out a poor boy, he selected farming as his life work, and by dint of industry and the help of a good character he has accumulated a very handsome competence. He owns a choice farm of 240 acres, well improved and provided with a very creditable home and fine barns, and has established more than a local reputation as an upright and honorable man. Mr. Jones is engaged in both general and dairy farming, being a partner in a cheese factory which is located on his land. His various enterprises, which have been conducted with a business management of a high order, have met with success, and his standing in the community in which he lives is very high. As a farmer he is enlightened and progressive, and as a stock raiser he seeks the more valuable strains, and his stock go to mar-

ket in the first grade. In local and town affairs Mr. Jones takes a leading part, and is a staunch Democrat. He has served as school director and judge of elections many years, and is at present on the town board. His children are bright and pleasant young people and show careful home training. Mr. Jones and his wife are both members of the Catholic Church, and their good lives, kind hearts and unassuming nature do no discredit to their religious profession.

GEORGE W. McPHERSON was born in the town of Ellenboro, Grant county, in April, 1847, the second son of John and Sarah (Star) McPherson.

Our subject's father was born in Maine, and his mother in Ireland. They were married in the State of Maine, and coming to Grant county in 1845, with five children, made their home on a tract of wild land in the town of Ellenboro, entering 160 acres by pre-emption, which in time were thoroughly improved. A log house furnished the first home for the family. In 1850 Mr. McPherson crossed the Plains with an ox-team to seek his fortune in the gold fields of California. After a two years' stay in that distant land he came back to Grant county, and he died in 1856. Mrs. McPherson was left a widow with five living children out of ten who had come to them, the others dying in childhood. (1) Thomas, their eldest son, was born in Maine in 1845, and married Miss Jane Downing, a lady of Ellenboro. Previous to his marriage he was a Union soldier, in the 45th Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war, after which he went to Arizona, living there sixteen years. Coming back to Grant county, he married, and was a merchant in Ellenboro for two years before going to Oklahoma, where he owned a farm at the time of his death, in 1895. His widow and three children survive him, Jessie, Lloyd and Lela. (2) George W. is our subject. (3) Sarah Jane, born in 1849, died in 1865. (4) John A., born in Grant county in 1850, acquired his early education in the district school, later attended the State Normal at Platteville, and for several years taught school. He married Miss Libbie Elliot, of Hawkeye, Iowa, where he settled, engaging in business up to the time of his death, in July, 1890. (5) James A., born in Grant county in 1854, the youngest of the family, grew up

at the old homestead, which he now owns, and married Miss Austa Clark, daughter of Henry and Hannah Clark, a long established family in Grant county. One daughter, Alpha C., has been born to them.

George W. McPherson grew to manhood on the old homestead, and took charge of his mother's farm when old enough to assume such a responsibility, remaining with her until her death, in June, 1877. Mrs. McPherson was well known in this community for her generous Christian acts. With her husband she belonged to the Episcopal Church. In 1879 George McPherson homesteaded land in Kansas, and the next year he crossed the Plains to the silver and copper mines of Arizona, going by way of San Francisco. Some three years later he came back to the old home in Wisconsin, and resumed agricultural life. In 1887 he married Miss Carrie Clark, a daughter of Henry and Hannah Clark, noted above, who came from Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1845, and settled in the town of Ellenboro. Her father was born in 1812 in Trumbull county, Ohio, and her mother in 1820 in Mercer county, Penn., where they were married, and thence presently came to their Wisconsin home. Both died in the month of August, 1879, leaving a family of seven children, of whom Mrs. McPherson is the fourth in order of birth. She was born in February, 1856. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McPherson settled in the village of Ellenboro, on a part of the old Clark homestead, where he erected a fine modern house in 1894. To this union has been born one daughter, who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. McPherson has always been a Republican, has held the office of chairman of the town board for nine years, and has been school treasurer for fifteen years. Fraternally he is a Modern Woodman, belonging to the Camp at Ellenboro. Mr. and Mrs. McPherson are prominent and highly respected people, and are much esteemed by all who know them.

GEORGE HENRY PENGRA, residing on his fine farm about four miles north of Juda, Green county, is a son of the late George S. and Maria (Waltz) Pengra. The history of the family in America antedates the Revolution, the Pengra brothers coming to the Colonies at an early date.

The father of our subject was born in the

town of Darien, Genesee Co., N. Y., April 12, 1821, and died July 1, 1890. He was of Welsh and English descent, being a son of Moses and Sarah (Johns) Pengra, the latter, a native of Wales, coming to this country when two years old. Moses Pengra was a native of Vermont. His father, Marshall Pengra, came to the colonies in the early part of the eighteenth century, and settled in Massachusetts. Moses Pengra, grandfather of George H., was born Jan. 11, 1799, and married Sarah Johns March 25, 1818. To them were born the following children: Marshall; George S.; Bynon J., of Crook county, Oregon; Honor E., the widow of Benjamin Herring, of Iowa; William, who died in Oregon; and Elisiph, who died in childhood.

George S. Pengra, whose name occurs above, was married in 1848 to Maria Waltz. She was born Nov. 10, 1827, and came of Dutch, Scottish and Irish ancestry through her parents, Alpheus and Jane (Ferguson) Waltz, of New York. Peter Waltz, her grandfather, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, came to the Colonies from Holland when a boy. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Pengra came directly to Wisconsin, to settle in Green county. To them came the following children: (1) Wallace A., born Oct. 17, 1851, is a farmer in the town of Sylvester; (2) George H. is our subject proper; (3) William S., born May 26, 1856, died unmarried in 1881 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

George H. Pengra was born Dec. 23, 1853, and married Oct. 5, 1876, Miss Anna M., a daughter of William F. and Catherine (Gillon) Johnson, a prominent family in the town of Sylvester. To this union one child has come, Stella May, born Aug. 22, 1883.

Mr. Pengra was reared on his father's farm, and obtained his education in the district school. When twenty years old he began teaching in the public schools, and followed that profession for eight years, teaching in the winter and farming in the summer. Mr. Pengra is a thorough farmer, and has a farm of 360 acres, in which his brother W. A. holds a half interest, with fine buildings and ample improvements. He is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of Green county, a man of character and standing, straightforward, and has a multitude of friends.

Mr. Pengra was reared a Republican, but holds to Prohibition principles. He served as

town clerk for three years, is the present chairman of the town, and has also been school director for sixteen years. In religion Mr. Pengra holds that he who lives up to the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," has all the religion that any one can have or need have. And on this belief he is willing to rest the future with Him who knew neither denomination nor creed.

GEORGE M. CRULL, a young and hustling stock farmer of the town of Harrison, Grant county, has already won a prominent place among the well-known agriculturists of the southwestern part of the State, and has attained an enviable standing as a fair-dealing and upright man.

Mr. Crull was born on his present homestead Nov. 4, 1854, a son of George W. and Mary (Kyle) Crull, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. His father was born Jan. 1, 1814, and his mother Dec. 22, 1823. When a young man George W. Crull journeyed from Ohio to Illinois on horseback, and very shortly entered Wisconsin, settling in the town of Harrison, where he was a miner for some time. In 1845, under James K. Polk, then President of the United States, he secured a farm of eighty acres of government land in Harrison, and added eighty acres to this by subsequent purchases from the government, making a farm of 160 acres, which was his home during his remaining years. There he cleared over one hundred acres of land. He raised a log cabin, which he occupied until he was able to build a better house, in 1869. He died in 1893, and his wife in February, 1898, in Iowa; they were both buried in the cemetery in the town of Harrison, known as the Travis cemetery. He was a member of the town board, and held other town offices, and they were honest Christian people, highly respected. He was a strong Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Crull had ten children, eight of whom are living: Flora died when thirteen years old, and Washington died when a child. Lizzie, born Oct. 17, 1849, is now the wife of Silas V. Hoff, of Fair Haven, Wash.; they have five children, Will, Ida, George, Frank, and Irvin. Sarah, born Dec. 15, 1852, is Mrs. Frank Moore, of Short Reed, British Columbia, and is the mother of four children, Jennie, George, Mary and Lydia.

George M. is the subject of this article. Amanda, born Oct. 31, 1856, is Mrs. R. Hubbard, of Lancaster, Wis., and has six children, Myrtle, Jessie, Mary, Artie, Hazle and Glen. William J., born in November, 1858, went to British Columbia, and married Lucy Shepherd, who died in May, 1900, leaving him with three children, Gladys, Stanley and Albert; he has a ranch at Alberta, Canada. Charles T., born in February, 1861, went to Colorado in 1883, and there married Miss Phoebe Longwell, and is a miner in the gold fields; they have a family of three children, James, Ruth and ———. Levi, born Feb. 21, 1864, married Sarah Heslup, of Dubuque, Iowa, and has one daughter, Mary. Clara S., born in December, 1866, married Christopher Heslup, of Dubuque, and resides on a farm in Iowa; they have five children, Gertrude, Dora, Mabel, Thomas and Ethel.

George W. Crull was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Crull, who died in Ohio. Most of his brothers and sisters settled in Illinois. His wife, Mary (Kyle), was the daughter of Joab and Elizabeth Kyle, who drove a team from Mercer county, Penn., to Platteville, Wis., where they settled. He was a blacksmith. Mr. Kyle moved his family to Platteville, and left them there during the gold excitement in California, to make the journey across the Plains with his son Charles. Both died in that distant El Dorado, Mr. Kyle leaving a widow and seven children in Wisconsin. Of these Thompson died a few years ago. Mary, the mother of George M. Crull, died in Iowa. John died in the Civil war. Louisa is the wife of a Mr. Crandal, of La Clair. Martha married John Forsythe, and settled in Cedar Rapids, where she died. Jemima is the wife of Deloss Crandal, and resides at Aurora, Illinois.

George M. Crull remained under the parental roof until he reached his majority, working on the farm, and attending school during the winter. In 1876 he secured a farm in Smith county, Kans., by taking advantage of the homestead law, made thorough improvements, and occupied that farm until 1893. While in the State of Kansas, in 1879, he married Miss Sarah Thompson, who was born in 1861 in Iowa, a daughter of Thomas Thompson, formerly of that State. She had poor health, and with her husband spent two years in Colorado, where she died Feb. 14, 1881,

and was interred in that State. Mr. Crull returned to Kansas, and carried on his farm there until February, 1893, when he came back to Wisconsin, and bought the old home farm from the other heirs of the estate. It has been his home to the present time, and he has added to the old homestead ninety-three acres, making a compact and desirable farm. Mr. Crull and Miss Jennie Clark were married in December, 1894. She was born November 23, 1866, daughter of Norman and Jane Clark, long and favorably known throughout Grant county, and was educated in the schools of the town of Harrison, where she grew to womanhood. She is the mother of two children: Margaret E., born May 11, 1896; and George W., born March 17, 1898. Mr. Crull is a Republican, but has never sought office. He is a religious man, though not a member of any denomination. He stands well among the leading men of Grant county, and is one of its solid and substantial citizens.

**SAMUEL WEST**, a prosperous farmer and stock dealer of Sylvester township, Green county, lives on the old West homestead, about two miles north of Juda.

Mr. West is a son of George and Susan (Winchell) West, of Erie county, N. Y., where the father was born Jan. 7, 1818. George West was a son of John and Avis (Bowen) West, the former a native of Cayuga county, N. Y., of Irish lineage, and the latter of Scottish descent, born in the State of Vermont. John West was the father of ten children: George is a retired farmer of Brodhead, Wis.; Arimida, born Nov. 6, 1820, married Stephen Estay, of New York, and both are deceased; Susan, born Feb. 6, 1822, married Richard Sherman, of Erie county, N. Y.; Matthew, born May 31, 1824, married Sarah Decker; Thomas S. B., born April 24, 1827, is living in Erie county; Sarah, born July 19, 1831, married Peter Willoughby, of New York; Elizabeth, born in June, 1833, married Nelson Park, of Illinois; Jonathan and John (twins) were born Sept. 10, 1837; and Annis was born March 6, 1839.

George West, father of Samuel West, was married to Susan Winchell Sept. 1, 1840. Her parents, Ira and Betsy Winchell, were then living in New York. To this union came Samuel, our subject; Louisa, born Sept. 29, 1844; George, Feb. 14, 1846; Avis E., Nov.

29, 1847 (died in 1896 at Hampton, Iowa); Clara, Sept. 7, 1849; Mary, April 24, 1854; Alice E., Nov. 27, 1855; Ida N., July 10, 1857; Nelson P., Nov. 10, 1859 (died aged nineteen years); Minnie, Nov. 2, 1865 (died in infancy).

Samuel West, whose name introduces this article, was born in the town of Sylvester, Green Co., Wis., March 11, 1843, five years before the admission of Wisconsin as a State into the Federal Union. On March 23, 1867, he married Miss Kate Read, of Juda, Wis., who was born June 2, 1849, in Cortland county, N. Y., daughter of Charles W. Read. Mr. Read came from New York to Genoa Junction, Wis., about 1852. He died June 14, 1899, in Gates, Oregon. To this union of our subject and wife have come five children: George, born April 8, 1869, married Miss Lettie Hall, of Sylvester; Mattie, born June 11, 1871, married Charles Hall, a merchant in Juda, where he is postmaster; Susan I., born Oct. 8, 1873, died March 18, 1896; Nettie M., born Feb. 16, 1876, married Eldridge Anderneck, son of Rev. J. Anderneck, of Juda; Bertha C., born Aug. 22, 1878, married Oscar Moldenhauer, of Juda.

Samuel West was reared on the farm of Sylvester, and has memories of Wisconsin as a wilderness which few possess at the present time. On Aug. 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, 22d Wis. V. I., and served with honor and credit to the close of the war. He was with Gen. Sherman when he broke the backbone of the Rebellion, and was taken prisoner at Brentwood Station March 25, 1864, being incarcerated in Libby prison, but was soon paroled, and afterward exchanged. Honorably discharged June 12, 1865, he returned home with a record of which any man might be justly proud. For six months he was private orderly for Major Gen. Mower, and for six months previous was detailed as an orderly and employed on special duty, carrying despatches a portion of the time.

Mr. West has been engaged in farming, and has dealt in stock and fine horses for the last thirty years, having reared a number of the best horses ever bred in Green county. No citizen of the county has done more to improve the grade of its live stock. Our subject has served as school clerk, and chairman of the town, and is an honorable and esteemed member of the community. He has never

united with any church, but is a splendid neighbor, a trustworthy friend, and a man of the most irreproachable domestic habits and character.

EDWARD E. BERRY, M. D., a prominent and popular physician and surgeon of Platteville, Grant county, was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., a son of Isaac M. and Hannah E. Berry, the latter of whom died when the Doctor was a child.

Dr. Berry was primarily educated in Galena, Ill., acquired his academic education in the same State, and then entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1858. In 1862 he enlisted, in the 33d Wis. V. I., under Col. J. B. Moore, was appointed hospital steward, and held the position until the close of the war, in 1865, when he resumed private practice in Lafayette county, Wis. He took a post-graduate course at Rush Medical College, securing a second diploma in 1866.

In July, 1866, the Doctor married Miss Helen M. Lee, a native of New York State, and a daughter of George W. and Cordelia M. (Bishop) Lee, the former of whom was a grand-nephew of Robert E. Lee, of Virginia. In August, 1867, the Doctor brought his wife to Platteville, where he has since been constantly engaged in the active practice of his profession, and has been favored with a large and remunerative patronage. In July, 1879, Mrs. Helen M. Berry passed away, leaving him with three children, viz.: Mary, who was educated in the Platteville high school, is the wife of Charles McAtee, and has two children, Oleta and Lavana; Cordelia, wife of Benjamin Dorscher, is the mother of one child; and Ernest E., born in 1876, is now engaged in Wright's drug store in Platteville. In February, 1895, Dr. Berry married, for his second wife, Miss Sarah E. Bondraunt, who was born in Lafayette county, Wis., in 1855; she died two years after marriage, without issue.

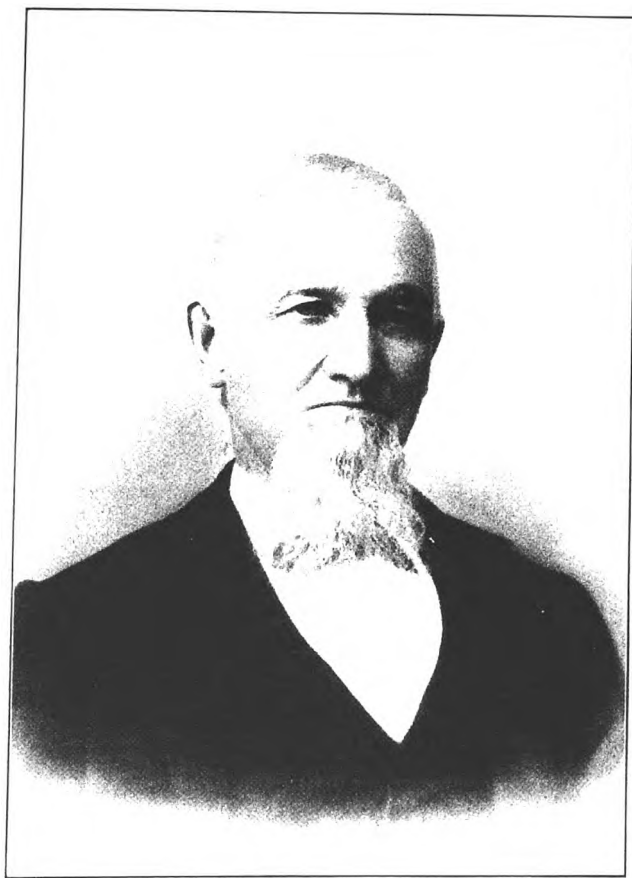
In politics Dr. Berry is a Democrat, but has never cherished any desire for public office. his professional engagements demanding all his attention. He is a member of W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66. G. A. R., of Platteville, in which he has held the office of surgeon of post. Dr. Berry has risen to his present elevated station in life through his individual exertions, having started out a poor young man, and hav-

ing earned even the means to pay for his education, literary and professional. He is of a kindly disposition, and has never been known to refuse his services to the needy, regardless of compensation, nor to slight a case of this kind any more than he would one for which he was sure of receiving the highest fee. He has deservedly prospered, and he and his family are among the most highly respected residents of Platteville.

DAVID BARRETT was born in Ohio, in the Mohawk Valley, May 1, 1845, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Little) Barrett, who came to Wisconsin the same year, locating in Monroe.

Abraham Barrett was born in Ohio in April, 1820, and his wife in 1819; they were married in 1843. In 1847 they moved to the town of Lima, Grant county, and settled on a farm in the vicinity of the little village of Arthur, where they made a permanent home. While living there Mrs. Barrett died, Feb. 16, 1866, leaving six children, David, our subject, being the eldest. Of the others, Joseph, William and Sarah (Mrs. Gunther) live in Nebraska, and John lives on his farm in Iowa. All have families. In 1866 the father married, for his second wife, Miss Jane Lowell, of Grant county, and four children were born of that union. Mr. Barrett moved from Wisconsin to Stockham, Hamilton Co., Neb., where he was engaged as a merchant up to the time of his death, in 1889. An active business man during his entire life, he had many friends wherever he lived. Mr. Barrett was a soldier in the Rebellion, serving in Company E, 11th Wis. V. I., and participated in many fierce battles, having much severe experience during the three years in which he followed the flag.

David Barrett attained his manhood on the home farm, and received his education in the public schools. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company C, 37th Wis. V. I., and was promoted to the rank of fourth orderly sergeant. The 37th Wisconsin served in the Army of the Potomac under Gen. Grant. Mr. Barrett was in the fighting before Petersburg and in other hard-fought battles. Taken prisoner in 1864, he made his escape in company with his companions, and remained with his regiment until the close of the war, participating with his command in the grand review at Washington, where he was discharged.



*E. C. Barry D.D.*





Mr. Barrett was injured while engaged in building breast works during the war, which left a lasting injury of his spine. Two years ago he lost the use of his limbs, and is now an invalid, confined to his home. The mind is bright and active, but the body is helpless, and Mr. Barrett has been a patient sufferer for many years. His business and the farm have had his close supervision until within a very few years. He is a man of sterling qualities, and loved and honored by his neighbors. Mrs. Barrett has proved herself a capable wife, and her devotion has been a great comfort to him.

Mr. Barrett and Miss Minerva J. Hooks were married in March, 1866. Elijah and Harriet (Kiggins) Hooks, her parents, were old pioneers of Grant county. Born in Ohio, they came to Grant county in 1842, and settled in the town of Lima, on wild land, beginning their life in Wisconsin in a log cabin; Mr. Hooks became one of the successful farmers in this section of the country. He died May 3, 1893. Mrs. Hooks lives with her daughter, at the venerable age of seventy-three years. Mr. Hooks was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in the 3d Cavalry, from Wisconsin, under Gen. Phil. Sheridan.

Mrs. Barrett was born in the town of Lima, Grant county, in March, 1849. After their marriage our subject and wife settled on the old Barrett home for one year, and in 1869 bought a farm in Cass county, Neb., where they lived until 1875. That year he sold out, and the family returned to Grant county. In 1878 he purchased a tract of wild land, which he cleared up, and erected a good dwelling-house in 1881. There are substantial barns and ample outbuildings on the place, and it is one of the desirable rural estates in this part of the State. To Mr. and Mrs. Barrett have been born four children: (1) Carrie died when a young lady of seventeen years. (2) Joseph, born in January, 1867, married Miss Annie E. Bennett, of Platteville, and lives on his farm (which joins his father's) in the town of Lima. They are rearing an adopted daughter, Ruby. (3) Calvin, born in Fennimore, Wis., in August, 1868, married Miss Jennie Hull, and lives on his farm in the town of Lima. Four children were born to this union, Pearl David, Abraham, Ethel and Elva. (4) Orvil W., born in 1875, married Miss May Selleck, of the town of Harrison, and resides

on his farm in the town of Lima; they have one son, Walter E.

Mr. Barrett was formerly a Republican, but within the last few years he has been voting the Prohibition ticket. For five years he has been roadmaster in the town of Lima. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett are members of the Free Methodist Church.

JACOB S. BRUGGER, a fruit farmer of the town of Platteville, Grant county, has done the people of southern Wisconsin valuable service by showing in his own career the possibilities of this region for the cultivation of many kinds of fruit the profitable raising of which was long supposed to be confined to more favorable conditions.

Mr. Brugger is a native of the county, born in August, 1870, a son of J. J. and Mary (Carl) Brugger. His mother is a daughter of Jacob Carl, an old pioneer of Grant county. J. J. Brugger was born in Grant county in 1846, and his wife in 1848. The Bruggers came from Switzerland, and the Carls from Germany. It is not too much to say that the best characteristics of both nationalities have passed down the line of heredity, and appear in the young man who is the subject of this article. J. J. Brugger, who was a harness maker and farmer, is now leading a retired life in Platteville. He and his wife have ten children: William, born in 1868, lives in this State. Jacob S. is the second son. John, born in 1872, married a Miss Snee, and they live on the old homestead; they have one child, Catherine. Frank, born in 1874, is in Dubuque, Iowa. Mary, born in 1876, is living at home. Daniel, born in 1878, Charles in 1880, Annie, in 1882, Ella in 1883, and Maggie, in 1886, are attending the Platteville schools.

Jacob S. Brugger obtained his education very largely in school No. 8, and remained with his parents until he was twenty-one. He has mastered the science of farming thoroughly, and carries on his place according to the most modern methods. He was a well driller for some two years, and bought and sold horses for a year, shipping to the Minnesota markets. In 1893 Mr. Brugger married Miss Anna M. Schroder, the only daughter of C. F. and Mary I. Schroder, old and prominent residents of Grant county. Mrs. Brugger was born in 1868, was a student of the Platteville Normal and is one of the valuable women of her community, most highly esteemed by all who know her.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brugger spent three years on his father's farm, and during the season he was engaged in running a threshing machine for his neighbors. In November, 1896, he purchased the John Gilman property, in Platteville, where he is now raising grapes, apples, and all kinds of small fruits. Since taking possession of this place Mr. Brugger has erected all new buildings with the latest modern improvements, and this is one of the handsomest and best maintained tracts of real estate in the section, showing the master touch in every department. Mr. Brugger is a shareholder in the Toadville mine, Grant county. He is a stockholder in the Belgian horse "Baron de Hautes," known as the finest bred draught horse in this State.

Mr. and Mrs. Brugger are the parents of a family of four children: Clarence E., born Feb. 18, 1895; Ferny I., July 25, 1896; Hazel N., May 13, 1898; and Hurbert D., 1900. They attend the Primitive Methodist Church, and he has always been a Democrat, as was his father. Fraternally Mr. Brugger belongs to the Order of Foresters.

THOMAS D. NAGLE, a leading and representative citizen of Patch Grove township, Grant county, now owns and operates the farm on which he was born, in 1844, his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Brown) Nagle, being pioneers of Grant county.

The father of our subject was a native of County Cork, Ireland, born Jan. 13, 1806, and, being left an orphan at an early age, he came to America during his youth. For some time he resided in Canada, and there married Elizabeth Brown, who was born in Scotland Jan. 30, 1812. In 1836 they came to Cassville, Grant Co., Wis., which town was then "on the boom," and gave promise of being an important place, in fact it was even mentioned as being a future State capital. Mr. Nagle entered considerable land, including that on which his son Thomas D. resides, but at the end of two years he returned to Ohio, where he had lived for a time after his marriage. In 1842 he again came to Grant county, and settled on the land which became his homestead. He was an industrious, intelligent and upright citizen, and in early days took an active part in the development and upbuilding of his township. At one time he served as Territorial commissioner, and was town clerk when what is now Patch Grove

contained several other townships. In his political relations he was a Republican, supporting Fremont, the first candidate of that party for the Presidency, and voting for each succeeding candidate as long as he lived. Both he and his wife were faithful and consistent members of the Methodist Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. His death occurred on the old homestead April 14, 1884, and she departed this life on Dec. 16, following. Their family numbered five children, two sons and three daughters: Tamer, Jane, John, Thomas D. and Eliza, all living at the present writing (1901). John was a soldier in the war for the Union, and is represented elsewhere.

Thomas D. Nagle has spent his entire life on the old homestead, which he inherited from his father, and which has never passed from the family since the land was entered from the government. As a tiller of the soil he has met with excellent success, and now has his fine farm under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Nagle married Miss Laura Brown, a daughter of Luther Brown, an honored pioneer of Patch Grove township, and of this union have been born four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Nellie (now the wife of Ivan Russell), Edward, Laura and Lee.

Mr. Nagle is one of the most prominent and progressive citizens of his township. In his political affiliations he was originally a Republican, but as issues changed he believed he saw his duty along other political lines. The liquor traffic he regards as the chief source of suffering, crime and poverty, and he is now a staunch supporter of the Prohibition party. He and his wife and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is an active and efficient worker, and his life has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of those with whom he has come in contact.

JAMES ANDREW HOARE, one of the prominent and well known citizens of Mineral Point, Iowa county, and a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, is a native of the township, born in 1845, a son of John and Sally (Murrish) Hoare, both natives of Cornwall, England.

The father, who was a miner by occupation, in 1843 came with his wife to Mineral Point, Wis., where he prospected for some years, in

1847 settling on the farm where our subject now resides. Here he died in 1886, aged seventy-four years, but his wife survives, residing with our subject; she was born Aug. 5, 1815. To them were born: William, who resides with our subject; Mary Jane; John, who enlisted in Missouri, and died in St. Louis, of cholera, in 1865; James Andrew; Richard, residing in Mineral Point; Joseph, of Kansas City, Mo.; Martin, of Duluth, Minn.; and Frank E., of Mineral Point. In politics the father was a Republican, and he served as county clerk and as town clerk for sixteen years. Both he and his wife were members of the Primitive Methodist Church.

James A. Hoare was reared and educated at Mineral Point, where he learned the trade of stone mason, following same for twenty-five years, after which he became a farmer and stock raiser, and also a miner. His farm, which he owns jointly with his brother William, is one of the finest in the county, well stocked and provided with a comfortable house, large barn and ample outbuildings. They are also interested in the Mineral Point Creamery.

In July, 1866, our subject was married to Mary A. Goldsworthy, who was born in Mineral Point, a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Carbis) Goldsworthy, natives of Cornwall, England, who came to Mineral Point in 1849. Mr. Goldsworthy was a stone mason by trade. He went to California during the gold excitement, and afterward returned to Mineral Point, where he died in 1892, his wife preceding him to the grave by a few weeks. To our subject and wife were born six children: Tassie L., Mrs. Frank Ivey; Cora B., Mrs. Elbert Spooner, of Mineral Point; John H.; William R.; Fannie and Charles J.

On March 27, 1864, our subject enlisted, at Mineral Point, in Company C, 37th Wis. V. I., which was being mustered in at Madison, Wis., and assigned to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 9th Army Corps. Among the engagements in which he participated were the siege of Petersburg, the raid on Weldon railroad, Poplar Spring, Hatcher's Run, etc. At the close of the war only 150 men returned of the first 800 enrolled in the regiment, all the others being either killed or discharged on account of disability. After many hard-fought battles and many hardships, our subject was honorably discharged, on July 27, 1865, at Washington, D. C. In memory of those stirring days Mr.

Hoare takes a deep interest in the G. A. R., and is an active member of George H. Legate Post, No. 125, which has a membership of seventy. He is also a member of Iowa Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

On Sept. 14, 1897, Mr. Hoare met with a sad loss in the death of his faithful wife, who passed away at the age of fifty years. On October 24, 1900, our subject wedded Mrs. Eliza M. Stephens, of Mineral Point, who was born in Cornwall, England, and came to Wisconsin in 1869. She was first married to Joseph Thomas, and after his death, at Hazel Green, in 1872, married James W. Stephens, who died at Mineral Point, in June, 1897.

In political matters Mr. Hoare follows in the footsteps of his honored father, and adheres to the principles of the Republican party. He is now serving as treasurer of the school board in District No. 1.

REV. SAMUEL GAYLEY HUEY, the faithful and well-beloved pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Rock Prairie, Rock county, was born May 7, 1854, at McAlevys Fort, Huntingdon Co., Penn., a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Barr) Huey, both of whom were of Scotch-Irish extraction.

Our subject obtained the rudiments of his education in the common schools, and then passed four years in the Stone Valley Academy, in his native town, whence he passed to Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Penn., graduating in 1888. The following fall he entered the Allegheny Theological Seminary, and was graduated in March, 1891. On April 15, 1890, he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Mercer, and the summer following he passed doing missionary work at Benkelman, Neb. Early in life he had united with the Stone Valley United Presbyterian Church, in his native town, and had consecrated his future years to the service of his Maker. No faltering, no wavering, but onward, diligently striving to do the Master's will, Rev. Huey has labored in the interests of humanity. In the autumn of 1890, he was called to the pastorate of the Rock Prairie (Wis.) congregation, and on May 7, 1891, entered upon his duties there. On Aug. 19, 1891, he was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Presbytery of Wisconsin, and finally installed as pastor at Rock Prairie. Under the earnest ministration the congregation has increased from 111 to 192

members, over 150 persons having been received into the church. In this time Rev. Mr. Huey's good works are known far beyond the confines of his own parish, and he holds high rank among other ministers of the same denomination. For the past eight years he has been Stated Clerk of the Wisconsin Presbytery, and has ably discharged the duties appertaining to that office. In 1895-96 he was Moderator of the Synod of Illinois, and served a three-years term as a member of the board of managers of the Xenia Theological Seminary at Xenia, Ohio.

On Sept. 10, 1891, Rev. Mr. Huey was united in marriage with Miss Eva Donaldson, of New Wilmington, Penn., a daughter of Zechariah and Mary Donaldson, the former a nephew of Rev. Dr. Donaldson, of Elders Ridge, Penn. Mrs. Huey, a highly cultured woman, was graduated from Westminster College June 20, 1888, and passed the next two years as a teacher. Rev. Mr. Huey and wife are the parents of three children: Grace Donaldson, born Dec. 29, 1894; Helen Barr, Oct. 27, 1896; and Ruth Crawford, April 29, 1900.

SAMUEL C. ROSS is one of the successful miners and farmers who have made Wisconsin what it is to-day, one of the foremost States among the great commonwealths of the country. Through the efforts of such men the fields bring forth their produce, and the depths of the earth are called upon for their treasures.

Mr. Ross was born in Mineral Point, Iowa county, in 1859, a son of John James and Sarah (Sproule) Ross. The father was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, Nov. 29, 1819, and there reared, remaining in Ireland until July, 1839, when he came to Mineral Point, a poor boy. He engaged in mining, later in farming and stock raising. In 1849 he went to California, but returned to Mineral Point and again engaged in farming, becoming very successful, taking his place among the prominent citizens of the county. At the time of his death he owned 3,000 acres of land. He was one of the men instrumental in having the Mineral Point railroad run through the place, and at his death, which occurred March 3, 1899, Mineral Point lost its leading business man, as well as one of the kindest hearted and noblest of its citizens. Not only was he a successful farmer and miner, but he was extensively engaged in stock-raising, and handled large quantities of

grain. His good wife, who was also a native of Ireland, died at Mineral Point in 1892. To these most worthy people were born four sons: William S., a farmer and stock raiser of Mineral Point; Samuel C., our subject; Charley, a physician and surgeon of Mineral Point; and David, who died in childhood.

Our subject was reared to manhood in Mineral Point, has always been engaged in mining and farming, and makes a specialty of raising fine blooded horses, cattle and hogs. In 1892 Mr. Ross built a fine home in Mineral Point, where he and his family reside, surrounded by the comforts and luxuries of life. The marriage of our subject to Miss Anna J. Sproule, a native of Missouri, occurred in 1891, and to this union three children have been born, Andrew, Emily and Samuel.

The Ross family is among the early settlers of the county, and none is more highly respected. The father was a Democrat politically, and a Presbyterian in religious matters, and his son follows in his footsteps. Neither have ever sought office, although John Ross did consent to serve on the board of supervisors. Socially our subject is a member of Raven Lodge, No. 18, K. of P., Mineral Point. He is well known throughout the entire State, and always takes a deep interest in anything destined to advance the material prosperity of the city of Mineral Point, Iowa county, or the State of Wisconsin.

DR. CLAY W. BENNETT, a rising young member of the dental profession at Monroe, Wis., belongs to one of the more notable families of Green county, and is himself no unworthy representative of its better characteristics. He is well versed both in the theory and practice of the calling which he has made his life work, and is determined to keep to the front. He is a genial and social gentleman with many friends, and enjoys an enviable reputation for probity and fair dealing.

Dr. Bennett is a native of Green county, born July 9, 1865, a son of Felix and Catharine (Bell) Bennett, whose personal and family history has been written up under the name of Felix C. Bennett. They are classed among the leading people of Monroe, and are active workers in all social, humanitarian and reform movements that address the better impulses and convictions of the world. Dr. Bennett has one living sister, Estella, who

married George King, of Janesville, and is a charming and talented lady. As noted elsewhere, the father of Dr. Bennett was in the early days a settler upon a Wisconsin farm, and upon this farm the first years of the Monroe dentist were passed. When ten years old he was taken into Monroe by his parents, and there he completed his boyhood and youth, passing through the Monroe schools in order, and in 1888 he was graduated from the Chicago college of dental surgery. He set up in the practice of his profession the same year in Monroe, and here he has lived and labored to the present time.

Dr. Bennett and Miss Ida Roderick were married Feb. 5, 1890. Mrs. Bennett is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Newman) Roderick, and is the mother of three children, Byron R., Catherine E. and one who died in infancy. Dr. and Mrs. Bennett belong to the Christian Church, and he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is an active worker in the Wisconsin Dental Society, and also in the Southern Wisconsin Dental Society. The Doctor has been a Democrat, and knows the reason of the faith that is in him. He has been the recipient of complimentary notice on the part of his professional associates, and in 1899 was elected president of the State Dental Society. Dr. and Mrs. Bennett occupy a pleasant home on East Russell street, which has become the center of many social and friendly interests.

WALLACE ALPHEUS PENGRA, a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Green county, resides on his farm about four miles northwest of Juda, and is well known as a thrifty and successful farmer.

Our subject is a son of George S. and Maria (Waltz) Pengra, and a grandson of Moses and Sarah (Johns) Pengra. His parents came from Genesee county, N. Y., and located in the town of Sylvester, Green Co., Wis., in 1849. Moses Pengra was a son of Marshall Pengra, of Bennington county, Vt., whose father came to the New England Colonies in company with two brothers long before the Revolution. One brother, Orin, lost his life during that struggle; the other brothers were separated, and in their separation the name was changed in its spelling. Gov. Pingree, of Michigan, is thought to be a member of the same family.

Moses Pengra was born in 1799, and married, March 25, 1818, Sarah Johns, who was born in Wales, and came to this country when a small girl. They had the following children: Marshall; George S., the father of W. A.; B. J., now residing in Oregon; Honor E., a widow, in Iowa; William, deceased; and Elisiph, who died in childhood. George S., father of Wallace A., was born in Darien, Genesee Co., N. Y., in 1821, and died in Sylvester July 1, 1890. In 1849 he married Maria Waltz, who was born Nov. 10, 1827, in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and is still living, making her home with her son Wallace A., on the old homestead. She is a daughter of Alpheus and Jane (Ferguson) Waltz, who were of Dutch and Scotch-Irish descent. Peter Waltz, grandfather of Mrs. Pengra, enlisted in the Revolution, and bore arms for seven years in the cause of independence. His father came from Holland. Thomas Davey, the maternal great-grandfather of W. A. Pengra, was killed at the battle of Fort Stanwix. He came of English blood.

The marriage of George S. Pengra to Maria Waltz was blessed with three children: (1) Wallace Alpheus; (2) George H., born Dec. 23, 1853, a thrifty farmer of Sylvester, whose sketch appears elsewhere; and (3) William S., born May 26, 1855, who died in Cheyenne, Wyoming, in 1881.

Wallace Alpheus Pengra was born Oct. 17, 1851, and was married to Miss Nancy J. Baldwin, of the town of Sylvester, Nov. 11, 1875. Mrs. Pengra was the daughter of Harvey and Margaret (Johnson) Baldwin, of Green county, who came here in 1854. They were of English and Irish ancestry, the maternal grandmother coming from Ireland. Mr. Baldwin was born in 1814, and died in 1899; his wife was born Oct. 8, 1824, and died March 14, 1900. They were good people, and much respected in their day. Mrs. Nancy J. Pengra was born July 30, 1854, in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and was brought to Wisconsin when a babe in arms. Our subject and his wife have the following children: Hugh S., born July 22, 1878; Frank E., born March 27, 1884; and Maria Antoinette, born Nov. 5, 1887, all at home.

Mr. Pengra was reared to manhood on the paternal acres, and acquired his education in the district school. In his agricultural labors he has met with marked success, and is one of

the most successful in the county in his chosen work. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and he has served his town as road supervisor, member of the town board, and treasurer of the school board for a number of years, and commands the respect of all. He began life a poor man, but now owns a farm of 140 acres in his own name, and a half interest in 360 acres with his brother George H. He is a man of fine character and high standing.

REV. ARTHUR LONGFIELD, the zealous and devoted minister of the Free Baptist Church at North Johnstown, Rock county, was born in Magnolia, in that county, and educated in the public schools and in the seminary at Evansville. He graduated from this school in 1886, and immediately began ministerial work in the Free Methodist Church. For a number of years he served that organization in Wisconsin and in South Dakota. In this State he was pastor of the church at Marshall, Dane county, and has had several other charges, in which he distinguished himself by his zeal for his Master's cause, and his earnest presentation of a simple Gospel.

Mr. Longfield withdrew from the Free Methodist fellowship in 1897, and became pastor of the Free Baptist Church at Rutland, Wis., preferring to be associated with this church, as more thoroughly in harmony with his mature convictions. In 1899 Mr. Longfield was called to his present charge. It is one of the oldest Free Baptist Churches organized in Wisconsin, and was for many years regarded as one of the most prominent in the denomination in the State. It was organized at an early day by Elder Cary, who served as its pastor for many years. It has suffered during the later years of its history from the changing and shifting that have been going on in the population of the adjacent territory, but it is still in a fairly vigorous condition, and during the last year ten additions have been made to its membership, the new comers being mostly young people.

Mr. Longfield and Miss Anna R. Patch were married March 12, 1889. Mrs. Longfield is a daughter of Uriah and Christie A. (Barns) Patch, and was living in Platteville at the time of her marriage. Her father was a farmer of Richland county, Wis., during his active years. He died at Calamine, Wis., Feb. 6, 1884, when seventy-seven years old. Her

mother died at Platteville, Wis., June 9, 1888, at the age of seventy-one. They came to Wisconsin from Ohio in 1853. Mrs. Longfield is the youngest of a family of eleven children. To Mr. and Mrs. Longfield have come five children to bless their union: Arthur Bromley, Edna Grace, Henry Spencer, Miriam Vashti and Elsie Lucile. They are a band of bright and promising children, and will make their way in the world.

Henry Longfield, the father of Rev. Arthur, was born Dec. 11, 1820, in Northumberland county, Penn., and was taken by his parents to Hartford, Trumbull Co., Ohio, when quite young. He came to Wisconsin when a young man, and in 1851 bought a farm in the town of Magnolia, Rock county, which became his home during his active life. When advancing age compelled him to abandon the life of a farmer he moved into Evansville, where he lived thirteen years, and where he died Aug. 23, 1897. Henry Longfield and Miss Orrilla Spencer were married Nov. 25, 1852, and the union proved a happy one. She was born Jan. 12, 1824, in Clayton, Jefferson Co., N. Y., the youngest of a family of twelve children, and is the sole survivor of her father's family. She is making her home with her only son, Rev. Arthur Longfield.

RICHARD SCADDEN, a young and thrifty farmer in the town of Hazel Green, Grant county, was born at his present home May 17, 1867, son of Richard and Fannie (Jennings) Scadden, both natives of Cornwall, England, where the father was born in 1815, the mother in 1825.

Richard Scadden brought his family to Wisconsin in 1850, and worked in the lead mines of Grant county for a number of years, then purchasing a farm, three miles northwest of the village of Hazel Green, held same for a short time. Selling it, he bought a farm near Morgan's Mills, and in 1866 moved to the farm where his son Richard now lives, one mile south of the village of Hazel Green, on the Galena Pike. There he settled, and made substantial improvements, intending to make this his home for life, which indeed it proved to be. Mr. Scadden there died in 1897, outliving his wife ten years. Belonging to the Methodist Church, they "lived the doctrines they professed," and were widely known as good Christian people. Mr. Scadden was a

Republican, and in his prime had filled several local positions of honor and trust. Nine children were born to him and his wife: (1) John, born in 1850, married Miss Hester Williams, and has three children, Albert, Edna and Ernest; he is now a grain dealer in South Dakota. (2) Thomas, born in 1856, married Miss Martha Pierce, of Hazel Green, and has a farm in Illinois. There are four children in his family, Andrew, Saul, Roy, and Morris. (3) Lizzie, born in Hazel Green, married Harvey Smith, and is living in her native village, with one daughter, Pearl. (4) Hannah, born in Hazel Green, married Richard Shellivan, and lives in the town of Hazel Green. There are three children in their family, Orvil, Edward, and Fannie. (5) William, born in Grant county in 1861, married Miss Lizzie Pearce, and is a farmer in the town of Hazel Green. They have three daughters, Fannie, Lulu, and Ollie. (6) Tillie, born in Hazel Green in 1863, is the wife of Rev. Etla Ralph, who resides near Chicago. There are four children in their family, Lloyd, Roy, Walter, and Harry. (7) Ella, born in Hazel Green, is now the wife of John Pierce, of Illinois. (8) Richard is our subject. (9) Edward, born in 1872, married Sarah Scott, and is a farmer in Wisconsin.

Richard Scadden was educated, like his brothers and sisters, in the high school of the town of Hazel Green, where he grew to manhood, on his father's farm. In 1889 he married Miss Abbie Scott, daughter of Thomas Scott, of Hazel Green, one of the old pioneer settlers of Grant county. Mr. and Mrs. Scadden are the parents of four children: Lancelot, born in 1891; Hildred, born in 1892; Loraine, born in 1893; and Lloyd, born in 1898. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Scadden settled on the Joseph Harris farm, in the town of Hazel Green, where they remained one year, and were one year on the White farm. Mr. Scadden rented the old homestead of his father, and engaged in its cultivation until the death of that gentleman made it possible for him to purchase the farm of the other heirs. Here he now owns a choice place of 160 acres, under high cultivation, thoroughly improved, and equipped with all necessary farming appliances.

In politics Mr. Scadden is a Republican. He attends, with his wife, the Methodist Church, to which she belongs. Socially he

is a member of the M. W. A. and the Knights of the Globe. Mr. Scadden is an enterprising young man, well known in this part of the county. He is largely engaged in stock farming, and is forging his way to success rapidly.

JAMES M. HARCLEROAD, one of the enterprising and successful business men of Platteville, Grant county, owns and operates one of the largest livery stables in that city, and is a man universally respected. Our subject was born in Grant county in November, 1856, son of Solomon and Mary J. (Castley) Harclerod.

Solomon Harclerod was born in Bradford county, Penn., where he grew to manhood. His wife was born in Missouri, her father being Pierce Castley, a farmer, who died while yet a young man, and the mother migrated to Grant county, where Solomon Harclerod met her daughter, and they were married. After marriage the parents of our subject located in Grant county, and the father followed mining until the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted in Company F, 10th Wis. V. I., and served three years, participating in a number of hard-fought battles. Returning home after the war, he settled on a farm near Platteville, where he died in 1876. The mother still survives, and makes her home with our subject, in Platteville. There were seven children in this family, and all are now living except one daughter, Effie, who married A. E. Weller, of Des Moines, Iowa, and left one son, William, who still resides in Iowa.

Our subject was the eldest of the family, and was reared and educated in Grant county. When a young man he was a foreman of construction on the Chicago & Northwestern and other railroads, but in 1887 he settled at Lancaster, where he embarked in the livery business, and drove a stage between that city and Potosi for five years. About 1889 he removed to Platteville, where he established his present stables, and conducts business upon the latest methods. His horses are fine animals, the drivers careful, while his carriages, buggies, carts, and other equipages are of the latest design and best workmanship. The service is very efficient, and patrons are certain of receiving honorable treatment.

In 1887 Mr. Harclerod married Miss Alma Burriss, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Burriss, old pioneers and well-to-do farming



people of Belmont, Lafayette county. Mrs. Harclerod was born in Grant county in 1862. Three children have been born to our subject and wife, James, Edward and Ruth, the first named being a student at the State Normal, and a very bright boy.

Politically Mr. Harclerod has been identified with the Republican party, and fraternally he is a member of Platteville Lodge, K. of P.; and Lodge No. 7, of the Modern Woodmen. Mr. Harclerod is special treasury agent of his city, and in the spring of 1900 was elected a member of the city board from the First ward. Although deeply engrossed in the business of his establishment, Mr. Harclerod always finds time to give his support to anything tending toward the advancement of the material interests of the city, and he enjoys the respect of his acquaintances as an honorable man and a public-spirited citizen. Mrs. Harclerod is a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and takes an active interest in the work of that denomination.

JOHN W. GARDNER, the efficient sheriff of Green county, has made his home in Monroe for a number of years. He enjoys an enviable reputation as an upright and honorable man, and as a police officer has repeatedly displayed both nerve and judgment in a high degree. Mr. Gardner was born Oct. 6, 1855, in Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., and was brought to Wisconsin early the following year, so that practically his entire life has been spent in this State.

The parents of our subject, George and Aucelia (Rose) Gardner, were both natives of New York. They had three sons and one daughter, the latter dying in infancy. The sons are all living: Burton J., at Brodhead, Wis.; Charles Francis, near Brodhead; and John W. The father was a butcher in New York. He came to Rock county, Wis., in March, 1856, and very soon afterward located at old Decatur, in Green county, where he set up a meat market, and carried on a butcher business for several years. He then went to Texas, but after an absence of a year all news as to his whereabouts ceased, and he has never been heard of since. The mother died in March, 1877, at the age of fifty-two. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and a good woman, always kind and generous. The paternal grandfather of John W. Gardner bore

the name of George W. Gardner. He was a native of New York, of English descent, was a fifer in the war of 1812, and was a man of influence wherever he lived. He followed farming, and was an early settler of Wisconsin, coming to Rock county when the Territory was largely a wilderness, buying land in Rock, and dying there about 1864, when about eighty years of age. The father of Mrs. Aucelia (Rose) Gardner bore the name of Rufus Rose. He was born in the State of New York, a descendant of an old English family, followed farming, and died in New York at the age of fifty-five. He reared a numerous family.

John W. Gardner grew to manhood under the home roof, on the farm near Brodhead, Wis. He obtained his education in the local school and early took upon himself the burden of his own support, beginning his business career by renting a farm. He was engaged in farming until 1892. In 1895 he was appointed deputy sheriff, under N. S. Durst, and acquitted himself so creditably that he received a similar appointment under Stearns. In 1898 he was himself elected to this high office, entering upon its duties Jan. 1, 1899.

Mr. Gardner and Miss Dollie E. Springsted were married Jan. 14, 1875, and they have three children, Harry, John and Sadie. Mrs. Gardner is a daughter of David and Cordelia (Ward) Springsted, and was born near Hamilton, Canada, July 11, 1853. She is a woman of fine feelings and neighborly spirit, and has many friends. Sheriff Gardner belongs to several of the leading fraternities of the city, holding membership in the Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World, and the Knights of the Globe, and he is highly esteemed wherever known. He is a Republican politically, and is one of the strong men of the organization in the county, taking a keen interest in its workings, and is alive to whatever concerns the public welfare.

HENRY SOLOMON WEIL is one of the most thoroughly up-to-date citizens of Mineral Point, Iowa county, and has taken an active interest in the development of his home city.

Mr. Weil was born at St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19, 1855, a son of David and Theresa (Loewenthal) Weil, and received his early education in the schools of Dubuque, Iowa, later passing some time in a machine shop there. At the age of twenty-one he was clerk in a

store in New York City, and about the year 1877 moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where he passed two years as traveling salesman for a tobacco and cigar house, and for the Singer Sewing Machine Co. The next year he came to Mineral Point, as general agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. for several counties. In 1884 he became connected with the McCormick Harvester Co., as special agent, which position he successfully filled until 1891, when he assumed charge of the Mineral Point Electric Light Plant, and has since efficiently discharged the duties of that office; he also has charge of the pumping of the city water. Mr. Weil is ambitious to see his town have all the improvements possible in a city of its size, and has helped to organize the Volunteer Fire Department, of which he is treasurer. He was one of the organizers of the Southwestern Wisconsin Fair Association, for several years served as its secretary, and is yet one of the stockholders. In politics he has been a Democrat, but advocates the gold standard. For three years he held the office of alderman, for four years that of city clerk, and for six years was member of the board of education.

In 1881 Mr. Weil married Miss Clara M. Jones, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Sanguin) Jones, and two children, Helen and Grace, have brightened their home. The family reside in a beautiful residence erected by Mr. Weil in 1890, and are very popular in the social life of Mineral Point. Mr. Weil is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., the I. O. F., the Knights of the Globe, and the M. W. A.

David Weil, father of Henry S. Weil, was born in Prussia, but passed most of his boyhood and youth in London, England, where he learned the trade of brushmaker. About 1848 he came to America, locating in St. Louis, where he engaged in mercantile business, later, about 1859, moving to Dubuque, Iowa, and remaining there until 1878, when he moved to Milwaukee, Wis. There he engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, and he died in that city in September, 1895, aged sixty-seven. He married Theresa Loewenthal, who was born in Prussia, daughter of L. Loewenthal, a hotel-keeper in that country, and came to America with her parents in 1849. Her father died in Chicago, at the age of ninety years.

Joseph Jones, father of Mrs. Weil, was

born in Bedford county, Penn., March 6, 1818, and died in Mineral Point in 1889. He came West in 1834 with his step-father, Abner Nichols, who kept the "Mansion House," the leading hotel of the mining district, for some years. This hotel was composed of several log cabins joined together, and was famous for the hospitality of the landlord, and the many social gatherings held there. Mr. Jones engaged in mining, and later kept a meat market. He soon attained a prominent position in local affairs, held several offices, and at one time was messenger of the Territorial Legislature, appointed by Gov. James Doty. He passed a year in California in 1850, but returned to Mineral Point, where he was one of the most popular of the pioneers.

GEORGE CULLEN. When we meet early settlers of the great northwestern country we are pretty sure to find them most worthy specimens of a worthy type—plain, sensible, honest men, who have never begged favor, or asked odds in the game of life, and whose strongest wish has seemed to be to stand square with their fellows. A representative of one of these honest tillers of the soil who assisted in making Grant county, Wis., the prosperous locality it now is, is George Cullen, the subject of this sketch. He was born in Chester county, Penn., Nov. 25, 1841, son of Joseph and Hannah (Waters) Cullen, of the Keystone State, the father born in Dublin, Ireland in 1806.

After marriage Joseph Cullen carried on farming in Chester county, Penn., until 1843, when he came to Wisconsin, and engaged in work in the lead mines at Hazel Green, until, in 1849, he purchased a tract of wild land from the government, in Smelser township, Grant county, and settled upon it. Our subject now resides upon this place, which was literally reclaimed from the wilderness, and in this work Mr. Cullen was ably assisted by his son. The clearing up of a tract of wild land requires strength, and persistent and steady labor for a long time. Upon this farm Mr. Cullen passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1891, his wife passing away in 1866. Both were devout members of the Catholic Church, he being one of the founders of the church in Benton. In his early life he was a Jacksonian Democrat, but at the outbreak of the Civil war, opposing slavery, he became a staunch Republican.

In all his beliefs and prejudices he was a strong man; fully convinced of right, he was never afraid to follow his convictions. Three children were born to this worthy couple: George, our subject; Anna, born in Chester county, Penn., who married Fred Hiel, and now lives in Smelser, with a family of six children; and Hannah May, born in Chester county, Penn., in 1843, who became the wife of Henry Wiley, of Hamilton county, Iowa, where she died Aug. 1, 1897, leaving six children.

Our subject was reared on the farm, and educated in Grant county, remaining at home, and taking charge of the farm at his parents' death. He knew all the deprivations of pioneer life when a lad. In 1870 he was married to Miss Mary E. Quick, of Grant county, a daughter of Joseph and Isabel (Clark) Quick. Joseph Quick was born in Virginia in 1821, his wife in Tennessee in 1825, and after their marriage, which took place in Kentucky, they located in Big Patch, Wis., remaining there until 1851, when they removed to the farm adjoining that of our subject. There Mr. Quick died in August, 1877, and his wife in 1875. Mrs. Cullen was educated in Grant county, where she grew to be an estimable young woman.

Mr. Cullen lived on the old homestead, in the old house, until 1893, when he erected the fine modern dwelling which reflects great credit to his taste, and makes a delightful home for his family. Much of his attention has been given to fine stock, and in every way he has been successful, and deems this part of the great State of Wisconsin the garden spot. To him and his wife a large family has been born: Lavinda, born in Smelser in 1871, married Wesley John, and has two children, Retta and Mary. Joseph H., born in 1872, married Miss Mildred Johns, resides on a farm in Wisconsin, and has two children, Ethel and Delvin. John E., born in December, 1873, married Miss Sarah Clayton, and resides on a farm. George E., born in 1876, resides on the farm. Nettie E., born in 1879, married William Johns, who is a hotel-keeper in Georgetown. Hubert O. was born in March, 1884. Leland, born in 1885, died in infancy. Howard A. was born July 3, 1887; Melvin H., in 1889; and Roscoe E., in 1892. The younger sons all attend the home school.

Politically Mr. Cullen has always been

identified with the Republican party, and he has served as a member of the town board of Smelser for many years. Mrs. Cullen is a consistent member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Cullen is associated with the I. O. O. F. and George and Joseph Cullen are members of the Order of Woodmen. The family possesses the esteem of all the residents of Smelser township. In it are connected a number of prominent old pioneer families, and it is a representative one, without a record of which no history of Grant county would be complete.

L. H. TREGLOWN, M. D., a popular and highly respected physician, whose home is in the village of Arthur, in the town of Lima, Grant county, was born at Linden, Iowa Co., Wis., Oct. 11, 1878, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Crane) Treglown, who were natives of England.

The father of our subject was born in 1824, and the mother in 1835. In their native country they reached maturity, and came when young people to Iowa county, Wis., where they married and settled over forty years ago. Two years after their marriage the young husband left his wife in Wisconsin and crossed the Plains to California, making the journey with an ox-team. Mr. Treglown came back in a few years, and subsequently made the same journey twice, with horses. Returning to his home in Linden, Wis., he followed mining, and also worked in Montana, where he met with fair success. They have a fine home, where he lives retired. Mr. Treglown is a staunch Republican, and with his wife belongs to the Methodist Church. To them were born a family of ten children: (1) Alfred, born in Iowa county, married Miss Julia Vial, of Linden, and moved to the copper mines of Michigan, where he was a miner until 1899. That year he went to California for his health, but too late for any benefit, and he died in February, 1900, leaving a wife and four children, three of whom are married. His widow and Phillip, Edith and Alvie, live in Butte, Mont. Annie married Robert Hancock, and lives in California. Alfred Treglown was a member of the Masonic fraternity for twenty-five years. (2) Jennie is the wife of Thomas Jeffrey, of Linden. Their children are Ray, Ella, Ocea and Glenn. (3) William married Miss Emma J. Hosking, of Colorado, and purchased a home in Linden, where he lived for some years.

He then moved to Montana, where his wife died, in Butte, in 1895, leaving three children, Mamie, Willie and Maud. Mr. Treglown later married Mrs. Richards, of Dodgeville, Wis., and they now reside in Butte, Mont., where he is engaged in mining. (4) Olivia, born in 1858, married Thomas Faull, and is living in Linden, where they are rearing a family of eight children, Willie, Pearl, Maud, Clyde, Laura, Ernest, Roscoe, and Glenn. (5) Frederick A., born 1860, married Miss Maggie Duggan, of Calumet, Mich., to which union were born five children, and is now living in Iron Mountain, Mich. Mr. Treglown is extensively interested in business at Butte, Mont. (6) Etta, born in 1862, obtained her education at the home schools, and is now living in Milwaukee; she is unmarried. (7) Allie, born in 1867, is the wife of Morris Moriarty, of Fond du Lac, Wis., and they reside in Champion, Mich., where he is engaged in business. The children of this union are Walter, Ella and Jack. (8) Walter was born in Iowa county, Wis., is unmarried, and has a livery stable at Calumet, Mich. (9) Alden, born in 1873, married Miss Millie Smith, and is now a resident of Butte, Mont., where he is working in a printing office. There is one daughter in his family.

Dr. Treglown received his elementary education in the home schools, and read medicine with Dr. Stull, of Linden, for half a year. In Keokuk, Iowa, he took a medical course, and a course of dentistry in the Iowa State University, graduating from the Keokuk Medical College in 1896. His first practice was at Linden, and for eight months he was at Champion, Mich. After that he established himself at Arthur, and is building up a fine clientele. He is regarded as a bright and capable young physician, with a good knowledge of his profession, and well up in all modern and progressive ideas.

Dr. Treglown and Miss Lillian Heathcock were married in December, 1898. Mrs. Treglown is the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Heathcock, old pioneers of English descent, who are still living in Linden. She was born in December, 1875, and was educated in the schools of Iowa county.

Dr. Treglown is a Republican, and is health officer of the town of Lima. The Doctor belongs to Washburn Lodge, No. 228, I. O. O. F., is a charter member of Camp No. 5638,

M. W. of A., at Rewey, Wis., and is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity at Rewey. Though a young man he is a capable physician, and has met with a surprising success since coming to his present location.

JAMES D. ROGERS, farmer, town of Smelser, Grant county, Wisconsin.

A. M. EIDSMORE holds an enviable position as a capable and progressive young farmer in the town of York, Green county, where he resides on his handsome and well appointed farm. The place comprises 162 acres in Sections 10 and 15, six miles east of Blanchardville.

M. O. and Anna (Helland) Eidsmoe, his parents, were born in Norway, and came to Dane county, Wis., in 1855. Two years later they removed to the farm in the town of York where their son A. M. is now found. They had the following children: O. M., a public-school teacher of Dane county, married Mary Helland; G. O. is deceased; Julia is the wife of a Mr. Peterson, formerly of the town of Moscow, Iowa county, now of Wausau, Wis.; M. M. is in the town of Moscow, Iowa county; A. M., whose name appears above, is our subject proper. M. O. Eidsmoe is now living in the town of Moscow, at the age of seventy-eight years; his wife is six years younger. They came to this country very poor, but they prospered, and at one time owned over 200 acres of land. Mr. Eidsmoe was a soldier in his home country, and in 1861, when the first call for troops was made, he was the first man in his town to enlist, becoming a member of Company I, 15th Wis. V. I., serving throughout the war, and being mustered out in 1865. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Lutheran Church.

A. M. Eidsmore, whose career is the theme of this writing, was born Dec. 15, 1863, and was reared on the farm in York township, receiving his education in the local schools. Mr. Eidsmore was married Oct. 12, 1889, to Miss Caroline Ryer, whose parents, Andrew and Mary Ryer, were natives of Norway, and were numbered among the earliest settlers of Green county. To this union were born: Paul G., July 14, 1890; Merton W., Aug. 21, 1892; Hector L., April 14, 1895; Constance A., July 19, 1897; Florence L., June 20, 1899. Mrs. Eidsmore was born March 25, 1869, one of a

family of six children: (1) Mary, the wife of William Ivey, of the town of Moscow; (2) Sarah, the wife of Andrew Rye, of Minnesota; (3) Isabella, (4) Amelia, and (5) Ella, all three unmarried; and (6) Caroline, Mrs. Eidsmore.

Mr. Eidsmore is one of the leading men in his town, where he takes a prominent part in the councils of the Democratic party, having been member of the Democratic county committee, and national precinct representative. He has served on the town board, has been judge of elections, school director, and justice of the peace, and in the campaign of 1898 was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the position of register of deeds in Green county. Mr. Eidsmore owes his present comfortable condition to his own exertions, as he had to depend on himself when he began life. He now owns a fine place, supplied with all the modern requisites for profitable farming. Devoting his farm to general purposes, he yet gives special attention to dairying, and is the president of a cooperative cheese company, whose factory is on his farm.

In his religious affiliations Mr. Eidsmore is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in his career exemplifies the influence of a high moral character and strong convictions. In every walk of his active and useful life he has proved himself genuine and upright. In his domestic relations he is a good husband and a kind father, and in the community he is a broad and progressive man, standing for the best ideals of American citizenship, and giving his influence to measures and enterprises that look to the public good.

F. W. MARCUSSEN, the popular and rising young hardware merchant of Platteville, Grant county, was born in the northern part of Germany, in May, 1861, and is a son of M. H. M. and Marguerite Marcussen, who still have their home in the Fatherland.

F. W. Marcussen was educated in the common schools of his native country, and was reared on a farm. In 1878 he came to America, first locating near Davenport, Iowa, where he worked three years as a farm hand for an uncle, C. D. Marcussen, and in 1882 went to Victor, same State, and was again employed on a farm for three years. He then returned to Davenport, and worked for W. P. Bissell, in the hardware trade, until 1888, receiving

thorough instruction in the business. From Davenport he went to Sioux City, still in the employ of Mr. Bissell, who had an extensive wholesale hardware store in that city. In June, 1890, Mr. Marcussen came from Sioux City to Platteville, Wis., purchased the stock of John F. Seubert, and engaged in the hardware business on his own account, in which he has met with the most flattering success up to the present time.

In 1889 Mr. Marcussen was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Bevers, the accomplished daughter of J. N. and Hannah Bevers, an old pioneer family of Platteville, of German origin, although Mrs. Marcussen was born, educated and reared to womanhood in Platteville. To this union one daughter and one son, Ida and Edward (twins), were born in Sioux City in 1890; they are now attending school in Platteville. Mr. and Mrs. Marcussen are members of the Lutheran Church, to the support of which they are liberal contributors; fraternally Mr. Marcussen is a member of the F. & A. M. Melody Lodge, No. 2, of Platteville, and politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Marcussen began life in his adopted country a poor boy, but by his industry, economy and strictly business habits has brought himself to the front as a leading merchant. His extensive store is stocked with everything in domestic and imported shelf and heavy hardware, and similar articles usually found in such establishments, for Mr. Marcussen thoroughly understands the business, and is always affable, obliging and anxious to please his customers. As a citizen he is highly respected, and in society he and wife mingle with the best people in Platteville.

SEVER O. SEVERSON, who is known as one of the most progressive and successful young farmers of Jordan township, Green county, was born in Manitowoc county, Wis., Jan. 1, 1868, and he is a typical representative of the up-to-date agricultural element of southwestern Wisconsin.

Ole Severson, father of our subject, was born in 1818, in Hallingdal, Norway, and remained in his native land until 1850. Having concluded that if he would better his fortunes he must make a start somewhere else, he determined to come to the United States, and, after working industriously and saving for

some time to accumulate enough to pay his passage, he embarked for America on a sailing vessel used as a cotton freighter. The ocean voyage took seventeen weeks, during which time they were nearly shipwrecked several times, and their provisions gave out, so that they almost starved before reaching port. After land Mr. Severson came West immediately, reaching Milwaukee, Wis., in about a week, and he made his first location in Manitowoc county, and in 1880 located in Green county, buying land in Jordan township on his settlement here, which he cultivated until the close of his life. In 1862 Mr. Severson married Mrs. Bertha (Quala) Agern, and two children were born to their union, Rachel and Sever O. The daughter, born June 24, 1864, married Marcus Iverson, of Marathon county, Wis., and they have five children, Iver, Oscar, Alfred, Earl and Earnest. Ole Severson passed away March 12, 1889, his wife preceding him to the better land June 7, 1878. Mrs. Severson was buried in Valders cemetery, Manitowoc Co., Wis., while Mr. Severson was buried in the Norwegian cemetery in Jordan township, Green county. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and a Republican in political sentiment. Sever Severson, father of Ole, passed his entire life in Norway.

Mrs. Bertha (Quala) Severson was born in Norway, and there married Knudt Agern, by whom she had six children, viz.: Ole, who is a farmer in Pierce county, Wis.; Thomas, who is in business in Fergus Falls, Minn.; John, of Lake Geneva, Wis., who is in the employ of C. C. Boyle, of Chicago; Caroline, deceased wife of Erick Johnson, of Chicago; Bertha, wife of Ole Rollendson, of Battle Lake, Minn.; and Emma, who died unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Agern came to America in an early day and settled in Wisconsin. He was drowned in the Manitowoc river, while crossing on the ice.

Sever O. Severson was reared on the home farm, received his education in the public schools of the locality, and when old enough to choose his life work decided on farming, for which, and its various branches, he possesses decided ability. In addition to general agricultural pursuits he has engaged in dairy farming and the creamery business, and has met with unvarying success in all his undertakings, proving himself a man of sound judgment and a capable manager. Recently he

sold the old place, a highly improved farm, to Adolph Mier, receiving \$9,800 for the tract, though his father paid but \$1,600 for it, and the difference in value is sufficient testimony of the attention the land received from our subject and his father. Mr. Severson now resides on a farm of fifty-three acres in Jordan which he purchased, and he has also bought the Ned. Trickel farm, in Cadiz township, Green county, located three-quarters of a mile north of Browntown, paying \$7,700 for that property. He ranks high among the thrifty, well-to-do farmers of his section, and bids fair to keep unsullied the honorable name which his father made in the community.

On Nov. 5, 1891, Mr. Severson was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Thorson, who was born Aug. 25, 1863, in Jordan township, daughter of Knudt and Sarah (Everson) Thorson, early settlers of Jordan township, where Mr. Thorson became a well-to-do farmer. Two children have been born to our subject and his wife: Raymond, on Oct. 28, 1892; and Selma, on Jan. 23, 1895. Mr. Severson is a member of the Lutheran Church. In political opinion he is a Republican, but he uses his ballot in support of principle, not of party. He has served as school director and member of the township board, and in the discharge of the duties connected with those incumbencies showed a high order of citizenship. He is a good neighbor and a firm friend, and is liked as well as respected by all who know him.

REV. SYLVESTER J. DOWLING. In material things the degree of success attained is measured by the concentration required to attain it, but who can estimate the success that comes from a life consecrated to the uplifting of mankind? All personal aims and ambitions laid aside, every energy of body and mind directed in one all-absorbing passion—the development and consequent elevation of the spiritual life in his fellow men! That is the life of a priest, a man called by the Master Himself, and of such is Rev. Father Dowling, of Argyle, whose patience, devotion, and sincerity have endeared him not alone to the members of his own parish, but to all who know him.

Rev. Sylvester J. Dowling is a native of the State of Wisconsin, and was born at Racine Sept. 6, 1872, a son of Sylvester Dowling, long since deceased, and his wife, Maria

Hughes, the daughter of a pioneer of Racine, who built the second house in that city. Our subject was one of a family of eight children, seven of whom are yet living: John C., a resident of Chicago; Edward F., an architect of Chicago; Anna, who makes her home with our subject; Agnes, an artist of exceptional ability, with a studio in Milwaukee; and Clara and Alice, at home. Father Dowling obtained his early education in the public schools at home, and in September, 1887, entered St. Francis Seminary, near Milwaukee, where he remained nine years. His ordination took place June 21, 1896, the service being conducted by Archbishop Katzer. During the time he was at the Seminary his mother moved to Milwaukee, and there he celebrated his first mass a few days after the impressive ceremony that had made him a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. His first appointment was at Whitewater, Wis., where he acted as assistant to Rev. Father Fitzgibbon, and on the death of that esteemed pastor, in January, 1897, was appointed his successor. In August, 1897, he was transferred to St. Patrick's Church, Milwaukee, as assistant to Rev. Father Fairbanks, and in August, 1898, received the appointment at Argyle.

At the time Father Dowling received the appointment to Argyle there was no church there; the large number of Catholic families in the vicinity had been attending St. Francis Church, in Adams, Green Co., Wis., a little town about five miles east. Upon Father Dowling's arrival, in 1898, he immediately began making preparations for the erection of a church building, and so promptly did the people respond to his solicitations, and so energetically did he work, that in October, 1899, the present beautiful and commodious edifice was dedicated, the services being conducted by Rev. Dean Eugene McGinnity, of Janesville, Wis. The original cost of the building was \$4,000, and it is tastefully decorated and furnished. Since then a modern equipped home for the priest has been purchased, and the grounds of all finely improved, the whole amount expended being about \$10,000. When St. Joseph's church was erected, at Argyle, the church at Adams, in Green county, formerly attended by the Argyle parishioners, was attached to Argyle as a mission. Father Dowling is now engaged in the erection of a new church at Adams, which, when completed, will

cost \$5,000, but the money is on hand, and the people will not be burdened with debt of any description. The financial condition of his Argyle parish is good, the parish being entirely free from debt.

Among the societies of the church are the "Altar Society," the "Children of St. Mary," and the "Choir Society." In the last named there are twenty-one voices, all trained by the Father himself, who has made a specialty of music, and who possesses a remarkably sweet-toned voice. Father Dowling is a devoted and earnest temperance worker, and has organized societies in this line in both Argyle and Adams, the Society of Total Abstiners at Argyle numbering fifty-one members, and at Adams, eighty-three members. His work in temperance is strictly non-sectarian, and many of the members are Protestants.

Father Dowling is broad-minded, charitable and public-spirited, and, while ardently attached to the Church of Rome, his nobility of character has won him the esteem of all sects, and the respect of all men.

CHRISTIAN VINGER stands well among the prosperous and wealthy young citizens of the town of York, Green county, where he was born Nov. 3, 1864, a son of Gulbrand G. Vinger, who now resides in Argyle, Wisconsin.

Gulbrand G. Vinger was born Jan. 2, 1830, in Norway, and came to this country in 1850, being the first member of his family to emigrate to the United States. He has since made his home in Green and Lafayette counties, Wis., occupied in farming. During his first five years here he worked out, in 1855 homesteading and buying from the government the 400 acres now included in the original Vinger homestead, which he yet operates. In 1855 Mr. Vinger married Martha Carlson, and to them were born twelve children: Gust and Lewis, both of Argyle; Christ, deceased; Edward, of the town of Adams, where he is engaged in farming; Martin, who is deceased; Christian, whose name introduces this article; Oliver, a merchant of Argyle; Brown, of the town of York; Henry, of Lafayette county; Theodore, a farmer of Argyle township; Matilda, wife of Nim Nelson, a merchant in the village of Argyle; and Caroline, the wife of Nels Nelson. Gulbrand G. Vinger served as a soldier in the Union army during

the Civil war, making a record as a gallant and loyal son of his adopted country. He is now retired, enjoying the fruits of a useful and well-spent life.

Christian Vinger has his home on Section 34, York township, six miles east of Blanchardville, and sixteen miles northwest of Monroe, his being a large and attractive farm of 334 acres, with a new dwelling, and farm buildings ample to the demand, and provided with all the requisites for modern and progressive farming.

Mr. Vinger and Miss Carrie Mann were married March 15, 1888, and to this union came two children: Melvin, born March 14, 1889, and Clarence, born Aug. 19, 1891. Mrs. Vinger was born Oct. 28, 1869, and died March 15, 1901, regretted by all who knew her. She was one of the following family, all four of whom lived to maturity: Andrew, who is deceased; Olena, who married Edward Vinger, and died in 1900; Carrie, noted above as the wife of Christian Vinger; and Mattie, living at home with her parents in the town of Adams, who is the only one of this family now surviving. Mrs. Vinger was a noble and high-minded young woman, of charming Christian character, and was kind and good to all. Her loss was a great affliction to Mr. Vinger and his children, and her memory will long survive in their hearts and in the remembrance of her many friends.

Mr. Vinger is a staunch Republican, has served on the town board, and filled other town offices as well, being at the present time one of the leading farmer citizens of the town, where his reputation is very high by reason of his good character and moral habits. In religion he is a Lutheran, and is devoted to his church, of which he is a valuable factor.

SHANNON W. WARWICK is one of the leading farmers of Wyalusing township, and a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of Grant county.

William C. Warwick, his father, was born near Hamilton, Butler Co., Ohio, June 17, 1816, and on reaching manhood was there married, in 1843, to Miss Nancy Longfellow, who was also born near Hamilton, Nov. 15, 1822, a daughter of Jacob G. and Mary S. Longfellow, and a cousin of the illustrious poet, Henry W. Longfellow. In 1846 William C. Warwick, with his wife and two small children,

Walter D. and Shannon W., left Ohio with the intention of making his home farther West. Traveling in those early days was slow and tedious. Their course after reaching the Mississippi river was up that stream by steamboat to Galena, and, with the team brought with them, they then drove across the country to Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis., which place at that time was a small village, with but few inhabitants. Mr. Warwick located on Blake's Prairie, where he opened up a farm, being one of the first to settle there. Later he sold that place to a Mr. Weed, and bought another farm, near Bloomington, finally removing to that village, where he died in August, 1885. He had learned the miller's trade in Ohio, and when the mill was erected at Bloomington he was induced to take charge of the same, being the first to operate it. He possessed a thorough knowledge of the milling business, and it was a fortunate thing for the community in those early days that so able a miller was to be found among the pioneers. Mr. Warwick was an industrious and capable citizen, and left an enviable record for honesty and uprightness of character as an inheritance to his children. He was especially well known for his kindness of heart and liberality, and seldom or never said an unkind word of any one. His worthy wife survived him, and passed away March 19, 1888. She was of a kind and affectionate nature, ever ready to help those in need, and was a devoted wife and mother, and a worthy partner of her honored husband. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living at the present writing (1900), but only two are residents of Grant county: Shannon W., our subject; and Mrs. Minnie R. Fox, of Bloomington, Wisconsin.

Shannon W. Warwick was born in Ohio Sept. 11, 1846, and was only a few weeks old when brought by his parents to Wisconsin. He was reared in Bloomington, and educated in the public schools of that place, and early became familiar with the work of the farm, also gaining some knowledge of the milling business by assisting his father in the mill. His brother Walter D. thoroughly learned the miller's trade with the father; he died a number of years ago.

On Nov. 1, 1877, Shannon W. Warwick married Maggie L. Mahood, who was born in Lancaster, Wis., May 3, 1858, a daughter of Charles and Margaret (Parker) Mahood,



pioneers of Grant county. The Parkers located here about 1845. Mr. Mahood died in 1866, but his widow still survives, and continues to make her home in Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Warwick have four children, namely: Charlotte E., wife of George S. Glenn; Mary A.; Kittie F.; and Lou L. They have spent their entire married life on the farm in Wyalusing township, where they now reside, and are numbered among the highly esteemed and valued citizens of that locality. They have a comfortable home and a well-improved and valuable farm.

MATTHEW MURPHY, lawyer and surveyor of Benton, Lafayette county, was born in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4, 1826. He is a son of Dennis and Eliza (Broughelton) Murphy, the father born in Ireland in 1800, and the mother in Allegheny county, Penn., in 1808.

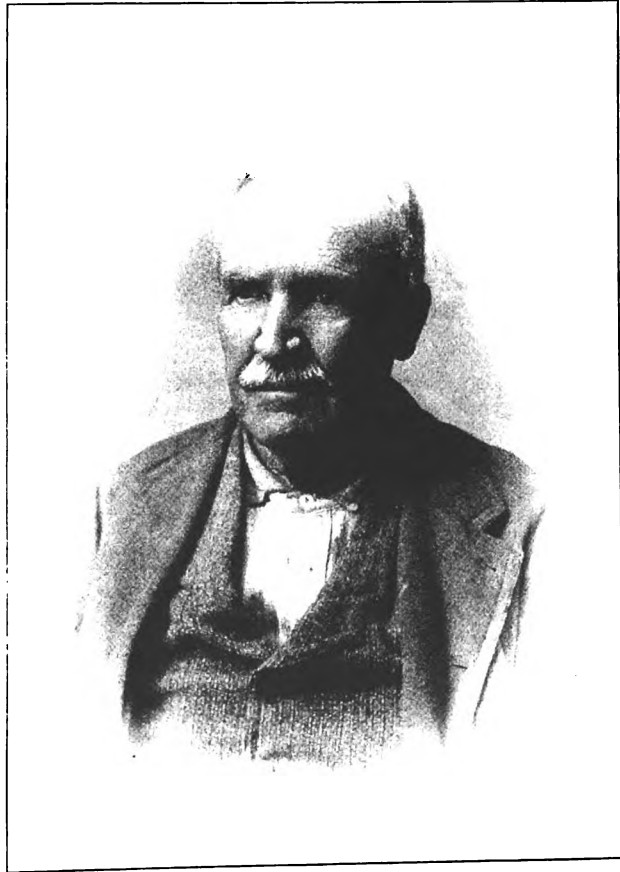
Dennis Murphy came to this country in 1820, and was married in Pennsylvania several years later. After his marriage he moved with his wife to Louisville, Ky., and very soon came to Wisconsin, as early as 1827 making his appearance in the town of Benton, where he purchased a tract of land on which he built the first sawmill in this section of the State. A few years later he added a flouring-mill, using the same power for both. He was one of the early pioneers, and a prominent man in his day. He owned wide tracts of land, gradually became very prosperous, and here spent his life, dying in 1870. In religion he was a Catholic, and he was one of the builders of the first church erected in this part of the country. His first wife died at their home in 1842, leaving him four children, and he subsequently married a lady of Lafayette county, by which union there were two children, one of whom, Mrs. John Morgan, is living in Iowa. The other died some years ago. (1) Matthew is the eldest of the children born to the first marriage. (2) Mary, Mrs. Pardee, lives in Iowa. (3) Rebecca is the widow of John Malorie, and lives in Dubuque, Iowa. (4) Daniel, born in Lafayette county, died when a young man of twenty-two years, under the parental roof. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are well remembered for their kindly spirit and open-hearted hospitality; their home was always open to the stranger. During the Black Hawk war he was a soldier in Gen. Armstrong's

regiment, and his early life was full of hardship and adventure.

Matthew Murphy obtained his early education in the Galena schools, and when a young man took up the study of law, which was his calling for many years, and in which he did remarkably well. He also learned surveying, and for more than forty years he has ever been ready to assist in the more accurate computation of areas. During these years he has dealt largely in mining stock and real estate, and has gradually become one of the wealthiest men of his section. Mr. Murphy was always a hard-working and active business man, determined to keep everything in which he had an interest going at full speed. For ten years or more he was interested in a store in Benton, under the firm name of Murphy & Horr. Since 1888 Mr. Murphy has been retired from active life, and makes his home in Benton, where he owns a large amount of real estate. From early manhood Mr. Murphy has taken an active interest in the political affairs of the county. He was chairman of the county board, and was a delegate to the State convention on several occasions. All the local offices of the town have, at one time or another, been filled by him.

Mr. Murphy has never married, but his life has been open and helpful to his community, where his acts of charity are well known. Fraternally he is a Mason, and was instrumental in the establishment of the order in this part of the State as early as 1842. In 1894, when the State Bank of Benton was established, Mr. Murphy became one of its officers and stockholders, with Judge Orton as president, and J. Buchan as cashier. It does an extensive business. Mr. Murphy is one of the wealthy and influential citizens of Lafayette county, where his residence dates from 1828, making him one of the oldest business men in this part of the State. His manly qualities and kindly spirit have given him a place in the hearts of the people which will long remain to him.

HERMAN VOGEL, of Cassville, Grant county, was born in Cassville Dec. 22, 1862, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Hanbach) Vogel, both natives of Germany, the former born in Bavaria, the latter in Wurtemberg. On coming to the New World the father first



*Matt. Murphy*



located in Pittsburg, Penn., whence he removed to Indianapolis, Ind., later to Montrose, and in 1854 settled in Dubuque, Iowa. A year later he became a resident of Cassville, Wis., and, being a butcher by trade, he opened a meat market at that place, which he conducted with good success for many years. He died in Cassville in 1889, respected by all who knew him; in fact, no more honorable man ever lived. His estimable wife, who still survives him, continues to make her home at that place. Of the four children born to them, three are living, namely: Elizabeth, at home; Herman; and John, a resident of Iowa.

Herman Vogel passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native town, and is indebted to its public schools for his educational advantages. On starting out in life for himself he was engaged in the meat market business with his father until 1889, when he embarked in business as a dealer in groceries and dry goods.

G. W. GEHRAND, principal of the Boscobel High School, Boscobel, Grant county, Wisconsin.

HENRY SYLVANUS ANDERSON, merchant and postmaster at Bergen, Rock county, was appointed by President McKinley, his appointment bearing date of March 29, 1898, and the name of Postmaster-General James H. Gray.

Mr. Anderson was born in Racine county, Wis., in 1864, and is still a young man, with his life before him. He received his education in the old stone school house still standing in Le Roy, Ill., leaving school, however, at an early age, and he worked on his father's farm from his fourteenth to his twenty-fourth year. His first business venture was made at Ashland, Wis., where he set up a grocery business, catering especially to the needs of the lumber camps. He was engaged there for two years, selling out in order to take a place as fireman on the Great Northern railroad, and had a run out of St. Paul, which he held for five years. In 1897 Mr. Anderson came to Bergen, and bought a property consisting of a general store and three acres of land in the corner of the State Line and Clinton streets. He has carried on this business with marked success, and built up a trade that promises still larger results in the near future.

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On Oct. 7, 1892, Mr. Anderson married Miss Ann Emilia Skofstad, a daughter of Ole and Annie Melinda (Anderson) Skofstad, farming people in Boone county, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of two children, Peter Sylvanus and Ann Melinda. He belongs to Lodge No. 92, I. O. O. F., at St. Cloud, Minn., where he joined the order in 1894; and to the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Clinton, Wis. He is a Republican, and in religious connection is a consistent member of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, having been christened and confirmed by Rev. Ole Andrewson, whose biography appears elsewhere.

Peter Anderson, the father of Henry Sylvanus, was born in Norway Dec. 4, 1817, and died at his home in Boone county, Ill., April 20, 1898. He was a farmer, and a man of more than usual force of character. His wife, Sonva, born in 1822, in Norway, died in Englewood, Chicago, in 1900, and her remains are interred in Bergen, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson came to this country in 1849, after a voyage of sixteen weeks on the ocean in a sailing-vessel. They landed at New York, and went from there to Albany, making the journey from that point to Buffalo by the canal, and from Buffalo to Milwaukee by the Great Lakes. They settled in Yorkville, Racine Co.; Wis., living there until 1868, when they moved to the Boone county homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were the parents of nine children. Their eldest son, Peter, enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company C, 15th Wis. V. I., and re-enlisted as a veteran in 1864. He served throughout the war, was discharged, and died in 1879. Ole, their second son, died the same year. Mary Ann married C. E. Powers. Martin, the third son, lives on the family homestead. Henry S., the gentleman whose name begins this article, is the youngest child of the family. Four of the children died at an early age, three being carried off by a cholera visitation that swept through this country.

FRANK WOODWARD METCALF. Rarely do the electors of a county, by popular ballot, secure for an office of grave public trust an incumbent so thoroughly qualified—through ability, experience and devotion to his work—as did the voters of Iowa county when they chose Mr. Metcalf superintendent of county

schools. As yet a young man of twenty-five years, he has already won a wide reputation as an educator, and has made his impress felt upon the school system of the county. His parents, George and Sarah (Woodward) Metcalf, were of English birth, having been born in the County of York. Both are numbered among those who have passed away, Mrs. Metcalf dying Sept. 8, 1890, and her husband in February, 1899. She was taken by her parents, while a young girl, to County Wicklow, Ireland, and thence the family emigrated to America, settling in Highland township, Iowa Co., Wis. They were among the early settlers there, and both were held in high esteem for their many admirable qualities of mind and soul.

Frank W. Metcalf is one of a family of seven children, and was born in Wyoming township, Iowa county, Oct. 8, 1875. After graduating from the public schools he matriculated at the State University, at Madison, and after a year's attendance at that institution entered the State Normal School, at White-water, graduating therefrom in 1898, after one year's attendance. He began his work as a teacher as early as 1893, and was for two years principal of public schools at Mifflin. There his success was so pronounced that in 1898 he received the Republican nomination for the county superintendency, and was triumphantly elected to that position, than which in view of its perplexing problems and its far-reaching influence no county office is of greater importance. To the discharge of his arduous duties Mr. Metcalf brought a clear mind and a ripe training, earnest purpose and successful experience. In their fulfillment he has neither faltered nor failed. Within the limits of Iowa county are 127 school districts, and about 175 applicants for positions as teachers are examined every year. A general institute, whose sessions usually consume a fortnight, is held at the county seat every summer, and in neighboring villages several Saturdays during the year are devoted to purposes of a kindred character.

During his comparatively brief term of office Mr. Metcalf has succeeded in introducing some important and valuable improvements on former educational methods. It is through his efforts, chiefly, that educational exhibits have become an important feature of county fairs, the first having been made at the Iowa

County Fair, in 1899. Upon his advice, moreover, and largely through his influence, the county board has made an appropriation for the examination of applicants for elementary public-school diplomas.

Before a man of his keen intelligence, quick perception, and personal force there lies a future of bright promise.

U. L. HOLFORD, M. D., is a skilled physician and surgeon of Cassville, Grant county, one whose knowledge of the science of medicine is broad and comprehensive, and whose ability in applying its principles to the needs of suffering humanity has gained him an enviable prestige in professional circles.

The Doctor is one of Wisconsin's native sons, his birth having occurred in Bloomington, Grant county, in 1870. His father, William H. Holford, was born in Pennsylvania, and in early life came to this State with his parents, William and Flora (Benson) Holford, who made the journey West by the Great Lakes to Chicago, and from that city by ox-team to Beetown, Grant county, in 1834. The Doctor's grandfather was a farmer by occupation, and was also one of the early teachers of the county. For some time he filled the office of justice of the peace. He died at his home in Beetown in the early sixties. William H. Holford, the Doctor's father, grew to manhood at that place, and is now a prominent merchant of Bloomington, Grant county. His wife is a native of the county, born in Potosi, and a daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Loveland) Benson, who about 1839-40 came to Wisconsin from Connecticut, and took up their residence in Potosi, where Mr. Benson engaged in the hardware business, hauling his goods from Milwaukee. Later he carried on the same trade in Bloomington where he died in 1874. His wife, who long survived him, passed away at the same place in 1897. Dr. Holford is the second in a family of three children, the others being Elva, a teacher in Graf-ton Hall, Fond du Lac, Wis.; and Laverne, who was graduated at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., in 1900, and published the college paper, at the same time doing job printing.

The early life of Dr. Holford was passed in his native town, and in its public schools he acquired his literary education. Later he entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he was graduated in 1892, and the same year

began practice in Beetown, Grant county, remaining there about two years. On Feb. 14, 1894, he opened an office in Cassville, and has since engaged in practice at that place. He has met with marked success in his chosen calling, and to-day ranks high among the prominent professional men of Grant county.

Dr. Holford was married, in Cassville, in 1894, to Miss May Okey, also a native of Grant county, and a daughter of Samuel W. and Frances (Joiner) Okey, who reside on a farm in Cassville township. The Doctor and his wife have three children, namely: Frances E., Eunice and Reginald.

DAVID KNOBEL, who has long held an enviable position among the honorable and successful farmers of Jordan township, Green county, is living on his handsome and well-tilled farm, which is located in Section 12, just across the Monroe line. Mr. Knobel comes from Canton Glarus, Switzerland, where he was born Oct. 15, 1842, and is a son of Andrew and Rachel (Hafty) Knobel, both of whom lived and died in Switzerland.

David Knobel came to this country in 1864, and for ten years remained in New York, where he was steadily engaged in work. There on Sept. 12, 1874, he was married to Miss Louisa Stanfield, a native of old England, but for a number of years a resident of this country. Immediately following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Knobel came to Green county, Wis., and here their home has been maintained to the present time. To them were born the following children: Annie, born Feb. 6, 1876, married Jacob Stauffacher, a prosperous young farmer of the town of Jordan; Emma, born Nov. 4, 1879, is at home; and Alfred George, born Aug. 31, 1883, is at home.

Mr. Knobel was reared under conditions of not uncommon privation in the old country, and was inured to hard work from a very early age. Landing in this country a poor man, his subsequent prosperity has come entirely from his own thrift, energy and honorable character. In his boyhood and youth he worked in the mills of the old country, and for some time after coming to the United States he worked for wages. In 1882 he bought the farm where he is found to-day, and to its care and improvement he has devoted his strength and enthusiasm. The family find shelter in

a splendid two-story farm house, there are ample barns and outbuildings, and the land is under a high state of cultivation. The owner is a hard-working and thoroughly practical farmer, and his broad acres show the character and industry of the man. Beside his general farming, Mr. Knobel is deeply interested in dairy work and stock raising. At the present time he is milking some thirty cows, and is a partner in a co-operative creamery on his farm.

Mr. Knobel is a Democrat, and both himself and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church of Monroe. They are good people, and are much respected by all who know them. Mr. Knobel is noted for his honest disposition and unswerving integrity, and his wife is a lady of unusual attainments and fine character. She is a devoted Christian wife and mother.

NATHANIEL MARTIN, whose name in Cadiz township, Green county, is "familiar as household words," is a native of Virginia, born Dec. 14, 1816.

James and Rebecca (Pearcy) Martin, his parents, were also Virginians, and came of Irish and English ancestry, respectively, Grandfather Martin having been born in Ireland, and Grandfather Percy in England. James and Rebecca Martin had ten children: Sidney, Redmond, Isaiah, Elias, Nathaniel, Rebecca, Nancy, Charles, Polly (who died in childhood), and one whose name is not given, all now deceased except Nathaniel and Rebecca (Mrs. Burrell), the latter of whom is residing in Nora, Illinois.

Nathaniel Martin was reared and educated in Virginia, whence, at the age of twenty, he went to St. Louis, Mo., and chopped wood for one winter. In the spring of 1837 he removed to Stephenson county, Ill., where for several years he worked at day wages. In 1848 he came to Green county, Wis., and built a dam on the Pecatonica river, at a point where the present village of Martintown now stands, and the same year he erected a saw-mill and later a gristmill. Here for over fifty-two years he has conducted a general milling business with remarkable success. Mr. Martin commenced life a poor boy, but by hard work, persistent and judicious economy he has become one of the wealthiest men of Green county, at one time owning 1,200 acres of

fine land, over 200 of which were under cultivation. However, he has given away most of his land, and is now devoting his time exclusively to operating the mills. For more than half a century he has been one of the leading business men of Cadiz township, and the village of Martintown (known as "Martin" before the railroad was built to that point), where he has his home, was platted by and named for him.

On Feb. 25, 1847, Nathaniel Martin married Miss Hannah Strader, daughter of Jacob and Rachel (Starr) Strader, who were among the early settlers of Green county, and fourteen children were born of this union, viz.: Elias, who lives at Cripple Creek, Colo., married Lavina, daughter of Thomas Watson; Alice is deceased; her twin sister, Eleanor A., married John Warner, of Winslow, Ill.; Jennie Edith, now deceased, was the wife of Jacob Hodge, late of Minnesota; Horatio makes his home in Martintown, Wis., being in partnership with his father in the milling business (he married Laura Hart, and has four children); William and Charles are both deceased; Emma is the wife of Cullen P. Brown, of Saint Marys, Mo.; Christa B. and Abraham L. are deceased; Mary L. is the wife of Elwood Bucher, of Illinois; James F. is deceased; Julie B. is the wife of Edwin E. Savage, a machinist of Seattle, Wash.; and Hannah is deceased. There are twenty-eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In politics Mr. Martin leans toward Prohibition, but was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and during his long career in Green county has always declined to fill any offices of honor and trust. In religious faith he accepts the strict interpretation of the Scriptures, and is opposed to all dogmas and creed doctrines. He and his estimable wife, who has been his faithful helpmeet for fifty-four years of joys and sorrows, live in the enjoyment of the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

**MRS. ANN LEADBETTER.** Rarely does the biographical writer find a task more congenial than to tell the life story of one whose maternal love has reared two families of children, and who, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, enjoys the marked esteem of her community, the genuine affection of her friends and the devoted love of her children and grandchildren. Such a one is Mrs. Ann

Leadbetter, of Montfort, who has witnessed and participated in the growth of Grant county for more than fifty years.

This venerable lady was born in Butler county, Ohio, on Jan. 20, 1814. Her father, Alexander George, was a Virginian, and her mother, whose name before marriage was Sarah Love, was a Kentuckian. Mrs. Leadbetter was a young girl of thirteen when her parents removed from Ohio to Jo Daviess county, Ill., settling near Galena. Lead mining was then one of the chief industries of that section, and she well remembers all the hardships and pleasures of life among the mines in those early days. She is the eldest of a family of nine children, of whom only herself and her youngest sister, Mrs. Mary Wansey, are yet living. The latter has her home in Marysville, Kans. Mr. George engaged in farming as well as mining, and both he and his wife died at Hanover, Jo Daviess county, the mother of the family passing away first and the father a few years later, his demise occurring about 1849.

Mrs. Leadbetter has been twice left a widow. She was first led to the altar by Samuel Moore, of Galena, when she was a girl of fourteen years, the marriage being solemnized in 1828. Her second marriage took place twenty years later, the bridegroom being Asaph Leadbetter. Four children were born to the first union, and to the latter three. Mr. Moore's children were Nancy J., Eugene J., Alexander and Susan. All these make their home with Mrs. Leadbetter, with the exception of the youngest, Susan, who is now Mrs. Parish. The issue of the second marriage was three daughters: Martha, the wife of Samuel Greden; Asaphina, Mrs. George Weaver; and Lucretia Ann, deceased.

Shortly after her second marriage Mrs. Leadbetter and her husband removed from Illinois to Montfort, Grant county. In 1850 he went on a prospecting tour to California, returning after an absence of two years. In 1854 he started on a second expedition to the Pacific coast, but he and his party were murdered en route. Mrs. Leadbetter recalls, with vivid distinctness, the stirring scenes of the Black Hawk war, and the tribulations, perils and pleasures of early settlers in the great central West as as fresh in her recollection as they were thirty years ago. Such women, venerable in years and clear in intellect, ripe in

experience and unfaltering in hope, constitute the glory of a community, while their lives are in themselves a benediction.

**ARTHUR HERN.** Both as a business man and as a farmer the subject of this sketch has been successfully engaged in Rock county, though farming has been and still is his chief occupation. He possesses an active, energetic temperament, which, combined with his cool judgment and good principles, has smoothed the pathway of life and won for him the esteem of the people among whom he has lived for so many years.

Timothy Hern, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and emigrated to America when about eighteen years old, settling in Maine. He was educated for the Catholic priesthood, but gave up that faith, and for many years engaged in teaching school in Maine, being a fine scholar. He married Miss Sally Malcom, who was born in Maine, of Scotch descent, and was one of a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom the Loys were all sailors, and captains of vessels, having learned navigation from Mr. Hern. The father of Mrs. Timothy Hern was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

William Hern, the father of our subject, was born in Maine about 1807, and in his youth acquired the trade of a ship caulker. He married Miss Rachel Hunter, daughter of David Hunter, a wealthy shipbuilder and lumberman of Scottish and English ancestry, and a man of unusual energy and ability. David Hunter erected a sawmill and a gristmill at a point known as Hunter's Mills, and was thus the founder of the town afterward called Clinton. He held many offices of honor and trust, and lived to the good old age of eighty-seven years, leaving a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters. William Hern served as captain of an artillery company of the Maine State militia for a number of years. In 1844 he moved with his family to Lowell, Mass., and there worked at the carpenter's trade for four years. In 1848 he resolved to try his fortunes in the West. He lived for a year in Chicago, then in 1849 came to Rock county, Wis., locating in Bradford, where he followed carpentering for several years. In 1851 or 1852 he bought a farm of eighty acres, to which he afterward added 100 acres. It was unbroken prairie land, but he reduced it to

cultivation, and here he remained until his death, in 1865, at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife survived until Jan. 5, 1887, passing away at the age of seventy-five years. They were Universalists in religious faith. To William and Rachel Hern were born five children, three sons and two daughters. Two of the sons, Hartwell C. and David W., served in the Civil war. Hartwell C. had served as ship carpenter on a United States vessel before the war, and was in the South when Fort Sumter was fired upon. He at once came North, and in 1861 enlisted in Company E, 5th Wis. V. I., for three years. He was orderly sergeant, and for gallant conduct a commission as second lieutenant was issued to him, but before it reached him the young soldier fell in battle at Williamsburg, May 5, 1862. David W. Hern enlisted in the 2d Minn. V. I., and served during the Civil war, also in the Indian war in Minnesota. He is now a resident of St. Paul, Minn. Of the two sisters of our subject one survives, Martha, wife of William Getty, of Minneapolis.

Arthur Hern was born in Clinton, Kennebec Co., Maine, Dec. 14, 1836. At the age of seven years he moved with his parents to Lowell, and four years later, when the father came West to try his fortune, the mother and our subject returned to Clinton, Maine, for a few years. Arthur Hern settled in Bradford township with his parents in 1851, and has remained in Rock county ever since. He had attended the common schools in Maine and the grammar school at Lowell, Mass. After coming to Wisconsin he entered Milton (Wis.) College as a student. At the death of his parents he came into possession of the home farm, containing about 200 acres, in Bradford township. His present home of 272 acres in La Prairie township he has occupied since 1879. For a number of years he successfully operated a cigar factory.

On Dec. 10, 1868, Mr. Hern married Miss Harriet E. Lawrence, daughter of Clark W. and Hannah M. (Lewis) Lawrence. They had a son, Herbert A. Politically Mr. Hern is a Democrat, and served as justice of the peace for one term. Fraternally he is a member of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 135, F. & A. M. He is one of the most prominent citizens of La Prairie township, and is most highly respected by all who know him.

On April 13, 1893, the entire community was shocked to hear of the sad death of Mrs.



Arthur Hern. Matthew Bitson and his wife had for some months occupied a house on Mr. Hern's estate, and it was well known in the community that their relations were not pleasant, Mr. Bitson having frequent quarrels with his wife. On these occasions Mrs. Hern had frequently acted as a peacemaker, her kindly disposition often causing her to be called upon to smooth the rough paths of her friends. This was the case on that ill-fated April morning, when, in response to Mrs. Bitson's appeal for aid against the violence of her husband's temper, Mrs. Hern entered the Bitson house. Mr. Bitson, enraged at her appearance, shot both his wife and Mrs. Hern, and then fired the house to conceal his crime. The charred remains of both women were found in the cellar, and a night-and-day search for the murderer was successful. He plead guilty and received a life sentence. Mrs. Hern had been deeply beloved, and her tragic death, while on a mission of benevolence, was the cause of great indignation, as well as of the most universal sorrow.

JOHN EINERSON (deceased), long an honored and industrious resident of the town of York, Green county, was born in Bergen, Norway, Aug. 6, 1820, and died in York Jan. 19, 1900. It was not until he reached middle life that he came to this country, arriving here in 1854, and making his home on section 18, York township, two years later. In 1873 he bought the farm which now belongs to his estate and brought it up to a high state of fertility before his death.

John Einerson was married to Miss Christe in Norway, and to them were born six children, two of whom are now living, Gertrude and Ole. Mr. Einerson was left a widower, and was a second time married, in 1865, to Miss Bertha Dahle. To this union were born the following children: Carrie lives in the town of Moscow; Susie is in South Dakota; Edward is in Browntown, Green county, in charge of the store of George W. Larse & Co.; Benjamin is in Perry township; Martin and Sever are on the old farm which is now in their charge; Clara is the wife of Clarence Blunt, of Argyle, Wis.; Annie is at home. Two others died in early youth. Mr. Einerson was a Republican, and a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. For many years he was a school director in his adopted home,

and stood high in the confidence of his fellow townsmen.

Mr. Einerson came to this country a very poor man, and like thousands of his compatriots, presently came to comfort if not affluence, doing this not by chance or favor, but by hard work, prudence and integrity. When he died he owned a fine farm, well provided with a dwelling house, both comfortable and commodious, and ample farm buildings. For about eight years before his death Mr. Einerson was in very poor health, and for seven years was confined to his bed. His was a wasting and painful sickness, but it was endured with Christian grace and fortitude. He is deservedly remembered as a man of high character, an unblemished good name, and of unswerving integrity, always honest and true to his convictions of the right. His name is a source of just pride to his posterity. His remains are resting in the old Norwegian cemetery in the town where his long and useful years came to an end.

Mrs. John Einerson still survives, and has her home on the old farm, and is known as a good Christian woman. She was born in Norway in 1839, and she still keeps good command of her faculties.

Martin J. and Sever Einerson, who have charge of the home farm, are among the bright and capable young farmers of this section of country, where they are pushing rapidly to the front. Martin J. obtained his education in the public schools and Dixon College, and during the winter season he engages in teaching, devoting himself to the farm during the summer. In political relations both Martin and Sever are Republicans, and in their religious associations Lutherans, following the ancestral faith, and taking much interest in the welfare of the church in which they were confirmed in early youth. The Einerson family is much esteemed in the community, where its various representatives have taken high rank as upright and reliable people.

JOHN D. DAVIES, a much respected resident of Ridgeway township, Iowa county, was a soldier in the war of the Union, serving as a member of Company C, 49th Wis. V. I., under Capt. Richard A. Wareham. Mr. Davies enlisted Feb. 20, 1865, and was in at the exciting finish, his term of enlistment running one year, or during the war.

John D. Davies was born in Wales, Jan. 23, 1828, and was reared in his native community, where, in 1851, he married Miss Hannah Williams. The young married couple immediately made their way to the United States, and on June 10, 1851, arrived in Dodgeville, Wis. Here Mr. Davies soon after bought a farm, which he still owns in the town of Ridgeway. Mrs. Davies passed away Jan. 10, 1865, leaving her husband with a family of seven children, the oldest being fourteen years of age. But a week after the death of his wife he enlisted, leaving his children at home under the watchful supervision of the neighbors. While he was at the front one of his children was taken seriously ill, and Mr. Davies was notified. Applying for a furlough that he might come and care for his children, he received it, and returned on a thirty days' furlough to watch over the sick bed. The child rapidly recovered, and Mr. Davies went back to the army to finish his service, and in due time received an honorable discharge.

When Mr. Davies again became a civilian he found his health badly broken by the hardships of the life through which he had passed, and for a time the outlook was discouraging. The boys came on quickly, however, and assisted him so effectively that presently the farm became very profitable, and was known as one of the choice places of the town.

The present Mrs. Davies was a Miss Jane Jones, who was born in Ohio in 1843 a daughter of James and Mary Jones, both natives of Wales. In 1850 they removed from Ohio to this State, and both of them have long since passed away. Mrs. Davies was one of a family of seven children, four of whom are still living. Three of her brothers were soldiers in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion. David Jones was a member of the 31st Wis. V. I., and died many years ago. Evan Jones served in the same regiment, and is living in Missouri. William Jones was wounded and died in a hospital at Vicksburg, leaving a widow and one daughter. Three of the children born to Mr. Davies by his first wife are still living: James, Isaac and Elizabeth (who married Fred Oldenburg, of Richland Center, Wis.). To Mr. Davies, by his present wife, were born three sons and a daughter: Thomas, Benjamin, Albert, and Margaret, wife of Reuben Hemstock. Mr. and

Mrs. Davies retired from the farm March 28, 1898, leaving it in the care of their sons. He was a good soldier, and is a Republican and a good citizen, as are all his sons. Mr. and Mrs. Davies are both worthy members of the Baptist Church, and are highly esteemed in the community in which their useful lives are passing.

ELISHA ULLOM. Prominent among the surviving old settlers of Cadiz township, Green county, stands the venerable gentleman whose name here appears, and who is now living retired. Born Dec. 4, 1819, in Greene county, Penn., Mr. Ullom is a son of Peter and Mary (Cather) Ullom, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of German origin. Peter and Mary Ullom had a family of four children: Elizabeth (who married Samuel Raymer), Nancy (Mrs. John Robson), Elisha and Harrison, all now deceased except Elisha. He commenced life a poor boy, and with but little education, most of his boyhood days being passed in assisting on the home farm. In 1842 he came to Wisconsin and settled on an uncleared farm in Cadiz township, at one time owning over 400 acres of land. This, by assiduous labor and persevering industry, he soon made to "blossom as the rose," and become one of the finest farms in the county. Mr. Ullom is now living retired, esteemed and respected as only one who has led so long and useful a life could be. Sober and temperate in all his habits, neighborly and kind in his treatment of all, devoted to his home and family, his career has been one of honor in all the relations of life. He possesses a retentive memory, a special blessing to one who has such ripe stores of experience to draw on.

Mr. Ullom was married, in Ohio, to Miss Julia Kerr, of Knox county, that State, who was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (McCullough) Kerr, her parents being among the early settlers of Ohio. Ten children blessed this union, viz.: Ellen, who is deceased; Minerva, Mrs. William Deniston, of Stafford, Kans.; Frank; Elmira, wife of Henry Shank, a farmer of Cadiz township; Joseph, of Missouri; William, of Jo Daviess county, Ill.; Charles, of Missouri; Homer, of Kansas; Adeline, deceased wife of H. H. Puterbaugh; and Laura B., who died unmarried. Mr. Ullom's posterity includes thirty-two living grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs.

Ullom, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, in 1822, passed away April 10, 1891, at the home in Cadiz township. She was a thorough Christian woman, a loving wife and mother, and was sincerely mourned throughout the community.

Our subject is a staunch Democrat, of the Jeffersonian stripe, and has supported that party for the past sixty years. He has served his fellow citizens faithfully in various local offices, having been a member of the township board, school director, treasurer and assessor. For many years he has been a consistent member of the German Baptist Church.

JACOB PAULSON, a well-known citizen of the town of Moscow, Iowa county, where he has been engaged in farming for over forty years, is, like many of the most substantial and respected citizens of that part of Wisconsin, a native of Norway.

Mr. Paulson was born July 2, 1827, and grew to manhood in his native land, where he also married his wife, Rachel. Having determined to seek better opportunities in the New World, he came to America in 1852, his destination being the State of Wisconsin. For the first two years he resided in Dane county, thence coming to Iowa county and settling in Moscow township, where he has ever since made his home. Mr. and Mrs. Paulson have had seven children, two sons and five daughters.

On March 11, 1865, Mr. Paulson was enrolled as a member of Company H, 50th Wis. V. I., and though the Civil war was fast drawing to a close, there was ample need for their services on the frontier, as the Indians had taken advantage of the absence of so many men in the Union service to commit numerous depredations in the Northwest. Our subject went with his regiment from Madison, Wis., to St. Louis, and soon afterward to Jefferson City, Mo., thence to Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and finally to Fort Rice, Dak., where the command completed its term of enlistment by keeping the red men in check. Mr. Paulson was discharged June 18, 1866, at Madison, with the regiment, after about fifteen months of active service. The severity of his military experiences was exceedingly trying to a constitution none too robust to begin with, and his health has been very poor ever since. When he entered the service he was afflicted with

hernia, although he was unaware of the cause of his trouble, and the examining surgeon either overlooked or did not discover the fact, with the result that he grew constantly worse during the strain of western army life. He has had to endure continuous suffering ever since, and, though he receives a small pension for other disability, he has been allowed nothing on this account. Mr. Paulson was thirty-seven years of age when he entered the service, and he is now well advanced in life. His honorable private life, as well as the service he rendered his adopted country in her hour of need, has won him the highest esteem of all who know him, and he is justly ranked among the valued citizens of his community.

HON. MARSHALL H. PENGRA, now a retired farmer, is spending the last years of an honorable and useful life on his farm about four and a half miles northwest of Juda, Green county. He is the eldest son of Moses and Sarah (Johns) Pengra, natives of Bennington county, Vt., and Wales, respectively. Sarah Johns came to this country with her parents when a young child. Moses Pengra was born Jan. 11, 1799, son of Marshall Pengra, of Vermont, whose father was one of three brothers who came to this country from England before the Revolution. The Pingree family, of Michigan, is supposed to have descended from the same source, the spelling of the name changing in the intervening years.

Marshall H. Pengra was born Jan. 18, 1819, in the town of Darien, Genesee Co., N. Y., and came to Green county, Wis., in 1845. Since that year he has made his home on one farm, and presents an encouraging example of the rich rewards that wait on industry and honesty in agricultural life. In all these years he has been very active and industrious, and only the increasing weight of age prevents his continued application to the practical work of the farm. His close attention to his own business has not hindered an enlightened public service, and he has filled creditably several local offices of honor and trust. He has been chairman of the town, school director, and justice of the peace for thirty-five years. At the time the office of county commissioner was abolished he was holding that position. From 1870 to 1872 Mr. Pengra was a member of the State Legislature, and took an active part in the delib-



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erations of that body. Mr. Pengra has studied law, and practiced in the justice courts of the county for many years. Twelve different estates have been settled by him, and in every case his administration proved satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Mr. Pengra and Miss Elvira Lyon were married April 16, 1840. She was born in 1819 in Franklin county, Mass., a daughter of Marshall and Chloe (Sherman) Lyon. The Lyons were one of the old families of New England, and their history runs back to English origin. When a young woman Elvira Lyon moved with her parents from Franklin county, Mass., to Erie county, Penn., where she taught school for several years before her marriage. Her parents died in Erie county. Marshall H. Pengra and his wife had seven children, of whom the eldest, (1) Marshall Pembroke, born May 15, 1841, is now a resident of Brodhead. He was a soldier in the 22d Wis. V. I. during the Civil war, and acquitted himself with much credit in that great struggle. (2) George M. died in childhood. (3) Delia Elvira, born April 27, 1844, married Charles Madison, and died at home. (4) Winfield Sherman, born Nov. 2, 1847, married a Miss Preston, and resides in Madison. (5) Mary E., born Feb. 6, 1850, married Edward Fessenden, and is now deceased. (6) Moses B., born April 29, 1851, is living in Minnesota. (7) Charles Fremont, born March 27, 1857, married Miss Etta Feathers, of Albany, and they are living on the home place of his father. Mrs. Elvira Pengra departed this life Jan. 26, 1901. She was a member of the M. E. Church from the age of eighteen years.

Mr. Pengra and his devoted companion always commanded the highest respect of all who knew them. Mr. Pengra is among the oldest pioneers of the county now living, and his career has been honorable and useful in the extreme. Politically he is a Republican, and, as this sketch shows, a capable and efficient man in every walk of life.

FREDERICK M. BRADFORD, of Cadiz township, Green county, was born in Plympton, Mass., Oct. 27, 1834, and springs from ancestry distinguished in the history of the New England Colonies for many generations. He was one of the very early settlers in Green county.

Mr. Bradford is a direct descendant of

William Bradford, who came over in the "Mayflower," and who was the second governor of Plymouth Colony, the line of descent being through (II) William, (III) John, (IV) Capt. John, (V) Capt. John, (VI) Lieut. John and (VII) John, our subject's father. Mr. Bradford's son John has in his possession the identical baptismal blanket that was brought over the ocean by his historic ancestors, and which was left by the will of the Governor to the eldest child of each succeeding generation, whom he desired should always bear the name of John.

(V) Capt. John Bradford commanded a company of minute men during the Revolutionary war.

(VI) Lieut. John Bradford, grandfather of our subject, married Patience Perkins, and they had the following named children: Eunice, John (father of our subject), Daniel P., Maria, Patience, Thomas, William and Hannah. Daniel P., ex-county judge of Bon Homme county, S. Dak., is the only survivor.

John Bradford, the father of Frederick M., was born July 10, 1809, and was married April 25, 1832, in Plympton, Mass., to Sarah Fuller Bradford. They became the parents of the following children: (1) John, a sergeant major in Company A, 11th Ill. V. I., at one time under the command of Gen. Lew Wallace, died while in the service, June 4, 1862. (2) Frederick M. is our subject proper. (3) Arabella, born Sept. 19, 1837, married Frederick Knickerbocker, and makes her home in Los Angeles, Cal. (4) Mary Winslow, born in Winslow, Ill., Jan. 31, 1841, died Aug. 20, 1898. She married Gerard Kneeland, now of Monroe, Wis. (5) Sarah M. died in childhood. (6) Luella B., born Dec. 24, 1847, is the wife of Dr. J. W. Saucerman, of Winslow, Ill. (7) Thomas G., born Aug. 21, 1852, is a carpenter at Winslow, Ill. The parents became residents of the town of Winslow, Ill., in 1838. John Bradford, the father, was a man of marked ability, possessed inventive genius of a high order, was well informed and was highly regarded in his day. The shot tower at Helena, Wis., was put up by him for C. W. Washburn and Cyrus Woodman, and he also invented a machine for finishing shot, which was put in operation in the Chicago shot tower, where he held the position of superintendent for E. W. Blatchford; there he also invented a machine for cutting, folding and

printing shot sacks ready for sewing. Both of these machines are still in operation.

Frederick M. Bradford, whose name introduces this article, was married to Miss Cynthia Vashti Peters Feb. 20, 1859, who was born Sept. 22, 1835, a daughter of Comfort Peters, of Ohio, and a direct descendant of Rev. Hugh Peters, a compatriot of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, and her ancestors were among the very earliest settlers of New England. Thomas Peters, founder of Yale College, was a brother of Hugh Peters. To Mr. and Mrs. Bradford have been born two children: Corah Blanche, born April 25, 1862, married Dr. William Burton Bunker, who died in 1892. She is the mother of two children, Beryl Bradford (deceased) and Kathleen Alden. Mrs. Bunker is now residing with her father on the old home place in Cadiz. She is a very accomplished lady, and is a fine musician. John, the second child of Frederick M. and Cynthia Bradford, was born Dec. 24, 1868, and remains at home, carrying on the old farm. Kathleen A. Bunker is in the tenth generation from Gov. Bradford, of Colonial fame. The ancestors have always been identified with the best element of the communities in which they have lived, for many hundred years back of the present time.

Frederick M. Bradford began life for himself with little to depend on save his own strong right arm and stout heart. He purchased the farm on which he is living while it was still in its natural state, and the country surrounding was wild and unimproved. By close attention to his work, careful management and unflagging industry he has converted the wild land which he bought into one of the most desirable farms in Green county. He has good dwellings and farm buildings, and is proud of owning one of the finest cherry orchards to be found in the entire county. The sum of \$11,000 was recently refused by him when offered for this place of 120 acres.

Mr. Bradford is a stanch Republican politically, and is a man with liberal religious convictions. He and his family are widely known for hospitality and charitable actions. For nearly thirty-eight years he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in town affairs has taken a prominent place, holding the positions of justice of the peace, school director and town clerk, as well as serving on the town board.

WILLIAM B. BUNKER, M. D., was born Aug. 1, 1857, in Pennsylvaniaburg, Ripley Co., Ind., the second son of Dr. Ledyard Cuyler and Adaline E. (Alden) Bunker, the latter a direct descendant of John Alden, of the Plymouth Colony. William B. Bunker graduated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1884, and was engaged in practice at Winslow and Warren, Ill., until his death, June 4, 1892. He was married Oct. 27, 1885, to Corah Blanche Bradford. Dr. Bunker was prominent in the Masonic order, and among the relics cherished by his daughter is a Masonic apron, of lambskin, made in 1742, for Alexander Pennock, a maternal ancestor of Dr. Bunker, and worn by his son, Alexander Pennock, at the funeral of George Washington.

WILLIAM HOLMES, one of the few remaining of the early pioneers of southwestern Wisconsin, has been a resident of this part of the State since 1842, and has occupied his present farm in Mifflin township, Iowa county, since 1856. He has, during his long and active life, been prominently identified with the development of both mining and agricultural interests in his section, and has taken his part in the conduct of public affairs in his locality.

Mr. Holmes is a native of Virginia, born April 21, 1820, in what is now Pulaski (then Montgomery) county, and is of Irish descent, his first American ancestor, John Holmes, having emigrated from the Emerald Isle in 1757. An interesting paper in the possession of our subject, is a copy of the recommendation given to this John Holmes when he departed for the New World nearly 150 years ago, which reads thus: "The bearer, John Holmes, has lived in this place from his infancy, and has always behaved in a sober, honest and inoffensive manner, and has no blemish or stain on his character as a citizen." The paper is certified to by Robert Higinbotham, and dated Coleraine, June 8, 1757. So we have evidence that the founder of the family on American soil was an honorable man, and was doubtless held in equally high esteem in the new land to which he emigrated.

William Holmes, father of our subject, was born in Virginia. He had one bother, Joshua. He married Mary Caffee, who was of Scottish ancestry, being a daughter of James and Jane Caffee. His father settled in Wythe county, Va., in 1780, and died there Oct. 1,

1820, aged fifty-eight years. Her mother died Sept. 22, 1828. Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes made their home in Montgomery county, Mrs. Holmes dying there Aug. 14, 1825, Mr. Holmes on Oct. 30, 1830. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. By occupation he was a carpenter, and he left the record of an honorable and useful man. In religion he and his wife affiliated with the Baptist Church. Of the children born to them seven grew to maturity, five sons and two daughters, but William, our subject, is now the only survivor. The deceased were James, John, Jane, Catherine, Atchley, and David.

William Holmes, whose name introduces this sketch, grew to manhood in his native State. His boyhood was uneventful, and he received but limited advantages for education. He came West in 1836, in which year he located in Orange county, Ind., where, on Aug. 26, 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Scott. In 1842 the young couple came to southwestern Wisconsin, their first home in this region being at Glen Haven, in Grant county, where Mr. Holmes erected a log cabin on the place of his brother-in-law, Washington Scott, who had preceded them. He took up farming, which he followed exclusively until the death of his wife, on June 12, 1844, after which he engaged in mining, following that occupation alone and in connection with agricultural pursuits for twenty-two years. In 1848, as above stated, he became a resident of Mifflin township, Iowa county, in 1856 settling on the farm which he has ever since occupied, and to the cultivation and improvement of which he has given his exclusive attention for many years; it now comprises 320 acres. Though now past eighty, Mr. Holmes is still hale and hearty, and able to do a good day's work. He commenced life poor, and during his boyhood, in Virginia, received but \$6 per month wages. In the summer of 1842 he was employed as a teamster in Springfield, Ill., at \$15 per month, but as he received his pay in depreciated currency, it was hardly half that amount. Industry has always been one of his marked characteristics, and he can feel that he has done his full share in the development of his State from the wild condition in which he found it, to its present beautiful fertility. Few remain of the old pioneers who lived and suffered in those hard days, and Mr. Holmes is justly honored for

the part he has borne in the advancement of this section, as well as for his upright and helpful life—a career which would be a credit to any community.

In 1850 our subject married, for his second wife, Miss Amanda Hamlet, a native of Kentucky, who died June 15, 1872. On Sept. 30, 1877, he was married to Miss Laura Hannawell, a native of Norway, who is still spared to him. Mr. Holmes is the father of twenty-one children, a record perhaps not equalled in this part of the State, most of whom grew to maturity, and seventeen are still living. There were two children born to his first union: John C., a resident of Mineral Point, Wis.; and Martha Jane, who died in 1885. By the second marriage there were eleven: William, James, Elizabeth, Annette, David, Atchley, Catherine, Emma, Andrew, Amanda and Wallace. Eight children have blessed the third union: Marv, Montgomery, Bolivar, Harvey, Oliver, Martin and Laura, living, and a twin sister of Mary that died in early infancy. At the present writing Mr. Holmes has living seventeen children, fifty-two grandchildren, and forty-four great-grandchildren. There are deceased four children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. The family was represented in the Civil war by John C. Holmes, who served in the 43d Wis. V. I.; and James Holmes, another son, served in the Spanish-American war, as a member of the 4th Wisconsin Volunteers.

In his early life Mr. Holmes was a Whig in political sentiment, his first vote having been cast for William Henry Harrison. He has been a Republican since the organization of that party. Our subject has been called upon to fill various local offices, which he has done with credit to himself and universal satisfaction to his constituents. For six years he was a member of the town board, serving as chairman of same during three years of that period, and he was justice of the peace for twelve years. Mr. Holmes voted for delegate to both the first and second Constitutional Conventions of Wisconsin, and voted for the adoption of the present constitution. He has been a Royal Arch Mason for thirty-five years.

JOHN C. SPENCER, of Janesville, Rock county, was born in the village of Little Falls, Herkimer Co., N. Y., May 17, 1838, the third son of A. C. and Lucina (Dye) Spencer. The



father was a native of Vermont, and of English descent; the mother was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and came of Irish ancestry. In the autumn of 1845 our subject came with his parents to Danville, Ill., where his father followed the profession of school teacher. Later the family moved to Covington, Ind., and from there to Bloomington, Ill., in December, 1852, coming to Janesville.

John C. Spencer obtained the greater part of his education, which was somewhat limited, in the private schools of that early day. In the winter of 1849 he attended the school at Covington, the first term of the free public schools in Indiana. In his earlier boyhood he was employed during the summer in herding sheep and cattle on the Illinois prairies. In the summer of 1852 the young man drove team, hauling earth in the construction of the Illinois Central railroad, between Bloomington and Randolph Grove, and also north of Bloomington to the present site of Normal. He also drove one of the ox-teams (four yoke) employed in breaking the ground for the Phoenix nursery at Bloomington. The same year he secured employment with the *Janesville Gazette*, to carry papers one day each week; the newspaper was owned at that time by Levi Alden and Charles Holt. In March, 1853, he entered the office to learn the printing trade, and with the exception of January and February, 1854, was constantly employed there for many years, filling in turn every mechanical position in the establishment. In 1877 he took charge of the local department of the *Gazette* as city editor, continuing in this position until 1896.

At the formation of the Janesville fire department, in 1855, Mr. Spencer was appointed torch boy of Water Witch No. 2, and had George Peck, afterward governor of the State, as his associate. He is still a member of that organization, having filled every official position in his company, and was secretary of the department for twelve years; assistant chief engineer for two years, and in 1885-86 chief of the department. He was assistant chief until 1892, when he was appointed chief engineer by Mayor Rowe, and holds that office to the present time. Many changes and much reorganization have taken place in the department during Mr. Spencer's connection with it, each move advancing its efficiency, and many of these innovations have been brought about by

Chief Spencer, until at the present time the city of Janesville can take great pride in the possession of one of the very best fire departments in the West. No city of the same size can present a superior equipment or a better fire record. Mr. Spencer is frequently appealed to for information regarding the history of Janesville and Rock county, so well versed is he in its every detail. Socially our subject belongs to the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F., and politically he is an outspoken Republican, though he never allows his politics to cause estrangements from his friends.

Mr. Spencer and Miss Helen M. Brown, a native of Portage, Wis., and a daughter of the late Daniel G. Brown, of Janesville, were united in marriage Oct. 30, 1870. This union has been blessed with six children: Marion E., born Aug. 28, 1871; Clara, Feb. 6, 1874; Llewellyn R., Jan. 30, 1882; Jessie, Nov. 13, 1884; Harrison M., Nov. 11, 1887; and Percy R., May 24, 1890. Marion was married to Joseph L. Hay, of Janesville, Aug. 1, 1897, and makes her home in the city, her husband being employed in the office of the Janesville Machine Co. Clara was married July 20, 1898, to Arthur H. Boedeker, of Blue Earth, Minn., where he is engaged in the mercantile business. The other children are still in the home of their parents, at No. 217 North Bluff street.

GEORGE W. ROBERTS, M. D., is a prominent physician and surgeon, as well as one of the more influential citizens of Albany, Green county, and for many years has taken a leading part in the public affairs of his community.

Dr. Roberts was born in the town of Bennington, Licking Co., Ohio, April 10, 1841, a son of Jonathan and Maria (Davis) Roberts, both born in Maine. Of their three children, two are now living, Dr. George W. and Freeman L., and both make their home in Albany. The father, who was a farmer, moved from Ohio to Wisconsin late in 1844, and located on a farm of 160 acres five miles north of Janesville, Rock county. There his wife died in 1871, at the age of sixty-nine. He survived her many years, and spent the last twenty years of his life in the home of his son, Dr. George W., dying in 1894, at the venerable age of eighty-nine years and seven months. Early in life he and his wife united with the

Free-Will Baptist Church, but for many years before his death he had been an ordained minister of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. Thomas Roberts, his father, a farmer, was born of Welsh ancestors, in Maine, where he spent his entire active life, and lacked only a few months of being one hundred years old at the time of his death. He served in the war of 1812. In his later years he came to Wisconsin, and lived with his children near Sheboygan. He reared a large family. Samuel Davis, the father of Mrs. Maria (Davis) Roberts, was a physician, of Irish descent. He died in the East, when about sixty years old, and left a large family.

George W. Roberts was only three years old when he was brought into Rock county by his parents, on their removal to Wisconsin. He was reared on the farm, and attended the district school. For some time he was a student at Milton College, and in 1866 took up the study of medicine, and was graduated from Rush Medical College in Chicago in 1869. The first year of his professional life was spent in Cooksville, Wis., and then he came to Albany, where he had practiced to some extent since 1867.

Dr. Roberts and Miss Betsy Olson were married May 3, 1857, when he had just passed his sixteenth birthday. She was a daughter of Ole Olson, and became the mother of five sons, Walter C., William D., Frederick W., Leonard G., and Eugene W. Walter C. became a physician, and opened an office in Maywood, where he died in June, 1897; he married Miss Minnie Jennison. William D. married Miss Carrie Burns, who is now dead, and they had one daughter, Sherlie N.; he is a graduate from the department of pharmacy of the University of Wisconsin, and since 1893 has been a druggist in Albany, in partnership with his father, the firm being G. W. Roberts & Son. Frederick W. is a dentist at Burlington, Wis.; he married Miss Anna Hedgan. Leonard G. died when a little under two years old. Eugene W. is still in school. Mrs. Roberts is a member of the Methodist Church, and her husband belongs to Albany Lodge, No. 36, A. F. & A. M., and Evansville Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Medical Society, and the Central Wisconsin Medical Society. He is a Republican politically, and is highly considered by those who know him best.

ELEAZER HOVEY, now living in Darlington, is the only representative of the family of Alfred Hovey, now to be found in Lafayette county. Alfred Hovey was a well-known pioneer of this region, whose history in this community begins as early as 1848. Born in New Hampshire April 20, 1791, he was a son of Amos Hovey, and the ancestors of this family were among settlers of New England in remote colonial times. A genealogy of the family prepared and published a number of years ago gives the name of Daniel Hovey, born in 1618, who is supposed to have come to America from England not many years after the landing of the Pilgrims.

Amos Hovey lived in Vermont until his death. He had two sons, Alfred and Eleazer, from whom the subject of this biography derives his name. Alfred Hovey and his immediate family were the only members of the Vermont Hoveys to come to Wisconsin. He attained manhood in his native State, where he married Abigail Howard, who was also born in Vermont. Eleazer Hovey was the tenth in a family of eleven children, a sister being the youngest. When he was a lad of about seven years his mother died, and after a time his father married Sarah Hendricks. In 1848 Alfred Hovey left Vermont, and came into Lafayette county, making his home in what is now the town of Darlington. With him came his wife, his son Eleazer and three daughters, who were the younger members of the family. Other children, who were older, had already come into the West, and had established themselves in Lafayette county. Mr. Hovey secured from the Government a section of land, and both father and sons engaged in its improvement. The process was slow and laborious, however, as, in common with other pioneers, money was the one thing lacking in their catalogue of resources. Finally, however, they accomplished their laudable ambitions, and became well settled in the county, where they were long known and highly esteemed, not only for their industrious habits, but also their upright character, general intelligence and neighborly spirit. All have now passed over the river, except the gentleman whose name introduces this article. The father died April 10, 1872, and his widow April 14, ten years later. Alfred Hovey was a leading figure in the affairs of the town, and took an active part in

the organization of the First Baptist Church of Darlington, where he was a deacon and leader. He was a man of strong convictions and endeavored to conform his daily life to his faith. Highly regarded by all who knew him, he was well worthy of a place in a commemorative record of Lafayette county. The family around his hearth consisted of seven sons and four daughters, those besides Eleazer being: General Charles E. Hovey served in the Civil war, where he was distinguished alike for his gallantry and faithful discharge of every soldierly duty that came to him in the rapid promotion, which was a grateful acknowledgment of his manifest ability; he died in Washington, Nov. 17, 1897. Amos W. Hovey is living in Bristol Springs, N. Y. Dr. Alvah Hovey is in Newton, Mass., where he was president of the Newton Theological Seminary for many years, finally retiring on account of advanced age. William Hovey, lives in California, and Leland A. at Bloomington, Ill. Oramel F. is at Sheffield, Iowa. Mrs. Leantha Paddock is a resident of Madison, Wis., and Mrs. Frances Chapman at Forest, Miss. Mary Ann Hovey died in Vermont at an early age, and Mrs. Clara Chaffee died at Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Eleazer Hovey was born June 8, 1829, and was nearly nineteen years of age when he came into Wisconsin with his parents. He well remembers the wilderness, as this country appeared more than half a century ago. He actively assisted his father and older brothers in reclaiming the land and converting it into a fertile farm, and here has been his home to the present time.

Mr. Hovey was married Aug. 3, 1855, to his excellent wife, then Clara A. Scofield, a daughter of James and Rachel D. (Rand) Scofield, both natives of Vermont and descendants of old New England families. Three Scofield brothers came over from England in Colonial times, one of whom was Mrs. Hovey's great-grandfather. Frederick Scofield was her grandfather. James Scofield, his wife, and four children, came from Vermont, where they were reared, and in 1854 located in Wisconsin. There were eight children in the family, and the oldest daughter preceded her parents to Lafayette county, as the wife of a brother of Eleazer Hovey, and other children came on to Wisconsin later. James Scofield died here in 1875, and his widow in 1880. Mrs. Hovey's

ancestry on both sides participated in the Revolution. Her grandfather, known as Capt. Zach Rand, served under Gen. Stark, while one of her great-grandfathers, Capt. Mott, served under Washington in the French and Indian war, and for a time was commander at Fort Defiance, built by Washington at the outbreak of hostilities. James Scofield and his wife were warmly cherished in the old pioneer associations as worthy and estimable people. Like the Hoveys, they were also allied with the Baptist Church. James Scofield was a Whig in his early life, but as he held strong anti-slavery views, when the slavery question became the vital issue he united with the Republican party and voted its ticket in his later years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hovey have a son, Harry, born June 27, 1862. He was reared on the homestead in the town of Darlington, and married Leda Blackburn, by whom he has two daughters, Helen and Mildred. Mrs. Leda Hovey was born in Canada, only child of John and Priscilla (Richards) Blackburn, natives of England, who came into Lafayette county from Kansas, when their daughter was a child, and both are now deceased. Mr. Blackburn was a man of liberal culture, and had his education in London. He was a printer, but did not follow that trade after locating in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Eleazer Hovey have now retired from the farm, which is occupied by their son and his family, and are living in their pleasant and attractive home in the city of Darlington, where they are passing a serene and beautiful old age.

ABRAHAM STAUFFACHER, of Jordan Center, Jordan township, Green county, one of the leading and most progressive citizens of the locality, is a native of Switzerland, born April 21, 1843, in the village of Matt, Canton Glarus.

Jacob Stauffacher, his father, was born July 10, 1788, and died Feb. 11, 1858, having passed all his days in Switzerland, where, in Canton Glarus, he was for many years a mail carrier and postmaster. He was a son of Jacob Stauffacher, a farmer in the land of William Tell. Jacob Jr., married Catherine Wild, who was born June 6, 1798, and died in Switzerland Aug. 11, 1865. They had a family of ten children, four of whom died in infancy, the others being: Henry, Barbara,

Rosina, Jacob, Catherine and Abraham, all now deceased except the last named.

Abraham Stauffacher was reared on a farm in, and received his education in the district schools of, his native land. When old enough he learned the trade of locksmith, which he followed for several years. In 1867 he came to this country, reaching his destination, Green county, Wis., on June 21, 1867, and for some months worked at his trade in New Glarus, in the employ of Constantine Hegely, after which, in the same town, he entered into a partnership with G. Schindler, which continued about two years. He then built a shop, and pursued his trade, alone, some three years, when he sold out to Michael Smith, and removed to the city of Monroe, where for a year he was in the employ of a manufacturing company. In 1874 Mr. Stauffacher came to Jordan township and purchased a blacksmith shop, carrying on that trade about two years, at the end of that time buying thirteen acres of farm land, on which he built his present shop, and where he has met with excellent success. From time to time he added to this property until he has now 320 acres of good farm land, equipped with a comfortable dwelling, and two of the most commodious bank barns in the township.

On Feb. 13, 1866, Abraham Stauffacher was married in Switzerland to Miss Elsbeth Baebler, of Canton Glarus, a daughter of Albright and Elsbeth Baebler. Children as follows have come to this union, all natives of Wisconsin except the eldest: Jacob, born in Switzerland Nov. 7, 1866, married Anna Knobel, of Jordan, Green county; Albert H., born July 4, 1868, in New Glarus, Wis., resides in South Dakota; John, born Oct. 21, 1869, is a widower with five children, and resides on the home place; Ernst Abraham, born Feb. 6, 1871, resides in South Dakota; Catherine, born Aug. 4, 1872, married Miles O. Newman, of Peterson, Iowa; Edward, born April 12, 1874, lives in Monroe, Green county; Rosa, born April 15, 1876, is the wife of Franklin Ellis, a farmer of Jordan township, Green county; Henry, born Dec. 2, 1877; William D., April 12, 1879. Miss Elsbeth, June 19, 1881, and Otto, Oct. 28, 1885, are all at home. Mr. Stauffacher has been remarkably fortunate in his family: his eleven children all enjoying excellent health. The most serious accident in the family occurred July 31, 1889,

when his daughter Catherine, received a slight shock of lightning, at the time she was milking a cow, which was instantly killed.

In politics our subject is a staunch Democrat, and has served in various public offices, including those of school director, treasurer, clerk, and chairman of the township board six years in all, also township treasurer for five years. For seven years he was postmaster at Jordan. In addition to farming pursuits, he is interested in the Cooperative Cheese Factory, and carries on blacksmithing in his shop on the home place. He is a representative self-made man, having come to America without a dollar, and, by his own persistent effort and the aid of his industrious wife and children, has accumulated a nice competence.

**DARIUS DANIELS WINKLEY.** The family name of Winkley (or, as it is sometimes spelled, Winckley) is one of the oldest and most respected in New England. Its American founder, Samuel Winkley, Esq., emigrated from Lancashire, England, and it appears that his first place of residence was Kittery, Maine. There he first settled in 1680, and there in 1684 he married Sarah Trickey, whose father, Thomas, dwelt upon land granted him by the town council as early as 1656. After his marriage Samuel Winkley removed, about 1684, to Portsmouth, N. H., where he became engaged in trade and commerce, and where he died in 1736, aged about seventy years. From this ancestor the gentleman whose name is mentioned above traces an unbroken line of descent. The family arms: An eagle displayed counter charged, argent and gules; motto, *Spes*.

Of the seven children born to the sturdy English emigrant, the second, Francis Winkley (1), was the great-great-grandfather of Darius D. He was born in 1689, and died in 1776. He made his home in Kittery, Maine, and was a boat builder. He married Mary, a daughter of Rev. John Emerson, of Portsmouth, N. H., and by her became the father of seven children. The fourth of these, Francis Winkley (2), was born in 1733, and died Oct. 9, 1818. He married Martha, daughter of Mark Hunking, of Barrington, N. H. She was born in 1734, and died Jan. 16, 1807. They were the parents of six children, the fifth of whom, also named Francis (and known as Francis (3) in the genealog-

ical tree), was the grandfather of Darius D. Winkley. Francis Winkley (3) was born in 1774, and died in April, 1855. He married Sarah Drew, who was born in 1778, and died March 26, 1846. She bore her husband nine children. Of these the fourth, Darius, was the father of the subject of this memoir. He was three times married, first to Ursula Hall, second to Maria Daniels, and lastly to Sarah Cate. Darius Daniels was the child of the second marriage, and his mother died at his birth.

Our subject was born at Barrington, N. H., Aug. 15, 1847. His early educational advantages were those afforded by the district schools of that period, but, limited as they were, he improved them as far as his limited opportunities would permit. When a young man of seventeen years he determined to seek his fortune in a broader field. His uncle, Cyrus Winkley, had acquired a patent to land in what is now the township of Clinton, Rock Co., Wis., and thither young Darius turned his steps. He had little in his pocket, but he was endowed with that pluck, energy, fortitude and integrity which have stood him in good stead all his life. For several years he worked as a farm laborer, but through the combination of the traits above indicated he is to-day one of Rock county's most prosperous farmers, owning 236 acres of fertile, well-improved land, which he manages after the best methods, and in the cultivation of which he employs the most approved machinery.

In 1876 Mr. Winkley was married to Miss Nellie Griswold, daughter of Cyrus and Fannie Adelia (Eggleson) Griswold. Her father, Cyrus Griswold, was not only one of Clinton's prosperous farmers, but a man of affairs as well, having been a member of the board of supervisors for many years before his death, which occurred in March, 1900, after he had spent a useful and honored life extending over fourscore and five years. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Winkley has been blessed with three children, Elsie M., Cyrus A., and George R.

Mr. Winkley is a Republican politically, yet his sterling character commands the respect of men of all political creeds, while his unflinching, unwavering integrity, his enlightened public spirit, his generous disposition, and his kindly ways, endear him to all classes of the community.

A. N. RANDALL is a distinguished representative of the legal profession at Brodhead, Green county, and his years of experience and practical knowledge of men and business, backed by an upright character, give weight to his legal lore in the minds of both judge and jury. He was admitted to the Bar in 1869, and for over thirty years has devoted himself to his profession.

Mr. Randall was born in Erie county, N. Y., Aug. 22, 1830, a son of Archibald R. and Eunice (Cheney) Randall, natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively. They were the parents of eight children, two of whom are now living: Irene, the wife of William Hudson, of Spring Valley, Rock Co., Wis.; and A. N. The father was a farmer in Erie county, N. Y., and died there Feb. 28, 1830, at the early age of thirty-eight years. His widow came west and settled in Rock county, Wis., in 1850, and lived there a number of years. She spent her last years, however, in Brodhead, where she died in 1889, at the age of eighty-nine. They were Methodists, and he served in the war of 1812. His father, Elisha Randall, was a native of Massachusetts, and moved into New York, where he died in 1846, at the age of ninety-one. He was of English descent, and served in the Revolution. He was the father of five children. Daniel Cheney, the father of Eunice referred to above, was born in Connecticut, near the Massachusetts line, and came of English ancestry. He was a farmer, was the father of three daughters and two sons, and died at the age of sixty-seven.

A. N. Randall was reared on the family farm, and attended the district school, finishing his schooling at the Brockport Collegiate Institute. He lived in the State of New York until 1847, when he came to Wisconsin, and located in the town of Avon, Rock county, where the next year he bought eighty acres of land, and at a subsequent period added to it 105 acres. He engaged in the cultivation of his land during the summers, and taught school winters until the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company G, 13th Wis. V. I., and served until Feb. 1, 1865. He was captain of that company, and in 1862 commanded a battalion, consisting of his own company, a company of regulars, and two Indiana companies, protecting the lines of com-

munication from Smithland, Ky., to Forts Henry and Donelson. He cleared that part of the country of guerrillas, and rejoined his regiment at Fort Henry late in the fall of the year. During the following year his regiment was brigaded with the 71st Ohio, the 83d Illinois and the 5th Iowa Cavalry, under the command of Col. W. W. Low. During that winter this brigade pursued and drove Gen. Forrest over three hundred miles in eleven days. It then turned to pursue Gen. Woodward, and recaptured Clarksville. The following summer Capt. Randall was detailed to command a battalion of mounted infantry, and had numerous skirmishes and light battles with the guerrillas, notably with those under Henderson, Lytle and Dick McCann. He cleared the country of guerrillas from the Ohio south to Duck river, in West Tennessee. The following year Capt. Randall was detailed on a court-martial, and served as its president for fourteen weeks at Nashville. During the sessions of this court the noted guerrilla chief, Gurley, was tried and sentenced to death for the murder of Col. McCook. Capt. Randall rejoined his regiment in camp near Nashville, and was soon after detailed on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Lovell H. Rousseau, as Inspector General of the District of Tennessee. He was still serving in this capacity when mustered out in 1865. While on staff duty with Gen. Rousseau he participated in the following battles: Five battles against Gen. Joe Wheeler; two against Gen. Forrest; the battle of Franklin; and the battle of Nashville.

While on duty at Nashville, Capt. Randall became acquainted with Miss Emma C. Loofbourow, daughter of Judge Wade and Nancy (Swinney) Loofbourow, of Washington. Fayette Co., Ohio, and on March 27, 1865, she became his bride. They have had two children: Margaret M., who died in 1881, at the age of fifteen years; and Louis A., who lives in Brodhead. Mr. Randall belongs to the Bicknell Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M., and also Wesley W. Patton Post, No. 90, G. A. R. He and his wife are members of the Brodhead chapter of the Eastern Star. Politically he is a Republican, and for five years was a member of the county board. In 1882 and 1883 he served a term in the State Senate. He owns a quarter section of very desirable Dakota property, and has a fine home in Brodhead.

Mrs. Randall's father was a soldier in the

war of 1812, and died at the age of sixty-seven years. He was twice married, and each wife bore him four children, and two children of each wife are now living: Narcissa is the widow of Bennett P. La Wright, of Litchfield, Ill.; Helen, widow of Peter Harris, of Brodhead; those of the second marriage are David T., of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Emma C., the wife of Capt. Randall. Her father was born in New Jersey, and her mother in Ohio. Mr. Loofbourow was circuit judge for many years, and for about forty years practiced law in Ohio, whither he went about 1815. He was a delegate to the convention that nominated Martin Van Buren for President of the United States. During the Civil war he was an ardent partisan of the Union cause. His second wife, Mrs. Randall's mother, died the day she was forty-seven.

ROLLIN OLSON (deceased), who in his lifetime was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Jordan township, Green county, is worthy of more than mere passing notice in the pages of this work.

A native of Norway, Mr. Olson was born Nov. 10, 1831, near the city of Christiania, a son of Ole and Carrie (Iverson) Olson, who passed their entire lives in Norway. In 1846, then a lad of fifteen summers, Rollin Olson came to the United States; and first located in Dane county, Wis., later living in Iowa and Lafayette counties, and afterward removing to Jordan township, Green county, where he purchased 120 acres of land, and followed farming pursuits during the rest of his life.

On Aug. 5, 1854, Mr. Olson married Mary Peterson, of Lafayette county, Wis., born near Christiania, Norway, Oct. 16, 1837, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Hanson) Peterson, also natives of Norway. Mr. Peterson died in that country, and his widow came to Wisconsin, settling in Lafayette county, when their daughter, Mary, was fifteen years old. To this union were born six children, a brief record of whom is here given: (1) Caroline, born April 5, 1855, is the widow of Lars O. Grove, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. (2) Morgan P., born June 17, 1859, married Miss Hanson, of Jordan township, Green county, and died Nov. 14, 1892, in Clark county, S. Dak., leaving a widow and five children. (3) Clara A., born Dec. 26, 1866, is the wife of E. B. Tollefson, of Clark

county, S. Dak. (4) Oscar R., born March 24, 1869, married Carrie J. Johnson, of York township, Green county; he was register of deeds for Green county some six years; in the Spanish-American war he served in the 1st Wis. V. I. as adjutant, with the rank of captain. (5) William I., born Oct. 11, 1873, married Miss Emma Boynton, of Jordan township, Green county; he is a farmer by occupation. (6) Henry E., the youngest in the family, born March 29, 1879, received his education in part at the common schools of Green county, in part at Stoughton Academy and Albion (Wis.) Academy. As a farmer, he is operating part of the old Olson homestead, also 120 acres adjoining, and has already made his mark as a scientific agriculturist, dairyman and cheese manufacturer. On Feb. 7, 1901, he married Miss Emma Olson, of Jordan township, Green county. In politics he is a Republican.

Rollin Olson, the subject proper of these lines, during the war of the Rebellion enlisted in Company E, 15th Wis. V. I., and served from Feb. 14, 1862, until Dec. 20, 1864, being both mustered in and mustered out at Madison, Wis. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Cumberland, and participated in the following battles: Island No. 10; Union City, Tenn.; Perryville; Missionary Ridge; Chaplin Hills; Stone River, where Mr. Olson received a severe wound; and Chickamauga. In these last two battles the 15th Wisconsin took prominent part, and at the last named engagement Mr. Olson was taken prisoner. For many months he was confined in Libby prison, where he was nearly starved to death, but he returned home alive in 1864. He proved a brave and true soldier, and wore his laurels well, going to the front as a private, and returning with the rank of first lieutenant.

Mr. Olson then resumed the vocations of peace, buying 120 acres of land in Jordan township, Green county, which he continued to cultivate up to his death. A leading citizen of his township, he served in various positions of honor and trust: as member of the board; school director; chairman of the township board; assessor, three terms; and as census enumerator for both 1880 and 1890. In politics he was always a stanch Republican, and in religious faith a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Olson was called from earth March 31, 1898, and his remains

were interred in the Norwegian cemetery in Jordan township, Green county. A man possessed of high moral character, a brave soldier, an honorable citizen, a noble father and model husband, he died deeply lamented by all who knew him.

JOHN ELLSWORTH, a well-known early settler of the town of Mifflin, Iowa county, is a native of New York State, born Jan. 9, 1823, in Penn Yan, Yates county, and is one of a family of eight children.

Jonathan Ellsworth, his father, belonged to a well-known Connecticut family, which was identified with that State when it was a colony of Great Britain. In the genealogy of the family it is recorded that four brothers emigrated from Wales to this country, during the infancy of the American Colonies, becoming prominently identified with the early history of the country, and their descendants are numerous throughout the Union. William W. Ellsworth, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was at one time governor of Connecticut. Jonathan Ellsworth, father of John, of whom we write, died in Yates county, N. Y., after which the widowed mother, with her eight children, removed to Ontario county, same State, but, eventually, she and five children (three having died in the East) came West. The three children surviving at this writing are John, our subject; Amanda, Mrs. Chapin, of Dane county, Wis.; and Capt. S. K., of Madison. Those who died in the West were Mrs. Elista Palmer, who passed away in Baraboo, Wis., in 1897; and Reuben, who went to California in the early days of that State, dying there some time in the 'fifties.

John Ellsworth, whose name opens this sketch, was the first member of the family to come West, his first location being, in 1846, on a farm in Oregon, Dane Co., Wis. In 1857, he settled on a farm in Mifflin township, Iowa county, where he has ever since made his home. But little improvement had been made thereon when Mr. Ellsworth settled on it, much of the land being in a wild state. He eventually became the owner of 640 acres, 600 of which, in one body, are now in excellent condition for agricultural purposes. For many years after his removal to Iowa county Mr. Ellsworth continued to own his Dane county farm.

On Oct. 20, 1842, John Ellsworth was

married in Canandaigua, N. Y., to Eliza Ann Green, a native of Yates county, N. Y., born June 14, 1825. Ten children were the result of this union, eight of whom—four sons and four daughters—are yet living: Amanda E., Mrs. David, of Montana; Henry G., of Barron, Wis.; John M., sketch of whom follows; Eliza, Mrs. Baker, of Edmund, Wis.; Mary F., Mrs. Packard, of Paoli, Wis.; Reuben, sketch of whom follows; Elmer E., of Livingston, Wis.; and Rachel, wife of Morland Preston, of Rewey, Wis. Two children died in early life, Lydia and Kellogg. Mr. and Mrs. John Ellsworth are numbered among the well-known early settlers of southwestern Wisconsin, and together they have traveled the path of life nearly sixty years, rearing their children to honorable and useful citizenship. Two of their sons, John M. and Reuben, manage the large farm which their father, owing to the physical infirmities incidental to advancing years, is no longer able to conduct.

JOHN M. ELLSWORTH, the elder of these brothers, was born May 5, 1852, in Oregon, Dane Co., Wis., and was reared on the old homestead. In the way of education he was given liberal advantages, he having for three years been a student at the State Normal School, at Platteville, Grant county, and for two years pursued the modern classical course at the Wisconsin State University. Afterwards he returned to the home farm, chiefly on account of his father's failing health. For several years John M. dealt in fine-bred horses, and for some time was superintendent of Capt. Pabst's stock farm, at Wauwatosa, Wis., where were to be found some of the finest-bred horses in the country. He is prominent in the Masonic order, and a member of Mineral Point Commandery, Knights Templar.

In 1877 John M. Ellsworth was married to Miss Elvira B. Hutchens, daughter of Noah Hutchens, and two children have blessed this union: Eastman D. and Earnest H. The parents are highly esteemed in the community where they live. In politics Mr. Ellsworth is a stanch Republican. Mrs. Ellsworth is also a native of Wisconsin, born in Platteville. She received an excellent education, mainly at the State Normal School of that place, and for some years prior to her marriage she was a successful teacher.

REUBEN ELLSWORTH, a younger brother of John M., was born Feb. 26, 1861, on the

homestead whereon he now lives. When old enough he assisted on the farm, at the same time attending the public schools of the district; for two years he also attended the State Normal School, Platteville. When he reached his majority he engaged in operating a farm near the village of Cobb, Iowa county, and conducted same for three years, after which he carried on a livery in that village four years. During the succeeding ten years he was engaged in business in Keith and Lincoln, Neb., at the end of that time returning to Mifflin township, Iowa Co., Wis., where he operates 300 acres of the homestead farm.

On Nov. 9, 1881, Reuben Ellsworth was married to Charlotte, daughter of John and Adelaide Cocker, the former a native of Cornwall, England, and now a well-known and highly respected resident of Sutherland, Lincoln Co., Neb. Many years ago a sad event happened in the Cocker family, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Charlotte Ellsworth having been accidentally drowned at sea, while returning to England after a pleasant visit among relatives in America. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth have a family of ten children—five sons and five daughters—as follows: Eliza, Ida May, Edith, Joyce, Elmer, Reuben, Ralph, Frank, John and Doris. In politics Mr. Ellsworth was originally a Democrat, but since 1896 he has affiliated with the Republican party. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Modern Woodmen.

JAMES A. FATHERS has for six years filled the office of city treasurer of Janesville, Rock county, alike with fidelity to his important trust and satisfaction to the people.

Mr. Fathers' parents, John and Ann (Hart) Fathers, were both natives of England, where they were married, and where they resided until 1857. John Fathers was one of three sons of a government official. By trade he was a malster, and he was for many years in the employ of Bass & Co., the famous English brewers. So capable was he in his calling, and so well established was his reputation, that in the year named the Lill & Diversey Brewing Co., of Chicago, sent for him to come to America and enter their service. He remained in that city for two years, and in 1859 was sent by the concern to Janesville. The firm's losses in the fire of October, 1871, neces-



sitated a suspension of business, and from that time until his death—in 1882, at the age of fifty-seven—Mr. Fathers led a life of retirement and ease. Both he and his wife were members of the Church of England. She still survives him, at an advanced age. Their family consisted of five children, three of whom are yet living: William, whose home is in Harmony township, Rock county; James A.; and Nellie, wife of William Green, of Janesville.

James A. Fathers was born in Chicago May 5, 1859, and was but an infant when his parents removed to Janesville. He attended the public schools until he was fourteen years old, when he entered the woolen mills of Wheeler & Sons, intending to learn the trade of a carder. Not liking the pursuit he abandoned it, and subsequently acquired the harness making trade in the establishment of C. H. Payne. After working four years as a journeyman he bought out Mr. Payne, and successfully conducted the business until 1889, when ill health compelled his retirement from active labor. For about three years he conducted a meat market, but abandoned this enterprise upon his election to the city treasurer'ship, in 1894. This office he has held continuously up to the present time, by successive re-elections. To the discharge of his official duties he brought a large fund of common sense, a considerable knowledge of public affairs, and unswerving integrity, which qualities, joined to gentleness of disposition and urbanity of manner, admirably qualify him for a post of grave responsibility, whose occupant is daily called upon to do business with "all sorts and conditions of men." The year 1894, however, did not mark Mr. Fathers' debut in the arena of public life. At the age of twenty-two he was chosen, on the Republican ticket, to represent the Third ward upon the board of aldermen. He occupied a seat in that body for four years, and for three years served as president of the council. He is universally popular, and is regarded as one of Janesville's most influential citizens. He is a stockholder in the Bower City Bank. Mr. Fathers belongs to both the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, being a member of Janesville Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M., and high priest of Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M. He belongs to Janesville City Lodge, No. 90, I. O. O. F., has filled all the chairs in the encampment, and was chosen grand repre-

sentative for 1893-94. Some fifteen years ago he bought his present pleasant home, at No. 259 South Main street.

**SYVER H. BOHN.** One of the most desirable farms of Green county is located on Section 10, in Adams township, eighteen miles northwest of Monroe, and is the valuable property of one of the wealthy and highly esteemed farmers, Syver H. Bohn.

Mr. Bohn was born July 17, 1846, near Walders, Norway, a country which has contributed some of the best types of citizenship which Wisconsin is proud to acknowledge. His father was Hermon Hermonson, who died in his native country, and when Mr. Bohn came to America, he adopted his present name. Mr. Bohn came to Green county in 1870, and three years later married Miss Julia Nelson, of Adams township, a daughter of Andrew Nelson, who was also a native of Norway. Seven children have been born to this union: Annie, who died at the age of twenty; Inga, married to B. G. Vinger, and lives four miles from her old home; Hannah, who passed away when young; Andrew, who died when twenty-one; Hannah, at home; Julia and Ida, also at home. Mr. Bohn has been sorely bereft, as in 1898 his beloved wife was removed by death, at the early age of forty-one. She was a most estimable, Christian lady, a devoted wife and an affectionate and self-sacrificing mother. Her mother, Mrs. Nelson, makes her home with our subject, and in spite of her eighty-four years, is enjoying good health.

Before coming to America, Mr. Bohn received a fair education, and his natural intelligence has given him a prominent position in township affairs, where he has been called upon to serve as school director and road supervisor, and he is particularly active in the Lutheran Church, in which he is an official, and a liberal and cheerful contributor.

The fine farm owned by Mr. Bohn consists of 200 acres, and upon it is a commodious and comfortable dwelling, with excellent barns and other improvements, and he is entirely out of debt, and is so situated that he has no reason to fear that "rainy day," which it is wise to prepare for. Mr. Bohn has earned all these comforts by his own efforts, being an industrious and careful as well as energetic and progressive farmer. He is engaged in general farming, and in connection conducts a dairy-

ing business and manufactures cheese, milking as many as 25 cows per day. While accumulating his property he has also built up a reputation for honesty and upright dealing, which has gained for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact. In politics, Mr. Bohn is an ardent Republican and exerts considerable influence in favor of his chosen party. His standing is high, and it is a matter of congratulation with him, that no business dealing of his has ever made it necessary for him to call in the law.

JOHN B. ORTSCHIED, a prominent real estate dealer, notary public and conveyancer, of Cassville, Grant county, was born in Alsace, France, Dec. 2, 1842, a son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Blint) Ortscheid, also natives of Alsace; there the father died in 1851. Six years later the widowed mother, accompanied by her son, John B., and daughter, Magdalena, came to America. They took passage on board a sailing vessel at Havre, and after fifty-six days spent upon the Atlantic, reached New York in safety. They crossed the country by rail to East Dubuque, Ill., and from there came up the river on a steamer to Cassville, Wis., landing here Aug. 27, 1857. The mother died at this place in 1869. She had nine children, five of whom became residents of Cassville, and of these we have record of Frank Joseph, who located here in 1856, but is now living in East Galena, Ill., and owns a valuable farm of 640 acres of land; Andrew also came to Cassville in 1856, and now makes his home at North Andover, Grant county; Magdalena died in Cassville; and John B., still a resident of this place.

John B. Ortscheid was a lad of fourteen years when he arrived in Cassville, which town at that time contained but twelve or fourteen families. Here he at first worked as a day laborer, but later learned the baker's trade at Dubuque and Galena, and in 1864 embarked in the bakery and saloon business at Cassville, continuing until April, 1865. Four years later he erected a good frame building, where he successfully conducted a bakery and restaurant for thirty-one years, or until 1899, when he sold out. For a number of years he has handled real estate, and now devotes his entire time to that business, being the only exclusive real estate dealer in Cassville. He handles both village and farm property in Cassville and

Patch Grove townships, has property for sale in the Red River valley, Minn., and is doing quite a large and profitable business.

At Dubuque, Feb. 4, 1864, Mr. Ortscheid was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Zeug, a native of Potosi, Grant county, and a daughter of Peter and Barbara (Caternine) Zeug. Her father was born in Germany, and on coming to this country in 1830, located in Dubuque, but the following year took up his residence in Potosi, where he now lives at the advanced age of ninety-eight years. During his active business life he followed mining and farming. His wife died in 1886. In their family were the following children: Peter, who died in San Francisco, Cal.; Frank and Burnhard, both residents of Iowa; William, now in the Klondike; John, who was drowned in Grant river; John (2), who died young; Mrs. Barbara Bluemer, of Potosi; Mrs. Barbara Caspars, of Cassville; and Mrs. Catharine Ortscheid. Fourteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ortscheid, namely: Edward P., who died at Seattle, Wash., in 1897, aged thirty-two years; Amelia, who died in Cassville, in 1867; Josephine Clara, a Sister of Notre Dame, Grand Rapids; Mary Barbara, a Sister of Notre Dame, Prairie du Chien; Lena, who married Charles Starr, of La Crosse, Wis., and died in 1896; Anna, who married Jacob Schuh, and has three children, Clarence, Paul, and Irma, of Milwaukee, Wis.; William P., a jeweler, of Cassville; Maggie, who married Frank B. Burdick, and has three children, Edward McKinley, Florence and Agnes; Bernhart William, who was born in Cassville, Jan. 17, 1873, and died on the 21st of the following February; Louisa Mary, wife of Albert Kleinpell, of Colesburg, Iowa; Matthew Bernard, now a barber, and real estate and collection agent of Chicago, who enlisted in the State Guards of Wisconsin, and was a member of Company G, 4th Wis. V. I., in the Spanish-American war; George Washington; Florence Mary, a resident of Milwaukee; and Agnes Otilia, at home.

Mr. Ortscheid and his family hold membership in the Catholic Church, and he is also a charter member of Branch No. 34, Catholic Knights. In connection with his other business he is also interested in mining and in quarrying stone for building purposes. His home property consists of about twenty-six

acres in the village corporation, upon which he has erected a pleasant residence. In 1862, during the Civil war, he tried to enlist in the 12th Iowa V. I., but being under age he was rejected. Politically Mr. Ortscheid was first a Republican, but is now a supporter of the Democratic party. Being one of the leading and influential citizens of his town, he has been called upon to fill several local positions of honor and trust. He has served as road overseer and township treasurer; was village treasurer from 1893 to 1898; constable from 1876 to 1880; justice of the peace from 1880 to 1894, during which time he married sixty-three couples; and was member of the village trustees in 1900. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, whose sound judgment, unflagging enterprise and capable management have brought to him a well-merited success.

CHARLES A. LYTLE, a reputable citizen and formerly a druggist of Monroe, Green county, had, during his business career, a patronage that extended far out into the adjacent country, and he has ever borne a good name that is the result of years of industry and integrity.

Mr. Lytle was born in Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Penn., March 24, 1845, a son of Samuel S. P. and Anna Belle (Hendrickson) Lytle, both natives of that county. Three sons and four daughters were born to them, four of their children are now living: Charles A.; Samuel S. P., Jr., of Mount Joy; Jennie R., the wife of Michael Detweiler, of Mt. Joy; and Anna Belle, of the same place. The father was a farmer, and died at his home in Mt. Joy, in January, 1898, at the age of seventy-nine, and his wife died in 1886, when sixty-two. They were Presbyterians. Joseph Lytle, his father, was a native of Scotland, and a farmer. He had seven children, and lived to be over eighty years of age. Okey Hendrickson, the father of Anna Belle whose name appears above, was a native of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch descent. He built the first hotel in Mt. Joy and reached an advanced age. He was the father of two daughters and five sons.

Charles A. Lytle spent his earlier life in Mt. Joy, Penn., where he attended the public schools and the academy, and obtained a very fair education for the times. He entered a drug store in Harrisburg, Penn., Jan. 1, 1862,

and two years later stood the medical examination, and received the appointment as surgeon steward on board the United States steamer "Stettin," where he served until the close of the war. Mr. Lytle left the naval service at the conclusion of the war, and returned to the drug store in Harrisburg, where he remained until the spring of 1866. That year he made his first appearance in Wisconsin, and began clerking for J. K. Eilert, who was the first druggist in Green county, and who had been a resident of Monroe for many years. Warm bonds of personal attachment soon came to exist between the two, and Mr. Lytle continued with Mr. Eilert as long as that gentleman lived, and when he died in 1892, succeeded to the business, which he conducted until December, 1900.

Mr. Lytle and Miss Alice S. Banks were married Dec. 20, 1871. Mrs. Lytle is a daughter of James A. and Grace M. (Walker) Banks, of Leeds, England, and is a lady of most charming character. She is the mother of two children, Grace M. and Samuel J., both single. Mr. and Mrs. Lytle are members of the Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, and O. F. Pinney Post, No. 102, G. A. R. He is a Republican, and is a highly esteemed business man and citizen. His home is at the corner of Main and Farmer streets, in Monroe, which town has been his abiding place for thirty-four years.

FRANCIS METCALFE, a retired business man of Benton, Wis., was born in Yorkshire, England, Jan. 10, 1837, and is a son of James and Margaret (Netterson) Metcalfe, both born in England. The father was born in 1806, and the mother in 1814. They had a family of seven children, when they came to America in 1849. They landed in this country at New Orleans, and journeyed up the Mississippi river to Galena, Ill., where the father worked in the mines, and then purchased a farm in Benton, on which he made very liberal improvements. In 1868 he purchased a farm in Dubuque county, Iowa, where he made his home until his death in 1884. His widow died in 1892. Mr. Metcalfe was one of the founders of the Methodist Church in Benton, with which both were connected in England. They were active in the work of the Church. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe were the parents of seventeen children, thirteen of

whom grew to maturity : (1) Leonard was married to Jane Kendall, and for some years lived in Benton. He was a member of the 96th Ill. V. I. during the Civil war. (2) Matthew is in O'Brien, O'Brien Co., Iowa, and has a family of six children. (3) Francis. (4) Thomas enlisted in the 96th Ill. V. I., and served until his death near Nashville, Tenn. (5) James was a member of the 96th Ill. V. I., and served until the close of the war. He was married after his return from the war to Margaret Alton, of Hazel Green. For many years he was one of the prominent business men of Benton. He is living in Minneapolis, where one of his four sons is being educated at the State University. (6) Christopher, a soldier of the 96th Illinois, is now living near Dubuque, Iowa. (Four brothers were in the one regiment.) After the war he was married to Miss Mary A. Robson, of Benton, and is now living on his farm near Dubuque, Iowa. (7) Mary A. married John Harker, who still lives in Cuba City, where Mrs. Harker died in 1894, leaving a family of five children. These seven members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe were all born in England. (8) Margaret, born in Benton, married John Alexander, of Dubuque, and is the mother of two children, William and Irene. (9) John W., now a resident of Idaho Springs, Colo., is unmarried. (10) Isabella, the wife of Joseph Lewis, who resides on a farm near Dubuque, is the mother of three children. (11) Reuben is married, and resides in Dubuque; he has three children. (12) David married Phoebe Dawson, of Dubuque; where they reside. He is engaged in the butcher business in that city. They have one son, Earl Metcalfe. (13) Emanuel, who married Miss Sweeney, of Dubuque, resides in Des Moines. All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe who were not natives of England were born in Lafayette county.

Francis Metcalfe acquired his education in the old country, and came with his parents to this country when he was eleven years of age. In England he worked with his father four years in the mines. After coming to this State he pursued the same labor until he became a young man. In 1862, with a company of young men, he walked to British Columbia, where they worked in the gold mines some four years. As an experienced miner he com-

manded a daily wage of nine dollars, and was quite successful in his work in that distant country.

Francis Metcalfe was married in 1868 to Miss Sarah Alexander, of Benton, daughter of William and Mary Alexander, pioneers in the settlement of the State. Mrs. Metcalfe was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1842, and when eight years old came to Wisconsin with her parents. Her education was obtained in the public schools of the town of Benton.

Mr. Metcalfe purchased a residence in Benton, and was engaged in active business life until 1894, when he retired. His wife died the preceding year, leaving seven children: (1) Ida, born in 1869, is the wife of Arthur Emerson, clerk of Lafayette county, and has her home in Darlington. (2) Thomas J., born in December, 1870, was graduated in the class of 1892, from the Platteville Normal, and for six years taught school. He is now a graduate of a dental school in Chicago, and is a practicing dentist in Merrill, Wis. He was married to Miss Alice Harris, of Cuba City, a daughter of Joseph Harris, one of the leading business men of that place. They have one son, Harold H. (3) Clyde C., a graduate of the Benton school, was married to Miss Susan Sandefur, of Darlington, where they reside, and where he is engaged in business as a liveryman. They have one daughter. (4) James W., born in March, 1876, is a graduate of the Benton high school. He learned the trade of tinner with W. H. Niles, and is now holding the office of chief of police in Benton. In July, 1897, he was married to Miss Annie Buchan, of Benton, daughter of Joseph Buchan, the cashier of the Benton Bank. They reside in Benton, and have one son, James Lloyd. (5) Jessie I., born in 1878, was a graduate of the Platteville Normal in the class of 1896, and for two years taught in the high school at Benton. She died in December, 1898, a young lady of much culture and many charms, with a host of friends in the community. (6) Francis, born in 1883, is now a student in the State Normal at Platteville, after having graduated from the Benton high school. (7) May O., born in 1885, is a student in the Benton public school.

Francis Metcalfe is a Republican, and is identified with the Methodist Church, of which he has always been an active member, as was

also his wife. One of the solid men in the community, Mr. Metcalfe has for many years been known by his honesty and manifest integrity.

**FRANK D. KIMBALL.** This gentleman is well and favorably known throughout southern Wisconsin as a business man of character and standing in the city of Janesville, Rock county. He began life with little to help him beyond a sound constitution, a fairly good education and an unusual endowment of force and character, but by industry and thrift has won for himself a position of affluence while still in middle life.

Mr. Kimball was born in East Greenwich, R. I., Dec. 12, 1848, only child of Fermer and Adeline (Allen) Kimball. His father was a native of the same State, while his mother was born in Massachusetts. Fermer Kimball was a carpenter and cabinet maker, and later in life learned the trade of painting, and at different times worked at all these trades. He removed to Wisconsin in 1855, locating on a 200-acre farm in La Prairie township; he devoted himself to the improvement of this handsome tract, and soon converted it into a valuable estate. In 1865 he became a resident of Janesville, and for two years followed the trade of painting. He did well, and went into the furniture and manufacturing business, and presently acquired an interest in the Thoroughgood box factory. He also owned a hardware store, and besides maintaining his interest in the factory, conducted the store for a number of years. During the last few years of his life he gave his entire attention to the box factory, and developed a large trade in cigar boxes and cigar-box lumber. He was one of the organizers of the Bower City Bank, and was once its president. He died March 6, 1899, at the age of seventy-six years and six months. His widow still survives, and occupies the old home at the corner of Bluff and South Second streets. She and her husband were regular attendants of All Souls' Church. Mr. Kimball was a Republican, and served as supervisor from the Third ward in Janesville for eighteen years. He was chairman of the building committee, under whose direction the Insane Asylum was erected, and for two terms served as chairman of the board. He was a member of the Wisconsin Legislature in 1878, and again in 1894 and 1895.

Dean Kimball, father of Fermer Kimball, was a native of Rhode Island, and was of English descent. The family in America begins its history with the story of three brothers, who came to New England about 1638, finding locations in Rhode Island, Vermont and Pennsylvania. Dean Kimball was a farmer, and died in Rhode Island when over eighty-one, the father of eight children. The maternal grandfather of Frank D. Kimball was Abram Allen, a native of Massachusetts, and of English descent, who followed the business of a butcher, and died in Fall River, Mass., when sixty-seven years old. He was a man of good character and business integrity, and was the father of a numerous family.

Frank D. Kimball lived on his father's farm until he reached the age of sixteen, attending the district school, and later the public schools of Janesville. For four years he worked at the trade of painting, and then became a brakeman on the railroad. A year later he was made a fireman on a locomotive, and served the company in that capacity for seventeen months. He was then given an engine, and was an engineer for twelve years; during the last six years of that time he had charge of a passenger engine. Leaving the road, he went into business as a dealer in furniture, and, qualifying as an undertaker, soon commanded a large and profitable trade. He had as a partner in the inception of his business career W. B. Brittan, the name of the firm being Brittan & Kimball. Mr. Brittan retired in 1888, and was succeeded by James J. Hall, the new firm being Kimball & Hall. A year and a half later Mr. Kimball purchased the entire business, and under his exclusive management it has assumed very large proportions. It occupies three floors, each having a dimension of 44x100 feet, while at the rear is a store house 24x36 feet, two stories in height and of brick construction. He also owns a store house on Wall street; it has two floors, is 44x100 feet, and is built of stone. He carries all kinds of furniture, and has built up a very extensive trade throughout the county.

Mr. Kimball was married July 9, 1867, to Miss Euretta Burdick, who was a daughter of Rollin S. and Anabel (Greenman) Burdick, and who died April 30, 1876, at the untimely age of twenty-five years. She was a woman of high character, and a devout mem-



*Frank D. Kimball*



ber of the Baptist Church. Of the two children born of this union, George married Miss Elizabeth Pritchard, and is a partner in the box factory, and Belle died in early childhood. Mr. Kimball entered into the matrimonial relations a second time, Miss Sarah Hatch becoming his bride on Nov. 29, 1877. She is a daughter of William and Julia Hatch, and is the mother of two children, Frank W. and Eureka May. The family occupy a beautiful and attractive home at 151 South Main street, which is known throughout the city as the center of a generous and gracious hospitality. Mr. Kimball is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being associated with Western Star Lodge, No. 14, F. & A. M. He is a Republican, and though not a working politician exerts considerable influence on his party. He has lived in Rock county forty-five years, and in that time has witnessed the conversion of southern Wisconsin from wild prairie and unbroken forest into the garden spot and pride of the Northwest.

REV. JOHN ANDERECK, pastor of the Baptist Church in Juda, and one of the leading ministers of Green county, is eminent not only for his pulpit abilities, but for his personal character, and for his profound devotion to the great cause committed to him.

Hon. Alexander and Margaret (Stanford) Andereck, his parents, have lived in Marion county, Ill., many years. Alexander Andereck was born April 9, 1822, son of Isaac Andereck, who came to Pennsylvania from Germany about one hundred years ago. To him were born Alexander; Jacob, deceased; John, deceased; William; Andrew, deceased; and Catherine, deceased. In 1845 Alexander Andereck married Miss Margaret Stanford, daughter of Essek Stanford, a brother of the late Leland Stanford of California. This marriage has been blessed with the following children: Rev. John; Isaac, of Centralia, Ill.; William R., a minister of the Baptist Church at Kankakee, Ill.; Sarah, who died in childhood; Martha E., the wife of William Southerland, of Illinois; Jacob, a resident of Centralia, Ill.; and Andrew, a farmer in Marion county, Illinois. The father is now living retired from the activities of farm life; the mother passed to the better land in November, 1899.

Rev. John Andereck was united in marriage to Miss Catherine E. McClellan, of

Marion county, Ill., who was born May 19, 1850, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Orr) McClellan, and a distant relative of the late Gen. George B. McClellan. The marriage was celebrated Oct. 31, 1869, and has been blessed with four children: (1) W. E., who is in charge of the First Baptist Church, at Plymouth, Ill.; (2) Eldredge, living in Juda, Wis.; (3) Jesse O., at home with his parents, and (4) Daisy, who died in infancy.

Rev. John Andereck was reared on the farm, attended the local schools, and then went to the high school at Sandoval, Ill., and as he became a young man followed public school teaching for a time. Entering the Baptist College at Alton, Ill., he prepared for the ministry of that church. Beginning his ministerial work in 1884, he came in 1888 to Juda, Wis., and has filled the pulpit of the Baptist Church in that village ever since, to the general satisfaction of the community. The parsonage is a fine residence. Mr. Andereck is a staunch Prohibitionist, and is a member of the Good Templars. He has largely made his own way in the world, and his work has been crowned with fair success. He is well read, well posted on general topics, and is a man of character and influence in the community. He has many friends, by whom he is beloved as a man of kind heart and generous spirit, ready to help the needy to a better life, and is a devoted worker in the Gospel field.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Juda, Wis., is one of the land marks in the religious history of the State. For more than sixty years its name has lived in Green county, and it has inspired noble living to a multitude of men and women, whose lives have attested the reality of their Christian faith.

This church was organized early in the summer of 1840, by the Rev. Mr. Stillwell, a devoted clergyman of the Baptist faith, who came from Illinois, and had a membership of fourteen people, including Mr. Stillwell and his wife. That gentleman was in charge of the movement for some years, and was succeeded by the Rev. G. R. Patton, who was the beloved and venerated pastor of the church for forty years. During his ministry he baptized and married a vast number of people, and lifted the church to a lofty and influential position. The retirement of Mr. Patton was followed by a season of supplies, and then Elder Prescott served for three years as pastor. For thirteen



years the Rev. John Andereck has ministered to this people, and in that time has won a hold upon their hearts second to no man who ever broke for them the Bread of Life.

The organization of this Church was effected in a school house, and for some years it met for worship in halls and in private houses. In 1847 a union meeting house was dedicated in Juda, and there for twenty years this church met for religious services. In 1867 it built for itself its present large and convenient edifice, which is thought to be one of the best and most substantial in the county. The church organization at the present time has a membership of 250 people, who are among the most prominent and influential people of this community.

The officers of the church and its various societies are earnest and efficient workers, as will be seen from the list here appended. *Deacons:* Hon. Franklin Mitchell, Henry Roderick, Marion Gaspin, Jacob L. Roderick, William Baird, George Hemstreet, and John Clemmer. *Trustees:* Hon. Franklin Mitchell, Samuel Hutzell, J. J. Newman, Thomas Davis, William Baird, and Gilbert Newman. *Treasurer:* E. P. Mitchell. *Clerk:* Jacob L. Roderick. *Sunday School:* Superintendent, Miss Anna Roderick; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. C. E. Andereck; Secretary, Miss Emma Wohlwend; Librarian, Miss Hattie Calvin; Organist, Miss Clara Roderick. *Baptist Young People's Union:* President, Mrs. Edith Allen; Secretary, Mrs. Catharine Dininger; Treasurer, Ross Roderick; Organist, Miss Dora Dinwiddie. *Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies:* President, Mrs. Hannah Roderick; Secretary, Edith Allen; Treasurer, Hattie Blackford. *Ladies Aid Society:* President, Mrs. C. E. Andereck; Vice-president, Mrs. Martha Patton; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Emma Wohlwend.

**THOMAS CONVEY.** Prominent among the people of Ridgeway township, Iowa county, whose period of residence here covers more than forty years, is Thomas Convey, a well-known citizen. Mr. Convey was born in Canada, in 1849, but his ancestry came from the Emerald Isle, a land which has probably contributed more of her citizens to this section, than any other, of equal population, and in an especial manner is southwest Wisconsin indebted to the sons and daughters of Ireland, for its ag-

ricultural, mineral and religious development. In fact, her sturdy sons were most numerous among those early pioneers who first brought to light the rich mining interests and agricultural possibilities of the State, and while the first generation has nearly all passed away, their children and the results of their labor remain.

In the true sense of the word, Thomas Convey was not a pioneer, but for many years he has been actively engaged in ascertaining and promoting the best interests of Iowa county, especially in an agricultural sense. His parents were born in Ireland; his father, Thomas Convey, removing from Ireland, to Scotland, with his parents, in early life. With them he came to America, locating in New York, but about 1834 removal was made to Canada and there his son, Thomas Convey of this sketch, was born. In 1860, Thomas Convey, Sr., with his family, comprising wife and two children, Thomas and his sister (who now is Mrs. Michael Barry, of Dodgeville township), came to Iowa county and settled on Speculators land, in the township of Ridgeway, Section 27. The farm originally contained eighty acres, which was later increased to 220, and here the devoted mother died, in 1877, and the father passed away in 1895, about eighty years of age.

Thomas Convey was about eleven years old when he came to Wisconsin with his parents. As a boy he attended school, and assisted in the clearing of the land, and after finishing the common school course, in his district, he became a student at the High school, in Freeport, Ill. After completing a very thorough course there, he began the profession of teaching, and for twelve terms was one of the most efficient educators in Ridgeway and Mifflin townships. However, it is along the lines of farming and stockraising that Mr. Convey has been so eminently successful, and has earned the reputation of being an authority as to the best methods in these industries. Ever since 1888, Mr. Convey has been in great demand as a lecturer at Farmers' Institutes on the subjects of dairying, stock-breeding, general farming and kindred subjects.

Mrs. Convey was formerly Miss Martha Miess, a daughter of Henry Miess, a pioneer of Ridgeway township, and a large and interesting family has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Convey, consisting of nine daughters and three

sons. Mr. Convey is too well known to the public to require more than a brief sketch. In politics he is independent, a prohibitionist in principle and is an advocate of whatever he believes will best tend to promote the best interests of the people. His mind is liberal, and his culture broad. His fine library and his patronage of the best papers and periodicals attest his desire to keep in touch with the latest thought of the day, while his excellent farm displays thoroughness of cultivation and the success of his theories, when put into active practice. Although Mr. Convey has occupied a prominent position in his neighborhood, he has never sought political favor, has served as chairman of his township and has often filled local offices, but his life has been too busy in other lines to permit him to accept higher, or more engrossing positions.

FRANCIS M. CONFER, M. D. (deceased), was one of the leading physicians of the city of Monroe, Green county. He was a deep student of his profession, thoroughly posted as to its primary principles, and fully abreast of the times. He had a large practice, and brought to his patients the best that medical art and science offered.

Dr. Confer was born in Green county, Wis., Dec. 18, 1854, and was a son of James and Mary E. (Ziebach) Confer, both natives of Pennsylvania. They had four sons: John W., of North Ontario, Cal.; Dr. Francis M.; Jacob S., of Mason City, Iowa; and J. Ellis, of Monroe. The father, who was a tanner by trade, came West to Illinois in 1848, and lived in Winnebago county, not far from Rockford, from that year until October, 1854, when he moved into Green county, Wis., and bought a farm of 160 acres in Washington township. This farm became the family home for many years, and here his sons were reared, taking lessons of courage and endurance from the hard work that necessarily came to them. Mr. Confer sold his land in 1884, and moved into the city of Monroe, to live retired the balance of his days. He died Oct. 19, 1891, when he was in his seventy-first year. His widow still survives. They were originally Baptists, but joined the Methodist Church late in life. He was a man of considerable prominence, and at different times had filled various township offices. His father was a farmer, and died in Center county, Penn., about 1835.

when quite a young man. Jacob Ziebach, the father of Mrs. Mary E. Confer, was a native of Pennsylvania, of German extraction, and lived to be about eighty-five, dying in his native State. He reared a large family.

Francis M. Confer spent the first twenty years of his life on the paternal acres, and was reared under the fostering care of his father and mother. He attended the local school, was graduated from the Monroe high school in 1878, and when he was seventeen began teaching, continuing several years with marked success. He had fixed his mind on the profession of medicine, and for several years was reading up for it. In 1879 he matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and was graduated from that institution with honor in 1882. He began his professional career at Dayton, Wis., where he spent one year, then moved to Monroe, and almost immediately entered into a large and growing practice, which steadily increased up to the time of his death, Nov. 7, 1900. Monroe has lost an exemplary citizen, the medical profession a worthy member, and his family a kind husband and father. The Doctor took a special course in the Polyclinic at New York in 1890, and five years later went to Europe and studied in Vienna, also visiting the various medical centers, particularly Munich and London. He was a specialist in surgery, and in the treatment of the eye and ear, was always progressive, and did special work each year, thus keeping fully abreast of the times.

Dr. Confer and Miss Carrie Isely, a daughter of John and Louisa (Germann) Isely, were married Feb. 19, 1882, and they had three children, Francis M., Jr., Edna L. and Robert R. The home is on the corner of East and Merchant streets, where the Doctor bought the ground and built a fine residence. Dr. Confer was a member of Smith Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was highly respected in his Masonic affiliations. He belonged to the American Medical Association, and to both the Wisconsin State Medical Society and the Central Wisconsin Medical Society, anxious always to come into contact with the best and brightest members of his profession. Politically he was an independent Republican.

ERNEST W. GORHAM. Among the prominent and successful young farmers of Sylvester township, Green county, is Ernest W.

Gorham, who is esteemed and respected as a representative man of the community.

William C. Gorham, the father of our subject, was one of the early settlers of Wisconsin, coming to the State about fifty-six years ago, and has seen its wonderful growth and development. He is now one of the esteemed residents of Monroe, where he lives in retirement. While a native of Ohio, born Aug. 31, 1825, his long residence in the Badger State has made its progress and interests very dear to him. The mother of our subject, Elvira (Chaffee) Gorham, was born in Vermont March 22, 1833, and married Mr. Gorham in Ohio Jan. 3, 1853. Their two children were born in Wisconsin, the elder De Witt R. Gorham, born in 1854, being now a resident of Monroe. With but limited means, his cash capital being only \$15, William C. Gorham had a difficult future before him when he first located in the wilderness of Wisconsin, but his undaunted energy and industry enabled him to push forward successfully, and at one time he was the owner of 600 acres of land, among the best adapted to farming in the county. During 1864-65 Mr. Gorham was a volunteer member of Company I, 46th Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge.

Ernest W. Gorham was born Dec. 8, 1860. Through his grandfather, Elisha Gorham, a native of New Haven, Conn., he is descended from English and Scottish ancestry. Mr. Gorham became early accustomed to the duties of the farm, and when his district schooling was completed began agricultural labor as his choice of occupation, his father having deeded him one of his farms. He has since successfully continued in general farming and stock raising.

The marriage of Mr. Gorham took place on June 27, 1895, to Miss Flora L., the estimable daughter of Charles and Rosina (Voss) Brackenwagen, of Washington township, who came to Green county from Germany, in 1862.

The birth of Mrs. Gorham was on Sept. 2, 1866, and she is one of a family of ten children: Emma, Clara, Minnie, Charles, Matie, Otto, Frank, Jennie, Flora L. and Zena. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gorham: Elvira, on May 3, 1896, and Ralph, on Oct. 23, 1898.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Gorham has been a staunch supporter of the Republican

party, and is a willing worker in the same. Although he does not belong to any religious denomination, they all have his hearty support, particularly the M. E. Church. His influence is always cast in support of the cardinal virtues, and he is widely known as a liberal and conscientious man. His property in Sylvester township is located three miles northeast of Monroe, where the pleasures of both country and city life may be enjoyed, and he is also the owner of a fine farm of 180 acres in Adams county. Mr. Gorham is a worthy representative of one of the old and respected families of this locality. The death of his mother, on June 10, 1894, removed from life one of the best and most estimable women of this locality, and she is well remembered for her many kind and neighborly deeds.

HON. THEODORE W. GOLDIN, though yet scarcely more than forty-five years of age, has passed through more peril and enjoyed more honor than usually fall to the lot of men of twice his years. He is of English descent although for many generations his forbears have been born on American soil. His grandfather, George G. Goldin, resided many years in the city of New York, where he carried on business as an architect, as well as a contractor and builder. He was the father of four children, one of whom, Reuben W., became the father of Hon. Theodore W. Goldin, of Janesville.

Reuben W. Goldin came with his parents to Wisconsin about 1848, a youth of sixteen years. The family settled in the town of Newark, a few miles west of the present city of Beloit, and there he attended school, and learned the trade of a harness maker. After a few years he found his way to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained for several years, and where he married, his wife being Elizabeth Bradfield, of Columbiana county, Ohio, who was one of a family of five children. Her father was a soldier in the war of 1812. Returning to Wisconsin, Mr. Goldin located first in Janesville, but soon took up his residence at Albany, Green county, where he engaged in business as a dealer in saddlery, harness, trunks, and other leather goods. Later he removed to Brodhead, where he passed the remainder of his life, some twenty-five years, dying in 1893, at the age of sixty-one. His venerable widow yet survives him, her home

being at Brodhead. Mr. Goldin was a man keenly alive to the public interests, and enjoyed the full confidence and respect of his fellow citizens, who elected him to various town and city offices. Although brought up under Quaker influences, it was his custom to accompany his wife to the Methodist Church, of which she was a member.

Hon. Theodore W. Goldin was his parents' only child. He was born in the town of Avon, Rock county, July 25, 1856, attended the public schools, and at an early age began to learn the harness making trade. The employment, however, was not to his liking. He desired a life more stirring and full of adventure, and after three years he entered the employ of the Chicago & North Western Railway Co., first as an office assistant, and later as a brakeman. He was also for a time in the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road. In 1873 he enlisted in the 7th U. S. Cavalry, serving for four years and eight months, first as a private, and later as a sergeant. This was the regiment formerly commanded by the gallant and unfortunate Gen. Custer, whose sad fate at the hand of the copper-colored savages of the Plains plunged an entire nation into mourning. Mr. Goldin was with the General until within an hour and a half of the time when the gallant leader, with 257 of his men, was so foully and cruelly massacred. At the time of the carnage Sergt. Goldin was with Major Reno, and he enjoys the distinction of being the only one of that heroic band who escaped slaughter. In commemoration of his participation in the affair Congress voted him a Congressional medal of honor, which is one of his most highly prized possessions.

After leaving the army our subject entered the service of the Northwestern Stage & Express Co., with which he remained eighteen months. Returning home, he entered into business with his father, but when the latter disposed of his store he once more began the life of a railroad man, working first for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Co., later for the Wisconsin Central. In 1881 he again went home to Brodhead, and in the autumn of 1882 was elected clerk of the Circuit Court of Green county, which office he continued to hold until Nov. 1, 1885, resigning to form a law partnership with Hon. B. F. Dunwiddie, of Janesville, who at present occupies a seat on the Bench of the Circuit Court. Later William

G. Wheeler (afterward district attorney for Rock county) was admitted to the firm, which was, however, dissolved in 1895, upon the election of Mr. Goldin to the Circuit Court clerkship for Rock county. This office he still holds, his native ability, painstaking accuracy and long experience peculiarly qualifying him for the discharge of its responsible duties. He is known throughout the length and breadth of the State, and is everywhere held in high esteem. Of strong personality and resolute will, he leaves his impress on everything which falls under his control, while his gentle disposition and generous nature endear him to his friends.

Mr. Goldin is a thirty-second degree Mason, and is at present Grand Commander of the State of Wisconsin. He was initiated into the fraternity in Smith Lodge, Monroe, and his immediate affiliations at present are with Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., of Janesville; Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; and the Milwaukee Consistory. Both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also belongs to Oriental Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., and to the B. P. O. E. His political creed is that of the Republican party.

On Feb. 23, 1881, Mr. Goldin was united in marriage with Miss Laura Dunwiddie, a daughter of David and Cynthia (Mitchell) Dunwiddie, of Janesville. To their union has been born one son, Herbert D.

FRANK G. VILLEMONTÉ. Among the prominent business citizens of Arena is Frank G. Villemonté, a successful merchant and progressive man who has been identified with the advancement of Iowa county for many years. He was born in Detroit, Mich., Nov. 24, 1842, a son of Exever and Mary Villemonté, natives of France, where they were reared and married, coming to America when they had but one child, an infant, who died on the passage and was buried at sea. Mr. and Mrs. Villemonté resided in Buffalo, N. Y., for eight years, and then removed to Detroit, Mich., where they made their home for sixteen years. Their location in the latter city was in 1834, when it was but a hamlet, and when they left it, the growth and development had already begun. In 1850 Mr. Villemonté, with his family, started by way of the Lakes to Milwaukee, and thence by team to Arena township, where one of the fertile farms was.

purchased, and there the father of the family died, in the spring of 1867, the mother surviving but one year.

Exever Villemonte was an industrious and esteemed citizen. Although possessed of but limited means when he reached Iowa county, by his energy and diligence he made of his land one of the best farms in this locality. The life the family led was that of the pioneer and demanded rude strength and patience, as well as calm courage, for often the husbandman was required to struggle not only with unknown conditions of climate, but also had to be prepared for battle with fire, flood and the savages who still lurked not far away. The subject of this sketch well remembers seeing 500 Indians at one time, soon after the arrival of the family in its new home. Deer was abundant in this wilderness—in fact was the chief article of diet. There was little chance for any intellectual life, as the nearest school house was three miles distant, and the farm houses far between. At death the parents left six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom still survive, with the exception of the eldest, Charles Villemonte, who died on May 10, 1893, a resident of Helena, in this county. The others are: Emily, who is the wife of Charles Poutie, of Buffalo; Mary Ann, who is the wife of Charles Warner, of Burlingame, Kans.; Mary, who is the wife of John R. Maffott, of Mount Vernon, S. Dak.; Paul, a resident of Winona, Minn., who was a member of Company K, 33d Wis. V. I., and served through the war of the Rebellion; and Frank G., of this sketch.

Frank G. Villemonte was a lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents to Iowa county, and remembers the appearance of the country as it was a half century ago. Here he learned to swing an ax and drive a plow, and with interest watched the development of the country about their cabin, the advent of every neighbor being hailed with delight, for with settlement came good roads, better school facilities and a social life which inevitably broadened the mind and opened up avenues for usefulness.

On Aug. 15, 1862, Mr. Villemonte enlisted in the Federal army, becoming a member of Co. C, 31st Wis. V. I. This regiment belonged to the gallant army which engaged in the siege of Atlanta and made the famous March to the Sea, also participating in the bat-

tles of Goldsboro and Bentonville, and in the marching and skirmishing that preceded these famous engagements. Mr. Villemonte was at Raleigh when Gen. Johnston surrendered to Gen. Sherman, when the war was practically over. Then came the last important events of Sherman's march to Washington and the Grand Review in that city. From there our subject went to Louisville, Ky., where he was mustered out of a service he had willingly entered, thence to Madison, where, on the 6th of July, the regiment was discharged, the soldiers bade each other farewell, and scattered over the country to their various homes.

Mr. Villemonte engaged in work on a farm for a year after his return, and then went to Necedah, where he was employed in the lumber business for about five months, rafting lumber down the Mississippi and Wisconsin rivers to Hannibal, Mo., but gave up that laborious life to return to his parents who needed his care and filial attention. They were then living at Helena, in Iowa county, and he settled down with them and learned the trade of shoemaker, with his brother, Charles, entering into a partnership, which was later dissolved, and he came to Arena and opened up a boot and shoe store, conducting this business successfully for the succeeding seventeen years. As his health seemed to be giving away, Mr. Villemonte then purchased a farm, and for the next ten years met with prosperity as an agriculturist. Desiring again the comforts and recreations of a more social kind, Mr. Villemonte sold his farm and returned to Arena, and here, among old friends, he has successfully conducted a mercantile business ever since.

On July 6, 1869, Mr. Villemonte was married to Miss Joanna Youlton, a native of this county, who died on Jan. 31, 1895. Miss Josie Murphy became his second wife. He has become the father of ten children: John, a farmer in New York; LeRoy is the assistant cashier of the State Bank at Fennimore, Wis.; Phebe, a successful teacher, who was educated at Fort Atkinson, Wis., high school; Frank, a resident of Owens, Wis.; Veronica, a resident of Farmer, N. Y.; Edith; Grace; William and Genivieve. One daughter, Josie, died suddenly of appendicitis, while staying temporarily at Mazomanie, Wis., on March 5, 1900, at the age of nineteen, an amiable and highly esteemed young lady. Mr. Villemonte is a well-known and highly esteemed citizen

and an honored member of G. A. R. Post No. 107, of which he has been commander for the past two years, having filled all of the other offices. Although he was with his regiment during all of its activity he fortunately escaped unhurt. During 1863 he spent a short time in the hospital and was given a short furlough home during convalescence, but before long was back at duty.

CHRISTEN EVENSEN (deceased) was during his brief but active career one of the leading farmers of Jordan township, Green county, where he passed his entire life, having been born April 7, 1856, on the farm now occupied by his widow and family.

Ole and Rachel Evensen, our subject's parents, were born in Krodsherret, Norway, and came to this country in 1848, settling in Green county, Wis. They had owned one of the prettiest farms in Krodsherret, which they sold before emigrating. They first settled in Kendall county, Ill., where resided a brother of Mr. Evensen, he having been one of the first to leave his native home in Norway. They remained there two years, and in 1850 located in Wisconsin. Mr. Evensen was a thrifty, industrious farmer, and a good manager, and at the time of his death owned a fine farm of 200 acres—the old homestead now owned by our subject's widow, in Section 32, Jordan township. Mr. Evensen passed away in 1897, his wife in 1899, and their remains lie in the Norwegian cemetery in Jordan township. They were among the most respected residents of the township in their day, highly esteemed for their genuine worth and their honorable, upright lives. Ten children were born to them, five of whom grew to maturity: Even, who resides in Norway Lake, Kandiyohi Co., Minn.; Jane, wife of Peter Helgeson, of Clayton county, Iowa; Christen, our subject; Mary, wife of Antone Fryslie, of Clark county, S. Dak.; and Nels, unmarried, who also lives in Clayton county, Iowa. The others died in childhood.

On March 22, 1883, Christen Evensen married Miss Carrie Petterson, of Iowa, who was born April 3, 1861, daughter of Torkel and Gunnil (Knudtson) Peterson. The parents, who were born in Norway, came to America when young, settling in Clayton county, Iowa, where all their children were born, and where they died, the mother in 1866, the father in

1899. Their family consisted of seven children: Anna, wife of Ole Severson, Jewell county, Kans.; Bell, wife of Knute Tolefson, of South Dakota; Nellie, wife of Annult Stenson, of Traill Co., N. Dak.; Petter, of Clayton county, Iowa; Carrie, Mrs. Evensen; Betsey, wife of Even Glesne, of Clayton county, Iowa; and Knute, of North Dakota. To Mr. and Mrs. Evensen were born five sons: Oscar, born Jan. 8, 1884; Elmer, Oct. 25, 1885 (died May 16, 1892); Theodore R., July 8, 1888; Clarence, May 18, 1890; Christen, Jan. 30, 1892.

Christen Evensen passed away Dec. 24, 1891, sincerely mourned by his family and his many friends and neighbors, to all of whom he had endeared himself by a life of integrity and honest endeavor. Though he had hardly reached his prime he had made for himself a substantial place among the prosperous farmers of his locality, and he was liked and respected by all who came in contact with him, whether in business or friendly relations. His political sympathies were with the Republican party, and he was deeply interested in local affairs, having served efficiently as member of the township board and as school director. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Evensen left his family well provided for, and the property, under the energetic management of his widow, who has proved herself a woman of no mean business ability, has continued to improve in appearance and value. A fine barn and stable have been built, the residence has been improved, and various other changes have been made on the place, to which Mrs. Evensen has added a tract of fifty-one acres, the farm now comprising 251 acres.

LORRAIN D. HULBURT. From the earliest records it can be proved that the life of the farmer is the most certain of pursuits as regards financial success, as well as the groundwork for most of the prosperous endeavors in other lines. Scarcely a public man of note can be found who, at one time or another, has not had the mark of the soil on his hands.

Among those who have successfully made agricultural pursuits the business of life, and now reap the reward of honest toil, is Lorrain D. Hulburt, the subject of this sketch, who resides in a beautiful residence in Al-

bany, Green county, living the comfortable life of a retired farmer. His birth took place in this State, in Decatur township, Green county, Dec. 18, 1844, a son of Erastus and Laura (Webster) Hulburt, both natives of Connecticut, who had a family of six children, four surviving: John A., of Mt. Pleasant township, Green county; Lydia, wife of T. Kellogg, of Seattle, Wash.; Hiram, of Peterson, Iowa; and our subject. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Philip Hulburt, who died in Connecticut, on Feb. 22, 1824, aged sixty-three years. The maternal grandfather, who had been a Revolutionary soldier, was a native of New York. Erastus, the father, was born in Connecticut, and brought up a farmer, removing to Green county, Wis., in 1839, where he located and bought land in Sylvester township. The tract consisted of 227 acres of government land in Decatur township, upon which his last days were spent, his death occurring on Dec. 11, 1865, when he was sixty-two years old; Mrs. Hulburt had died in 1863, aged fifty-seven, and both had been worthy members of the Baptist Church.

Lorrain D. Hulburt was reared from childhood upon the large farm in Decatur township, and attended the district schools. His education was as complete as the opportunities afforded, and in his home he was taught those principles of right living he has followed through life. With his brother John he bought the old homestead of his father, and later he bought his brother John's interest. He made his home there until 1881, when he rented the place, in the meantime removing to Clay county, Iowa, where he engaged for four years in farming and stockraising, but in 1888 he returned to Green county and has since resided in Albany, in 1892 erecting an elegant residence in this village. Mr. Hulburt owns 285 acres in the home farm, also owning Minnesota land, and but lately sold 160 acres in Iowa.

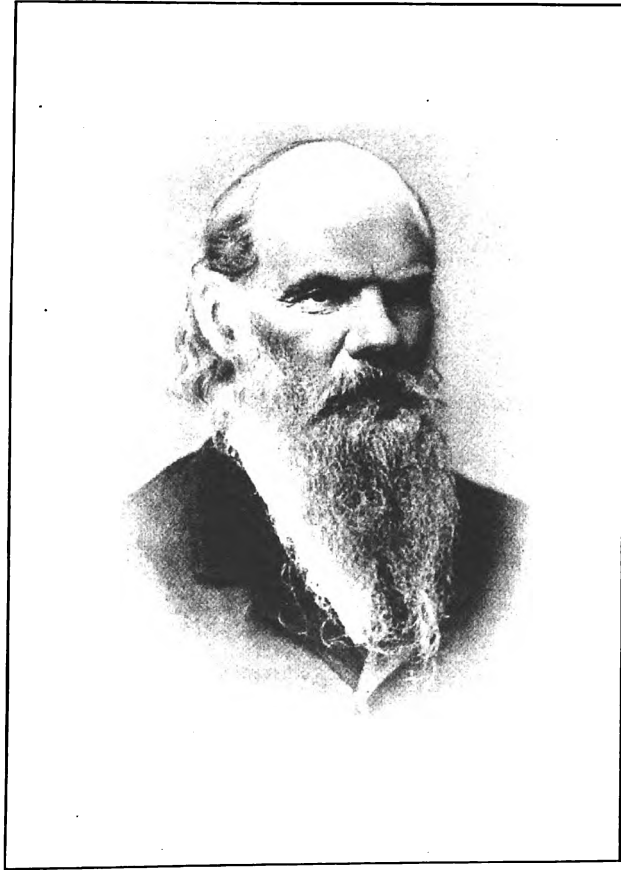
On Dec. 15, 1870, Mr. Hulburt was married to Miss Florence E. Smiley, a daughter of Daniel and Ellen (Bemis) Smiley, natives of Chautauqua county, N. Y., who had a family of six children: Lorinda, wife of John Hulburt, of Mt. Pleasant township, Green county; Sarah, widow of William Gould, of Minneapolis; Charles, of Albany township; Julia, wife of Dr. Broughton, of Dwight, Ill., now of Rockford, Ill.; Florence E., wife of Lorrain

D. Hulburt; and William, on the old home. The parents were married in 1836, and in 1837 came to Rock county, Wis., and settled on the Culver farm, near Janesville, removing in 1841 to Exeter township, where they lived until 1844, when they moved to what is now Albany township, where Mr. Smiley took up 160 acres of government land, adding to it until he owned 280 acres. His death occurred in 1886, when he was seventy-four years old. In 1866 he had been a member of the Wisconsin Legislature, was supervisor many terms, and commissioner of poor for years. His father, Joseph Smiley, a native of Mt. Holly, Vt., was an early settler of Chautauqua county, N. Y.; was a soldier in the battle of Black Rock, in 1814; had a family of eleven children, and died at Ellery, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1862. Mrs. Ellen (Bemis) Smiley, mother of Mrs. Hulburt, died in 1896, aged eighty-three, both she and her husband having been consistent members of the Baptist Church. Her father was Charles Bemis, a native of Pittstown, N. Y., born in August, 1791; moved to Chautauqua county, where he spent the most of his life engaged in farming, and died at Jamestown, N. Y. He reared a family of ten children, and was a man of note; a soldier in the war of 1812, in which he held an official position. His son, Col. George, was the last survivor of his children, he being the great-grandson of Jotham Bemis, of Bemis Heights, Saratoga Co., New York.

In politics Mr. Hulburt is a Republican, and takes an active interest in the deliberations of his party. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Baptist Church.

HON. JAMES WILSON SEATON is a native of Oneida county, N. Y., born May 28, 1824, in the town of New Hartford, four miles south of Utica, at a place then known as Kellogg's Mills. The family resided in Utica while Gov. DeWitt Clinton was digging the Erie canal. In 1829 they removed to a place called Sauquoit, seven miles south of the city of Utica, one of those bright, sunlit villages which everywhere dot and adorn the Empire State.

Sauquoit is located on both sides of a lovely creek of the same name, which flows into the Mohawk river in the town of Whitesboro. The valley is the seat of many large enterprises and diversified manufacturing industries. The in-



*J. W. Scatone*





habitants are for the most part wealthy, refined and enterprising, many occupying elegant homes, gained by their prudence and foresight. The valley was first settled, near the end of the eighteenth century, by men of iron nerve and strong wills, who came with their families from New England, most of them being soldiers of the Revolutionary war, and still retaining their old flintlock muskets and cartouch boxes as mementos of the "times that tried men's souls." Nearly all selected farms, either in the fertile valley, or on the sides and summits of the tree-covered hills which bordered the valley on either side. As a consequence, to meet the exigencies and social wants of the farming community, a village sprang up on the banks of the stream, meandering between the hills on an old Indian trail, and was naturally given the Indian name, *Sadahquoda* (by which the creek was known to the natives), which the settlers modified to the more euphonious sound of *Sauquoit* (pronounced *Saquoit*). The village was divided into two parts, known as the Methodist and Presbyterian Corners, respectively, each denomination having large and commodious churches built in the primitive style of architecture. The Methodist church boasted of a steeple and bell, which its Exangelical neighbor had not. In addition to church privileges each side had a school house, tavern, store, blacksmith shop, and places for other trades; a flour and saw mill was patronized in common by both sides, as was also a large factory called the Franklin cotton mill; there were two cemeteries for the dead, but only one post office, which, by the grace of John Quincy Adams and other Whig Presidents, was persistently and continuously held on the Presbyterian side.

The subject of this sketch learned his alphabet in the school house on the Methodist side, in the year 1830. Ten years later, at the age of seventeen, he was a "schoolmaster" in charge of the same school. In 1841-42-43 he taught school in West Exeter, Otsego county, and Ta-berg, Oneida Co. He afterwards attended the Oneida Conference Seminary, at Cazenovia, Madison Co., N. Y., and had for classmates such distinguished men as Gen. Joseph R. Hawley, now United States Senator from Connecticut; Bishop Edward G. Andrews, of the M. E. Church, and his brother, Charles Andrews, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York; Leland Stanford, the late

millionaire Senator from California; Gen. Slocum, who won distinction in the Civil war; and many noted ministers of the M. E. Church. In 1845-46 he taught select school at Lee Center, in Oneida county, and afterwards studied law with E. G. Parkhurst, in the city of Rome, N. Y. The office adjoined that of Comstock & Striker, a noted law firm at that time, Mr. Striker being one of the early projectors of the Michigan Central railroad, and Comstock, district attorney of Oneida county.

In 1847 Mr. Seaton took Greeley's advice, and came West to grow up with the country. After voyaging around the lakes to Milwaukee, and making a trip across the State by hack, in company with Hon. Orsamus Cole, he arrived at the "Wisconsin House," in Potosi. It was a hot, sultry day in July, and the dusty, yellow ochre of the mines, covering everything, gave a jaundiced appearance to the general aspect of the country. The people wore ochre-colored hat and breeches, the towels at the hotel were ochre-stained, the hotel girls seemed to have a saffron hue, and every room and floor in the house was sanded with ochre. There were bacon and roast beef with a yellow cast for dinner; beefsteak, coffee and hot bread covered with Babbitt's saleratus for supper; he slept in an ochre colored bed, and for breakfast had ham and eggs of the same hospitable hue. After this he went into the law office of Cole & Biddlecom, wrote briefs, read novels, newspapers, Blackstone, Kent's "Commentaries" and "Martin Chuzzlewit" for the next two months, and was admitted to the Bar of Grant county, in October of the same year. Judge Charles Dunn was upon the Bench, and Samuel Crawford (late Judge of the Supreme Court of the State). Chief Justice Cole and George W. Lakin (of Milwaukee) were the examining committee. After getting his diploma Mr. Seaton opened a select school in the brick school house at Potosi, then just completed. The next year he bought out Lucien B. Leach, in the *Potosi Republican*, which he edited and published until 1855, when the paper was sold to E. R. Paul, who removed it to Dunleith (now East Dubuque). Mr. Seaton did not abandon his literary work, however, but has ever since been a contributor to various publications. For forty-five years or more, he has been a correspondent of the county newspapers, and his articles are read by more people than those of any other local writer, especially those

which have appeared in recent years, in the *Lancaster Teller*. His contributions to the History of Grant County (1881) formed one of the most interesting chapters of that publication; his descriptions of the duel on the ice, DeTantabaratz, the Senator, and other early settlers of the mines are samples of his best literary efforts. His "History of the Bench and Bar of Grant County" is also an able article, which has been often quoted and referred to by the best writers and public speakers of the State. Mr. Seaton was elected the first town clerk of the town of Potosi, when the State was admitted into the Union, in 1848, and served ten years in that capacity. During the same time he held the office of justice of the peace and town superintendent of schools, being the only man in the State, as he thinks, who was so highly honored as to hold three offices at one and the same time. At a special election in May, 1853, he was elected to the State Senate, in place of J. C. Squires, resigned and served during the impeachment trial of Judge Hubbell; was elected to and served in the Assembly during the years 1859 and 1860; was a number of years member of the town and county board, and served one year as chairman of the latter body, being on the building committee with Hon. George W. Ryland, when the present courthouse, jail and county poor house were constructed. He served two or three terms on the financial committee of the county board with such men as W. P. Dewey, John Schreiner, of Lancaster, and E. Bailey, of Platteville (the last named was killed by a mad bull). While the committee were examining claims against the county, Sheriff Clice gave them a sumptuous dinner in the jail, but the committee audited his claims against the county, regardless of the fact that they had been regaled upon his roast turkey and oysters. In 1855 Mr. Seaton engaged in mercantile business at Potosi, with his brother, T. R. Seaton, and continued same until 1879, at which time he sold out and resumed the practice of law, which he still continues, in connection with the fire insurance business.

The most important event in our subject's life was his marriage. This occurred at Cassville, Wis., June 15, 1850, when he was united by Charles L. La Grave, Esq., to Miss Amanda F. Bushee, daughter of Brayton and Mary Bushee, early settlers at the mines. Mr. Bushee built one of the first stores in that part

of Potosi known as LaFayette, and conducted business there for some time. He afterward removed to Cassville, and continued the mercantile business, as well as smelting at that place, where he died in 1846. Mrs. Seaton was educated at St. Mathias Academy, at Potosi, and was an estimable lady of many virtues. She died June 6, 1900, and the following "Tribute to a Noble Woman," by one who well and personally knew the deceased, appeared in the *Grant County Herald* of June 21, 1900. It was much appreciated by the friends and family of Mrs. Seaton, who still deeply feel the great and irreparable loss of one who was the light and life of their once pleasant, but now desolate home.

Among the vast multitudes of people that inhabit our sphere, there are some who, like the sweet violet, modest, unassuming, hidden in verdant shades, diffusing their fragrance to those only who are so fortunate as to discover these sylvan retreats, never seek public applause, but in their innocence and purity shun the searching eye of the public. It was thus that Amanda F. Seaton, wife of the Hon. J. W. Seaton, who lately departed this life, lived, and was respected for more than forty years among the rugged hills in Potosi. Possessed of a gentle disposition, she was imbued with that innate tact to never lose a friend. All those who ever were so fortunate to be drawn in the circle of her home were life-long friends. A model mother, she reared her five children with a gentle hand and a God-fearing mind. All but one survived her. She, lovely Mary, generally known as "Pet," passed to the "unknown beyond" many years before her mother. It was the loss of this dear daughter that first broke down this good woman; from that shock she never fully recovered. Loyal to the core of her heart to the Union, she proudly braved the displeasure of her surroundings when dark treason, not only beyond Mason and Dixon's line, but in many towns and hamlets of the North, sought to destroy our National Union. Like Barbara Fritchie, she unfurled our flag out of her window and flung it to the breeze when disloyal processions passed beneath. She was a lady in the fullest sense of the term—a mother and wife faithful to her family; a patriot faithful to her country; a Christian true to her religion. All who came in contact with her were fully impressed with her excellent qualities; her family, neighbors and friends will miss her; she left a vacant space not easily to be filled.

"Of reason firm, of temperate will,  
Endurance, foresight, strength and skill;  
A perfect woman, nobly planned,  
To warn, to comfort and command."

JOSEPH BURTON, one of the brave veterans of the war of the Rebellion, and a resident of Annaton, Clifton township, Grant county, may well be proud of his record for gallantry while serving under the "stars and stripes."

Joseph Burton was born in Ohio, in 1843, a son of Daniel and Sarah Ann Burton, who brought our subject to Grant county when he was about four years of age. The father died

on April 14, 1862, but the mother died many years before, when Joseph was but ten years old. Three children were born to these parents, and the only brother of our subject was unfortunately killed at the battle of South Mound, on Aug. 14, 1862, while serving as a member of the famous 17th Wis. V. I., which was part of the Iron Brigade. The sister is now Mrs. Emily Jane Shaw.

Joseph Burton enlisted on Aug. 14, 1862, in Co. A, 33d Reg. Wis. V. I., upon the same day that his only brother gave up his life in defense of the Union. From the time of his enlistment, Mr. Burton was with his regiment until the Siege of Spanish Fort, in the rear of Mobile. Here, March 30, 1865, Mr. Burton received wounds, from which no one, except a man possessed of an iron constitution, and as firm a will, would ever have recovered, he having been struck by a shell, which not only shattered his right arm, but also his side so that a piece of viscera had to be removed and the arm amputated. In spite of his terrible injury, the following month Mr. Burton had recovered sufficiently to return home on furlough, and received his honorable discharge, on Sept. 20, 1865. The record of the 33d Wisconsin is as follows: The 33d Wisconsin left camp Nov. 12, 1862, and in two weeks was in the field under Gen. Grant in his expedition in Mississippi, and took a prominent part in the battle of Cold Water, Miss., April 19, 1863, and in the siege of Vicksburg from May 20, to its surrender; battle of Jackson, Miss., July 12, 1863; with Sherman in his Meridian expedition through Mississippi in February, 1864; the Red river expedition in March, April and May, 1864, under that brave old warrior, Gen. A. J. Smith. They met the enemy in the following hotly contested battles: Ft. De Russy, Pleasant Hill Landing, Chancellorsville, Marks ville, and Yellow Bayou, besides several skirmishes. They participated in the expedition of Gen. Smith at Tupelo, Miss., July 13, 14 and 15, 1864, and in the following October, led by the gallant General Mommers, they marched through the swamps and across the bluffs in Arkansas in pursuit of the rebel general Price. On Dec. 15 and 16, 1864, they were at Nashville, Tenn., confronting the enemy under Gen. Hood, and captured 600 prisoners. They pursued the southern army to the eastern part of Mississippi, and were present in the assault on

Corinth, Miss., in January, 1865. On the 6th of the following month they started for Mobile, via Cairo, New Orleans, Lake Pontchartrain and Dauphin Island, and took an active part in the siege of Spanish Fort, and in the reduction of Mobile. From Spanish Fort the regiment marched to Montgomery and Tuskegee, Ala., thence started for home via Selma, Ala., Meridian and Vicksburg, Miss., arriving in Madison Aug. 14, 1865, having traveled 9,000 miles, 2,400 of which were marched.

On March 16, 1867, Mr. Burton was married to Miss Lavina May Bartles, and four children have been born to them; Alburtus, Sylvanus H. and Sarah Jane; also a daughter, Mary C., who died Feb. 28, 1882, aged ten years. In spite of his fearful injuries, Mr. Burton has been a hard working, industrious man, and individually, as well as for his bravery as a soldier, he is highly respected.

WILLIAM C. BRATLEY (deceased) was among the leading men of the town of Cadiz, Green county, during his lifetime, and is remembered as a thoroughly honorable and reliable character. Born in Lincolnshire, England, Feb. 27, 1824, he went when a lad of sixteen years to sea from his English home, with a worldly capital of one suit and two shirts. Soon after entering upon the life of a sailor, he joined an American sailing crew in New York, with whom he remained until he reached the age of twenty-six years. Mr. Bratley was married to Miss Mary C. Kain Aug. 29, 1847, and to this marriage were born the following children: (1) Melissa, who married Isaac Denney, a farmer of the town of Cadiz, and has the following children: May, Charlie, Oscar, Elmer, Clara, Ivan, Lula, Edwin and Frank. (2) Silas H., who was born in Savannah, Ga., Feb. 10, 1857, and married to Miss Emma Robb, of Cadiz township, by whom he had two sons, Ray and Lee. Mrs. Emma Bratley died and Silas married his second wife, Caroline. They have six children, four of whom are now living, Minnie, Lena, Grace and Atley. He remains on the old Bratley homestead and has charge of the farm. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and is an honorable citizen. (3) Mary, who married Thomas Lynch, a farmer in the town of Cadiz, a sketch of whom appears on another page. (4) Joseph, who married Eva Wright, of Monroe, and has four children: Millie, Telsie,

Blanche and Nettie. (5) Elizabeth, who is the wife of William Ullom, a farmer of the town of Cadiz, and is the mother of five children; Joseph, Bertha, Minerva, Stanley and Julia. (6) Belle, who married Archibald Bechtold, of Cadiz township, and is the mother of two children, Orrall and William. (7) Edward, who married Mary Fessenden, and is the father of five children: Glen, Loise, Maude, Alice and Mary. (8) Lena, wife of Harry Morris. (9) Ruth, the youngest of the family.

William C. Bratley crossed the Atlantic on the sailing vessel, "Stretlam Castle." He reached New York in 1840, and leaving his ship, took a position as seaman on board an American vessel. Continuing to follow the sea until he had saved a fair sum of money, he bought a restaurant in Savannah, Ga., and devoted himself to its development until 1854, after which he became engaged in farming in the State of New York, but after three years went back to Savannah, where he again entered the restaurant business. In the spring of 1859 he came with his family and bought 120 acres of land in Section 14, in the town of Cadiz.

Mr. Bratley was a Republican in politics, and long a devoted member of the Methodist Church, for twenty years serving as class-leader. In the I. O. O. F. his name is not forgotten, for there also he was a hardworking and faithful member. A successful farmer, he owed his accumulations to unwearied industry and the utmost integrity. A man of wide information, he had not only traveled much with observant vision, but he was a reader of many books and the best literature. Twice he sailed around the Horn in the 'forties in a sailing vessel. He came to Green county a poor man, but he left at his death a well improved and exceedingly valuable farm property.

SILAS W. MENZIE, of Beloit, Rock county, is a leading member of the legal profession in that city, and his legal abilities command the respect which his personal character and well-known integrity greatly intensify.

Mr. Menzie was born in Schoharie county, N. Y., June 2, 1841, a son of Robert R. and Rebecca (Thorpe) Menzie, both natives of Scotland. They were the parents of three children: Charles H., a railroad engineer; John E., of La Grange, Wis.; and Silas W. Robert R. Menzie began life for himself as a

physician, but soon turned to the practice of the law as a more congenial vocation. He was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, April 1, 1809, and came to this country when only eight years old, under the care of his brother Adam. He spent his youth and much of his early manhood in the counties of Schoharie and Chenango, New York, and received a general education in the public school, and in the military academy at Lancaster, Pa. When he was eighteen he began the study of medicine, attending lectures in New Haven, Conn., and was graduated just before he attained his majority. He practiced about two years in the county of Otsego, N. Y., and then gave it up, turning to the law as a more thoroughly inviting and desirable occupation. He studied law under the instruction of Messrs. Ely and Bennett, at New Berlin, N. Y., for a year and a half, and then at Hobart, N. Y., with Lavinus Munson. Mr. Menzie was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of New York at the age of twenty-eight. He became a solicitor in chancery, and two years later a counselor in Delaware county, where he practiced for several years. Later he was district attorney in Schoharie county, and was in office at the time of the anti-rent troubles in that State. At the commencement of the Mexican war he raised the 46th Infantry, and was commissioned its colonel. In the spring of 1846 Col. Menzie proceeded to Mexico with his command, and served throughout the war under General Taylor and General Scott. He was a brave and distinguished officer. On his return from the war he removed to Delavan, Wis., and made his home in that place in June, 1849. He was admitted to practice the same month, and formed a partnership with the late Thomas McHugh. He was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin in 1850, and to the United States Supreme Court in 1857, and to the Supreme Court of Illinois in 1865. From 1849 Mr. Menzie had been in the practice of law at Delavan with the exception of a short time which he spent in Milwaukee, and two years (1872-1874) which he spent in Chicago. In his earlier life he took up the trade of a shoemaker, though he never followed it. He was an excellent mechanic, and made at least one pair of boots for himself after locating in Wisconsin. He had his peculiarities and was a man of strong physique. His mental powers were of a wide range, and

he had an active, retentive memory rarely equalled. His varied learning and vast fund of information made him a formidable rival before either the court or jury. No man ever conducted a case against him, and left the court room unconscious of his superior power. Criminal law was his special study, and the defense of those charged with crime was where he displayed a forensic power seldom excelled. He was a kind-hearted man, and often defended the poor without pay, and his work in their behalf gave no indication of the want of a generous fee. Mr. Menzie buried the wife of his youth in Delavan in 1860. She was then fifty-one years old. He married soon after a Mrs. Hagaman, who survives him. Mr. Menzie died May 3, 1882. His vigor of mind was retained to an unusual extent to the very last. He was a generous and sympathetic friend and a well read lawyer.

Silas W. Menzie was eight years old when his parents removed to Delavan, Wis., where he attended the public school and attained his majority. In 1861 he made a journey to California, where he was in the employment of the California Stage Company, and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. In 1867 the young adventurer was homeward bound, and on his return to Delavan, took up the study of law with his father, and spent a year in his office. He took a course of lectures at the Albany Law School, and being admitted to the Bar in 1868, practiced law with his father as long as that distinguished lawyer lived. He continued at Delavan until 1890, and achieved some marked successes in the field of legal controversy. He was district attorney from 1882 to 1886 in Walworth county. Mr. Menzie came to Beloit in November, 1890, and has been engaged in the practice of his profession in this city since that time. He filled the office of city attorney two years, and was alderman of the Third ward for three years.

Mr. Menzie and Miss Laura McCormack were married June 15, 1883. Mrs. Menzie is a daughter of Smith and Martha (Ross) McCormack. By this union there is one daughter, Anna Thorpe. They live at No. 2 Cottage Lawn. Mr. and Mrs. Menzie are members of the Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and had his membership for many years with Delavan Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., and Delavan Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M. He is now a member of Beloit Com-

mandery, No. 6, K. T. He is a Republican, and is one of the recognized leaders of the party in Rock county. Mr. Menzie was a passenger on the ill-fated steamer, "The Golden Gate," running between San Francisco and Panama, which was burned in August, 1862. He was in the water eight hours with a little girl on his back. He clung to a hen-coop, and eventually was rescued.

THOMAS CROW, a well-known farmer of the town of Cadiz, Green county, resides on his handsome and well-appointed place in Section 13, some four miles southeast of Browntown.

Born in Parke county, Ind., June 3, 1842, Mr. Crow is a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Lewis) Crow, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The father was born Jan. 10, 1813, spent a number of years in Parke county, Ind., and thence came to Green county, Wis., in 1864, dying Oct. 15, 1895. The mother was born Oct. 20, 1816, and died Nov. 13, 1900. They were married Jan. 29, 1839, and to their union were born the following children; Mary died unmarried; Thomas is our subject; Nancy married Jacob Jones, and both are now dead; John died unmarried; Matilda married Joseph Woodle, and is now dead; Lucy is in Monroe; Robert lives on a farm two miles west of Monroe; three others died in infancy.

Thomas Crow, the grandfather of Thomas, whose name introduces this article, was born in Pennsylvania, and died in Ohio. His family consisted of five children: Abraham (our subject's father), John, Robert, Maria, and Matilda. All are dead. The Crows come of mingled Scottish, English and Irish blood.

Thomas Crow, whose honorable and successful career in the town of Cadiz deserves commemoration, was married to Miss Margaret Hartwig, of the town of Jordan, Feb. 18, 1873. Mrs. Crow was born Aug. 10, 1852, daughter of John and Catherine (Rabbe) Hartwig, who were among the early settlers of the town of Jordan, and were born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Crow are the parents of the following children: Frederick, born Dec. 22, 1873, married Miss Alice Cox, of Clarno township; Frank L., born Jan. 19, 1876, lives at home, and has charge of the homestead farm; and Edna, born April 12, 1879, married Jay W. Howe, a blacksmith in

Cadiz township, and is the mother of one daughter, Dorothy.

Thomas Crow came to Green county with his parents in 1864, the family making their first settlement in the town of Monroe. In 1873 our subject located on the eighty-acre farm where he is now found, and he also owns an eighty-acre tract one mile west of his home. Beginning life as a poor boy, he has achieved a very creditable success, and is widely known as an honorable and trustworthy man. In politics he is an ardent Democrat, and in religion seeks to conform his life to the great principles of honesty, charity and neighborly kindness. For more than twenty years he has been school clerk, and for a number of years has served on the town board. His place is well improved, and he has recently built one of the finest farm homes in the town of Cadiz. Mr. Crow is a man popular with his neighbors, a good citizen, and his life has been characterized by honest industry, manly principles and high moral character.

JAMES W. RODERICK holds a conspicuous place among the successful and highly respected farmers of the town of Jefferson, Green county. Andrew and Lydia (Haden) Roderick, his parents, were natives of Fayette county, Penn., where the father was born July 14, 1803, and the mother on July 13, 1803; he died April 17, 1871; and she passed away April 27, 1892. They were married in 1824, and had the following children: Elizabeth (Mrs. J. N. Davis), born in 1825, is deceased; Sarah (Mrs. Joseph Gans), born in 1827, is deceased; Jacob, born in 1829, married Elizabeth Newman, and died Dec. 8, 1895; Jane, born May 9, 1831, married James W. Clemmer, of Green county, and is now deceased; Mary, born Oct. 30, 1833, is the widow of Samuel Newman and lives in Monroe, Wis., Lucinda, born June 2, 1836, married the Rev. G. R. Patton, and both are now dead. Lydia, born Nov. 30, 1838, was the second wife of the Rev. G. R. Patton, and now lives at Juda. James W., born April 5, 1843; Miranda, born Nov. 11, 1847, married J. W. Blackford, and is now living near Albany, Wisconsin.

David Roderick, the grandfather of James W., was a thrifty farmer in Fayette county, Penn., and a member of the Baptist Church. To him were born many children. Andrew Roderick and his family, on their arrival at

Monroe, Wis., in the spring of 1846, were in such straitened circumstances that all the family old enough were under the necessity of working out for their board. This continued for nearly two years, when the family was collected on the farm which the father then purchased, and which is now owned by James W. Roderick.

On Dec. 22, 1870, James W. Roderick wedded Miss Hannah E. La Borde, a daughter of Peter and Phœbe (Nofsker) La Borde, of Juda Wis., and she has become the mother of six children: Lydia, born July 18, 1872, died March 31, 1874; Ross R., born Nov. 10, 1874, married Miss Edith Hintzmann Feb. 13, 1901, and is living on the homestead farm; Letha, born Oct. 7, 1879, died January 30, 1881; one that died in infancy in 1881; Clara E., born April 8, 1884, is living at home, and cultivating a special gift for music; James Park, the youngest of the family, was born May 2, 1887.

Mr. Roderick was reared on the farm, and sought his education at "the poor man's college," the public school. Beginning as a poor man, he now owns a magnificent farm of 280 acres, with fine dwellings, stock barns, and other modern improvements. He is a Democrat in politics, and a man of fine character. Both he and his wife have been working and efficient members in the Juda Baptist Church, with which all the older members of the family are connected. Mr. Roderick has served as chairman of the town, treasurer, and school clerk for more than twenty years. He has always been a sincere advocate of temperance, and the fact that for many years no saloons have been licensed in the village of Juda is due as much to his influence as to that of any other individual.

JOHN JAMES MARTIN, Beloit, Rock county, is a successful grocer in that city, and his establishment at No. 216 State street is the center of a profitable and growing patronage. The proprietor is a man who knows the value of a good name in the business world, and by every possible means strives to please and retain his custom. He handles honest goods, makes reasonable profit, and is widely known as an honorable and reliable grocer.

Mr. Martin was born in the town of Beloit, Rock county, five miles northwest of the city, June 3, 1849, and is a son of James and Lucy

(Pollard) Martin, natives of County Derry and County Longford, Ireland, respectively. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are now living, John James, of Beloit; Robert, Joseph and Sarah J. are also residents of this city. The father was a farmer and came to this country many years ago. He made his first appearance in Wisconsin in 1847. He took up government land, and bought other land in the town of Rock, until he owned about 160 acres. On this farm he reared his family, and here he died in 1858, when forty-eight years old. His wife was the same age at her death in July, 1862. He was a Presbyterian, and she an Episcopalian. His father died in Ireland, and was the father of one son and one daughter. Her father was Robert Pollard, who came to this country in 1861, and lived on his own farm in Afton, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was the father of seven children, and died when he was seventy-eight.

John James Martin was reared on his father's farm, and attended the district school. He was married in November, 1881, to Mrs. Eliza McCrea, widow of William McCrea, and daughter of John and Ann (Henry) Clinchy. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of one child, Lilly May, a graduate of the high school, and now attending Beloit College. Mrs. Martin was the mother of two children by Mr. McCrea, Anna Bell and Robert H. McCrea. Anna Bell is now Mrs. Jackson. Mr. Martin belongs to the Morning Star Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen, and the Fraternal Alliance, No. 15. He is a Republican. He has lived in Beloit since the month of December, 1878, and for about twelve years he has been engaged in the grocery business with very satisfactory results. Mr. Martin has been honored by the people of his ward with election as their representative in the common council for the last five years. He has a pleasant and attractive home at No. 522 Pleasant street.

RUFUS HANNUM, of Lancaster, represents one of the oldest pioneer families in Grant county, Wis., having arrived here Feb. 18, 1837.

Warren Hannum, father of Rufus, was born in Belcher, Mass., in July, 1797, and when a young man went to Genesee county, N. Y., where he married Miss Laura Hamilton, a

native of Northampton, Mass., but whose father died in the Bay State, and the mother and daughter subsequently located in Genesee county, N. Y. Soon after his marriage. Warren Hannum and wife removed to Cattaraugus county, N. Y., but shortly afterward returned to Genesee county, remained there a few years, and then went to Chautauqua county, where he located in the woods and partly cleared up a farm, which he afterward sold and then came to Grant county, Wis., at the date mentioned above. He purchased a 400-acre tract of land in Jamestown township, of which tract 160 acres had been fenced, and 125 had been broken up the previous year, and one crop taken off. The tract cost about \$4,500, and Mr. Hannum was allowed four years in which to pay for it, which he succeeded in doing; it may be stated that the money he had realized from the sale of his property in New York was about exhausted, but he succeeded in paying for the land from the crops. The proximity of the lead-mining district rendered agricultural products a good price, and Mr. Hannum, being a good manager, prospered rapidly. In 1856 Mr. Hannum sold his farm to eastern parties, who were not practical farmers, and after receiving \$3,000 partial payment on the place, the land came again into his possession.

When Warren Hannum brought his family to Wisconsin it consisted of himself, his wife, three sons and four daughters. (Another son, Marshall, was born in Grant county, but died in Cassville several years ago.) The family came in two wagons, the distance being about 800 miles, and many weeks' time was consumed in making the journey. In the fall of 1857 Mr. Hannum was bereft of his wife, and he later went to Le Roy, N. Y., and there married Mrs. Martha Cook. After several years' residence in the East he returned to Grant county, Wis., and died in Lancaster March 14, 1880; his second wife died May 1, 1884. Warren Hannum possessed all the traits of the true New England Yankee, was industrious and economical and shrewd in managing his affairs. He was originally a Whig in politics and afterward a Republican, was liberal in his religious views, and so lived as to win the unfeigned respect of all his neighbors. To Warren Hannum and his first wife were born nine children, eight of whom attained mature years, and of these, two sons and four



daughters are still living. Of the survivors Rufus is the eldest and Warren is the next; Laura is the widow of Robert Kilbourn; Sophia is the widow of James Kilbourn; Mercy and Mary are twins—the former being the widow of Orrin Dodd, and the latter the wife of John Howard, and both reside in Arkansas. Two, Manley and Marshall, who reached maturity, are deceased.

Rufus Hannum, whose name opens this biographical review, was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., March 2, 1820, and was brought to Wisconsin by his parents. His schooling opportunities here were somewhat circumscribed, and in the fall of 1839 he returned to New York and made his home with an uncle in Genesee county for a year, and in the winter attended school, adding considerably to his fund of school knowledge. In March, 1840, he started on foot, on his return to Wisconsin, and walked 100 miles from Genesee county to the home of an uncle near Mayville, in Chautauqua county, N. Y. Two days later he resumed his journey on foot, and walked to Erie, Penn., where he took a stage for Pittsburg; and thence, by steamer, via St. Louis, Mo., he reached Galena, Ill., late in March, and thence came home. For several years Rufus Hannum worked as a carpenter, and in 1847 and 1848 worked in a machine shop in Milwaukee. In 1848 he married Miss Amelia Wells, and in 1850 went overland to California, and for about three months worked in the mines. He had been preceded to the Golden State by his brother Manley, who crossed the Plains with the first train from the States in 1849. The two brothers started on the homeward trip together, leaving San Francisco in the fall of 1850, and arriving in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 1, 1851.

In the meantime, Mrs. Rufus Hannum had passed away, leaving one child, Amelia, who died after reaching maturity. On June 8, 1852, Mr. Hannum married Miss Louisa M. Powers, daughter of John and Eunice Powers, the former of whom was born in Vermont and the latter near Syracuse, N. Y., and after marriage settled in Wyoming county, N. Y., where Mrs. Hannum was born April 6, 1826. When a young woman the present Mrs. Hannum came west to visit a brother and sister in Michigan, and while there was offered a position as school teacher, which she accepted. Her father and mother soon afterward came to visit

their children in 1852, and on this visit were taken ill and died, leaving four daughters and four sons. At the death of her parents, the daughter returned to the New York home. She was there married to Mr. Hannum, with whom she had been acquainted in early life. To this union have been born seven children, of whom George and Frank are now residents of South Dakota; Mary is still at home; and Flora is the wife of Charles Bonham; the three deceased children were Charles, Ella and an infant that died unnamed.

Rufus Hannum purchased the old homestead from his father and occupied it many years. He was for a long time the leading farmer of Grant county, and a successful raiser of short-horn cattle. He brought to the county the first imported draft horse ever seen here, and was in fact the prime factor in promoting the raising of blooded stock in Grant county. In the spring of 1882 Mr. Hannum retired from active farming and made his home in Lancaster, where he has a handsome residence and is surrounded with all the comforts of life, and where he and family enjoy the respect, pure and unalloyed, of all who know them.

DAVID W. CULVER is the eldest child of Alvah Culver, a pioneer of Iowa county, who was born in Cambridge, Chenango Co., N. Y., March 23, 1811, a son of John Culver. The family is of Scotch origin, and, according to the genealogy of the Culvers, two brothers emigrated from Scotland several generations ago, and they have now numerous descendants throughout the Union. Alvah Culver was reared in his native State, and married Catherine Foster. They migrated to Green Bay in 1837, and came in 1839, to what is now known as Old Helena, in Iowa Co. This was soon after Wisconsin was organized as a Territory, and nine years before it became a State. Mr. Culver, Sr., kept the first hotel at Helena. He was a representative man of the county for many years, and held various town offices. He built two steamboats for navigating the Wisconsin river, and operated the ferry at Helena for a series of years. His death occurred Feb. 28, 1885, his wife passing away on May 1st, of the same year. They had a numerous family, of whom, as already stated, Daniel W. was the first born. The other surviving children are: DeWitt C.; Abigail A.; George W.; John and an adopted daughter, Lizzie. Three are



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MRS. ALVAH CULVER



deceased, Fanny. Sophrona, and Joshua, the last named being a twin of John.

David W. Culver was born in the town of Tompkins, Delaware Co., N. Y., in 1834, being about five years old when his parents came to Iowa county. Old Helena and the town of Wyoming have always been his home. He remembers well the early days and interesting incidents that cluster about Old Helena, recalling when the family's nearest neighbors were at Dodgeville, and when the Indians roamed the country in quest of game. The woman who became his wife was Miss Jane M. Malleu, daughter of George Malleu, who was from New York State. She died Dec. 13, 1897, aged fifty-nine years, a faithful member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Culver is the father of three sons and three daughters: George A.; Joshua D.; Frances; Cora A.; Frederick G.; and Martha A. A son named William J. died in childhood. Mr. Culver has seen the country grow from a wilderness to its present advanced condition and is, perhaps, the oldest living settler of this part of the country, having been a constant resident for sixty-two years. He is a well-known and highly respected citizen in the community in which he has lived so long.

**EDWARD UNDERWOOD.** Three days after his marriage in England, his native land, Edward Underwood migrated with his young bride to America, and became a resident of Wisconsin, in which State he has ever since resided, now ranking as one of the old settlers of Green county. He was born in Leicestershire, England, Aug. 13, 1831, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Morris) Underwood, and grandson of John Underwood and Thomas Morris, farmer and mason respectively, both living to good old age and rearing large families.

Josiah Underwood, the father, was a butcher by occupation, and died in England in 1870, aged seventy years and six months. His wife died in 1855. They were close communion Baptists. Seven children were born to them, four sons and three daughters, of whom four are now living, namely: Edward; Mary, of Leicestershire; Emma and Elizabeth.

Edward Underwood was reared on a farm in England, and in his native land received a fair education in the free schools. As a young man he was for six years a member of the

Leicestershire Yeoman Cavalry, a thousand strong, and known as "Prince Albert's Own," the insignia stamped on every uniform button. He married, Feb. 25, 1857, Miss Mary Underwood, who, though possessing the same surname, was no known relative. She was the daughter of Adam and Maria (Demscher) Underwood, and granddaughter of Thomas Underwood, who died in England in middle life, leaving a large family. Adam and Maria Underwood, her parents, had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, of whom five are living, viz.: Mary (Mrs. Underwood); William, of Leicestershire, England; Sarah, widow of Thomas Hobel, of Leicestershire; John, of Asfordby, England; and Charles, of Monroe township, Green county, Wis. Adam Underwood was a farm laborer, and died April 11, 1893, aged seventy years, surviving about a year his wife, who died aged sixty-nine years.

The marriage of Edward and Mary Underwood was solemnized on Wednesday, and the following Saturday they set sail for America, reaching Monroe, Wis., in the latter part of April, 1857. For about eighteen months they lived in the north part of that town, then in the west portion. In 1862 they moved to the Pinney farm, and after making one or two other residential changes, came, in 1870, to the farm of sixty acres in Monroe township which in that year Mr. Underwood purchased, and where he has ever since resided, engaged in general farming and stock raising. Politically Mr. Underwood is a Republican. Himself and wife are adherents to the close communion Baptist faith, but are not identified with any society, as there is none of that denomination in the vicinity of their home. Mr. Underwood is an industrious and capable farmer, who has witnessed the rapid growth of Wisconsin during the past forty-five years, contributing to the same by his faithful and well-directed efforts. He is highly respected by his many friends and acquaintances.

**JOSEPH ALTMAN**, a prominent farmer and cheese manufacturer in the town of Jordan, Green county, where he has a desirable farm on section 13, was born in Canton Glarus, Switzerland, March 8, 1846, a son of Joseph and Colombina (Abley) Altman, both of whom lived and died in Switzerland. They were farming people, and were the parents of the

following family: Baltz now resides in Canton Glarus, Switzerland; Casper remains in the old country; Henry is in Monroe; Joseph; Jacob is in the Black Hills, South Dakota.

Joseph Altman was married Oct. 20, 1875, to Miss Sibilla Hefty, of New Glarus, Wis., and they have become the parents of seven children, four of whom are now living: Joseph, Jr., born March 19, 1877, is at home, unmarried, and assists his father in the cultivation of his extensive farm; Mary, born Sept. 15, 1886, is at home; Henry, born May 19, 1894; and Magdalena, born Sept. 10, 1896. Mrs. Sibilla Altman was born in New Glarus, Wis., Aug. 25, 1855, an estimable daughter of Henry and Regula (Leglor) Hefty, both coming from their native Canton Glarus, and making a home in Green county in the early history of that portion of Wisconsin. Their family of children was as follows: (1) Matthias, now of Monroe, Wis.; (2) Sibilla; (3) David; (4) Magdalena, the wife of Joshua Klassy, of Monroe; (5) Regula, the wife of John Becker, of New Glarus; (6) Henry, of New Glarus, (7) Mary, the wife of David Kundert.

Joseph Altman came to New Glarus in 1866, and for some time was employed in Dane county, Wis., and at Stevens Point, working for wages. Coming back to New Glarus, he bought a quarter-section in Exeter township, and in 1884 removed to Jordan township, where he now owns a choice farm of 285 acres. 144 acres in Jordan township and 151 acres in section 18, Monroe township, the whole forming one continuous farm, now in a high state of cultivation, and making one of the most valuable farming plants in the southern part of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Altman are connected with the Lutheran Church, where they are much esteemed for their good character and genuine worth. They are honest, hard-working people, and have come to their present comfortable circumstances only by the exercise of industry, economy and wise management. Mr. Altman is a Republican, and is regarded as one of the leading farmers and stockmen of the town. At the present time he is milking some fifty cows, and is in a company of farmers engaged in a co-operative cheese work. His reputation is that of an honest man, a good citizen and a splendid neighbor. The farm on which he lives is under a high state of improvement, and has a fine two-story dwelling

house and ample stock barns. He himself is a leading and substantial citizen, while his wife is a lady of high character, a devoted wife and mother, and the family of children in the home would do credit to any parentage.

HUGH MCGAVOCK, now retired from active business life, and residing at No. 805 Ninth street, Beloit, Rock county, has been a potent factor in the development of that city. He has always been an active and progressive man, bound to push things, full of enterprise and laudable ambition. His career is an instructive one, showing as it does what a brave spirit can accomplish without adventitious aid, if the man will only persevere and be strong in himself.

Mr. McGavock was born in County Antrim, Ireland, Jan. 26, 1828, a son of Alexander and Sarah (Devlin) McGavock, both natives of Ireland. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters, and emigrated to the United States in 1847, settling at Fox Lake, Ill., where the senior McGavock bought an eighty-acre farm, partially improved, and 120 acres of government land wholly unimproved. There he spent the remainder of his life, but died in Beloit, while on a visit to that city in 1861, having reached the age of seventy years. His wife died about 1854. Both were loyal Catholics. His father, Patrick McGavock, was a farmer, and died in Ireland when eighty-five. He had a family of four sons and two daughters. The father of Mrs. Alexander McGavock, Patrick Devlin, died in Ireland when about eighty years old. He was a farmer, and reared a family of four daughters and three sons.

Hugh McGavock received his schooling in Ireland, and was a young man of nineteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to this country. He soon went into business for himself, and began contracting on the construction of the old Galena railroad, now a part of the Northwestern system. This work proved profitable, and he followed it for twenty years or more on a large scale. In 1852 Mr. McGavock came to Beloit and bought a farm of 444 acres in the township of Beloit, which is still in his possession. He has taken much interest in the development of farm property in southern Wisconsin, investing his money freely in it, and at one time owned as many as 800 acres. He has sold much of it, but still has

extensive real-estate interests in and around Beloit, particularly a forty-acre tract that is laid off in town lots. In the city he owns two houses which he rents, and for the past nine years he has occupied his present home on Ninth street, built by him, and designed to be his home as long as he shall live.

Hugh McGavock and Miss Catharine Buckley were married in Janesville, Wis., Feb. 1, 1857. Mrs. McGavock is a daughter of John and Margaret (Fitzgerald) Buckley, of Janesville, and has become the mother of nine sons and two daughters: (1) Alexander, the first born, is a grocer and market man at 3108 State street, Chicago; he married (first) Velmy Smith, who bore him six children, but one of whom, John Francis, is yet living. She died in 1886, and Alexander then wedded Kate Eagan, by whom he has one son, Stephen. (2) John is a grocer in Beloit, and is unmarried. (3) Hugh, Jr., is a coal, wood and lumber dealer in Beloit; he married Catharine Findley, and is the father of five children, Thomas, Genevieve, Lilah, Marion and Hugh. (4) William (1), born May 5, 1862, died Nov. 1, 1863. (5) William (2), a farmer and stone quarryman at Beloit, married Mame Cantwell, and has three children, Kittie, Mildred and the baby. (6) Patrick runs a grocery and meat market at 917 West 63d street, Chicago; he married Maude Lynch, and has one child, Josephine. (7) Thomas, a merchant in Chicago, is unmarried. (8) James is a contractor at Chicago Heights; he married Alice McMiniment. (9) Charlotte is bookkeeper and cashier for her brother Patrick in Chicago. (10) Edward is in the meat business in Chicago. (11) Mary is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. McGavock are members of the Catholic Church. He is a Democrat, and is a staunch advocate of the time-honored principles of his party. Mr. McGavock has been a very successful man in all his business undertakings. Starting in life a poor boy, he has achieved results of which any man might be proud. He has given all his children a good start in life, and like him they are progressive and enterprising. He has been a resident of Beloit for forty-nine years, and has seen this beautiful city develop from a small village. He has friends in the South, where Gen. John McGavock, a relative of his, was an officer in the Confederate army. Mr. McGavock had a great-uncle who was a soldier under Gen.

Washington in the Revolutionary army, and in after years became an eminent civil engineer. On his mother's side he had relatives who came to America in 1798, during the rebellion in Ireland. Mrs. McGavock's parents were early settlers in Janesville, coming from Ireland and settling there in 1849.

JAMES S. HIRD, a retired farmer and miner of the town of Benton, Lafayette county, is well and favorably known throughout that region, where his long and useful life has given abundant opportunity to attest his genuine worth and rugged manliness.

Mr. Hird was born in Yorkshire, England, Jan. 7, 1825, a son of Edward and Elizabeth Hird, both Yorkshire born and bred. The father followed mining until he came to this country with his family, in 1849, and located on a farm in the town of Benton, which is still in the possession of the Hird family. The father died three years after coming to Wisconsin, and his widow in 1861. They were both members of the Methodist Church, and in their lives were true to their faith. Their children were: (1) Jane, born in June, 1819, died in January, 1892, unmarried. (2) Thomas, born in December, 1820, was married in 1845 to Miss Margaret Thistlethwaite, of England, and settled on a farm near Hazel Green. He has recently moved to Galena, Ill. They have four daughters, Elizabeth (wife of James Virtue), Margaret (wife of Albert Cornish, of Omaha), Barbara (wife of Frank Striker, of Omaha), and Alice (of Galena). (3) Edward, born May 14, 1823, was married to Miss Mary Pedalty, and settled on a farm in New Diggings, where he died in April, 1873; his widow died nine years later. They left nine children, Elizabeth, Mary A., Edward, Barbara, William, John, Thomas, Maggie and James. (4) James S. is our subject. (5) Elizabeth, born in March, 1827, married Christopher Franklin in England. They came to Wisconsin, made their home in Hazel Green, and at a later period moved to Montfort, where they both died, leaving the following children, Elizabeth (who married James Bunt, of Janesville), Edward, James, Samuel, Christopher and William. (6) William, born in England, Nov. 20, 1830, was educated in the public schools of his native country, and after coming to this country was married to Miss Elizabeth Reed, in June, 1855. She was the daughter

of James and Elizabeth (Stephens) Reed, long resident in Lafayette county. They came from England, in 1849, locating first in Virginia, then in Pottsville, Penn., and later in Ohio, whence they came to Wisconsin. They settled on a farm near Cuba City, where she died in 1870, and he two years later. Five children were born to them: Mary, who is the wife of John Bray, of Chicago; Richard, of Stockton, Ill.; Martha J., the wife of John Jones, of Evansville, Wis.; James, of Nevada; Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. Hird, who was born in Pottsville, Penn., and received her early education in Wisconsin. After her marriage with Mr. Hird they settled on a farm in Smelser, Grant county, where they lived some years, and then moved to Benton, where Mr. Hird was an active farmer until a few years before his death, in February, 1899. He left a widow and five children: Barbara J., born in 1856, is the wife of John Cameron, of Webster City, Iowa, and the mother of three children, John, William and Alvin; Edward, born in November, 1860, lives on the old homestead, and by his wife, Alice Addison, has one daughter, Bertie M.; Samuel A., born in May, 1863, was married to Myrtie Cameron, and lives in Montfort with four children, Mary, Isabelle, Ellen and William; James W., born Nov. 21, 1865, a blacksmith of Benton, was married to Miss Mary C. Cottingham, of Dubuque, Iowa, and has two children, Beulah M. and William; Elizabeth, born Oct. 24, 1869, is the wife of William Bell, a farmer of Benton, and the mother of four children, Oliver H., Elsie E., Edna R. and Joseph S. Mr. Hird was a member of the Methodist Church. (7) Barbara Hird, born in England, Jan. 3, 1834, is the wife of John Stephens, a retired business man of Montfort. (8) Mary A., born in England, in February, 1836, married James Robson, and resides in the town of Seymour, Lafayette county; she is the mother of two children.

James S. Hird was educated in the public schools of England before coming to the United States. When a boy he worked on a farm, and also washed minerals under his father's instruction. After his arrival in Wisconsin for some years he was employed in the mines of Lafayette and Grant counties. The first investment which he made in land was after the death of his father: he remained with his widowed mother, and for twenty years he has been actively engaged in the cultivation of

his broad acres. Mr. Hird owns some mining property, and is a large stockholder in the State Bank at Benton, the organization of which was effected in 1896.

Mr. Hird has never married. He is one of the active and leading business men of Benton, and in politics is a Republican. In religion he was reared in the Methodist Church, and while never uniting with it, gives that church a liberal support. To-day no name stands higher in Lafayette county than does that of Mr. Hird. His large wealth has come through his honest toil and wise investments, and he has always labored not only for his own benefit, but for the improvement of the community.

LEWIS BAKER, who holds an enviable position among the thrifty and industrious farmers and upright citizens of Green county, resides on his farm, a beautiful place of 160 acres, in section 23, Jordan township, seven miles west of Monroe.

Mr. Baker was born in the town of Monroe, Jan. 27, 1856, a son of Henry and Catherine (Rhinegroover) Baker, who were among the early settlers of Green county, making settlement here as early as 1840. The second and third houses in Monroe were built by Thomas Rhinegroover, uncle to Mr. Baker. Henry Baker, father of Lewis, was born in Saxony, Germany, and came to this country when a young man, following shoemaking. He died when Lewis was about four years old, leaving a widow and four children: John, now deceased; Henry, who lives in Kansas; Lewis, whose name appears above; and Lawrence, now living at Fairmount, Minnesota.

Lewis Baker was married Jan. 28, 1883, to Miss Emma L. Ableman, of Jordan township, a daughter of William and Martha (Thompson) Ableman, old settlers of the township. Her father was born in Albany, N. Y., May 6, 1800, a son of Christian Ableman, who was of German parentage. Christian Ableman was a soldier in the English army, and was taken prisoner at the battle of Bunker Hill. When he was paroled he remained in this country, and made his home near Albany, N. Y. William Ableman, the father of Mrs. Baker, came from New York to Rock county, Wis., in 1835, soon afterward making his permanent home in Green county, where he died March 30, 1895. In 1820 he was mar-

ried to Miss Ellen Vanderberg, by whom he had the following named children: Gilbert, John, Stephen, Reuben, James, Christian, Regina, Rachel, Joseph and Elizabeth. The mother of these died in 1850, and Mr. Ableman married, Oct. 25, 1860, Miss Martha Thompson, a daughter of Jonathan Thompson, of New York, by whom he had three children: Emma L. (Mrs. Lewis Baker, who was born Oct. 31, 1861), Ephraim A. and Samuel. Mrs. Ableman is still living on the old homestead farm.

Lewis Baker was reared on the farm, where his mother cared for her little family, and obtained his education in the public schools, starting out in life a poor boy. At the present time he owns the old Ableman farm, a well-titled quarter section, with fine improvements, including a good dwelling house, and ample barns and other facilities. In politics he is a Republican. He is not connected with any church, but squares his life by the Golden Rule, and commands the hearty and unstinted respect and confidence of the community. Mr. Baker is engaged in general farming, and gives special attention to creamery and dairy interests. Both he and his wife are regarded as fine people, reliable and generous-hearted, honorable and upright, by all who know them. They have had one daughter, Jennie L., who is at home.

THOMAS PURVES, a retired cigar manufacturer of Beloit, Rock county, has been identified with the business and commercial interests of this city for thirty years, and he has proved himself in that long period of years a thoroughly reliable and honorable man, of sound judgment, good business instincts and of unswerving integrity.

Mr. Purves was born in Galt, Canada, March 27, 1835, and is a son of Joseph and Catherine (Fraser) Purves, both natives of Scotland. They were the parents of seven children, of whom only two are now living, Isabella, the wife of William Lafferty, of St. Charles, Mich.; and Thomas, of Beloit. The father was a merchant in Roxburghshire, Scotland, and emigrated to Canada when a young man. He married in that country, and there he bought an extensive tract of land, which constitutes one side of the present city of Galt. He sold it before the development of the city made it valuable. He was a blacksmith, and

followed his trade for many years. He died about fifty years ago in Harrisburg, Canada, at the age of fifty-five. His wife died in 1843. Both were Scotch Presbyterians. The paternal grandfather of Thomas Purves died in Scotland well advanced in years. He belonged to a wealthy family, and he had five or six children. Alexander Fraser, the father of Catherine Fraser mentioned above, died when past middle life in Canada, the father of five children.

Thomas Purves was a child when his parents moved to Harrisburg. He attended school both at Harrisburg and at Linden, and began blacksmithing when a young man and followed it ten years. He came to Beloit in 1871, and engaged in the tobacco and confectionery business, and also manufactured cigars. At first he was a partner of L. W. Kendall, and was associated with him for nine years under the firm name of Kendall & Purves. That gentleman retiring at the expiration of that period, Mr. Purves continued alone in business until September, 1899, when he retired, and is now living without active business cares.

Mr. Purves and Miss Sarah Kendall, daughter of William and Dorothea Kendall, were married in 1866. Three children were born to this union, Mary Dorothea, Luther E. and Thomas W. Mary Dorothea is the wife of John Fraser, of Burford, Canada, and is the mother of two children, Walter and Florence. Luther E. married Miss Nellie Smith, and is engaged in the laundry business in Beloit; his biographical sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Thomas W. Purves married Miss Myrtle Sage. Thomas Purves is a member of Myrtle Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., and of the Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican, and was alderman of the Fourth ward in 1900.

William Kendall was a native of New York, of English descent, and followed farming until quite advanced in years, when he retired. He was the father of a large family, and passed away at the age of ninety.

LUTHER E. PURVES, proprietor of the well-known laundry at Beloit, Rock county, is one of the hustling young business men of that city, whose earnest spirit and modern methods are a potent force in its advancement. He is a pleasant and agreeable man, fully awake to the value and necessity of good work and re-



liable dealing, and makes personal friends of his patrons.

Mr. Purves was born in Ceresco, Mich., Jan. 10, 1870, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Kendall) Purves, the father a native of Canada, and the mother of New York. They were the parents of three children: Mary Dorothea, wife of John Fraser, of Burford, Ontario; and Luther E. and Thomas W., both residing in Beloit. The father came to Beloit in 1871, and engaged in the wholesale leaf tobacco business; he was also a manufacturer and dealer in cigars. He was continuously in business until September, 1899, when he disposed of his various enterprises, and is now leading a retired life. Mr. Purves has always been a Republican, and was alderman of the Fourth ward one term. Mrs. Purves was a Baptist. [A sketch of Mr. and Mrs. Purves appears elsewhere.]

Luther E. Purves was about a year and a half old when he came to Beloit, and here he has spent all his life. He was a student in the city schools, and made his preparation for business in the Spencerian Business College, Milwaukee. He was a bookkeeper until 1895, and acquired a reputation for accurate and reliable work which has stood him in hand to good purpose many times. In 1895 he engaged in the laundry business, and has built up a wide and profitable patronage.

Luther E. Purves and Miss Nellie Smith, daughter of William and Margaret (Kane) Smith, were united in marriage Dec. 12, 1894, and they are the parents of two children, Luther and Russell K. They live at No. 353 Highland avenue. Mr. Purves is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He is a Republican in political sentiment. Mrs. Purves is a native of Beloit, born in 1874, and spent her early life in Iowa, returning when about fourteen to Beloit, where she has since resided.

JOHN E. WESCOTT, a representative of one of the older families of Green county, was born there Oct. 8, 1846, a son of Ezra and Nancy (Brown) Wescott. His father was born in Wethersfield, N. Y., in 1818, and was a son of John Wescott, noted among the early settlers of central and western New York.

Ezra Wescott, who came from his native State to Green county, Wis., in 1840, taught school for several years after his arrival in this State. He was married Nov. 10, 1845,

to Miss Nancy Brown, a teacher in Lafayette county for several years previous to her marriage, and to them were born six children: John E., whose name introduces this article; Alta; Myra, married to D. K. Anderson, of Woodford, Lafayette Co., Wis.; Dora, who married James H. Walker, of Freeport, Ill.; and two others, now deceased. Ezra Wescott died June 16, 1865, and is remembered as one of the leading and enterprising men of Green county in his day. In 1863 he served as a member of the State Assembly, and he was register of deeds and county treasurer before the Civil war. His services were in demand for many years as commissioner, chairman of the town board, and justice of the peace at various times.

John E. Wescott was married to Miss Abbie H. Collins May 4, 1869. Her parents, George and Climenta C. (Cleveland) Collins, born and reared in the State of Maine, came to Green county in 1867, but returned next year to North Anson, Maine, where Mr. Collins died in 1871. He was a miller all his life. His widow, now aged eighty-two years, resides with Mr. and Mrs. Wescott. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wescott are the parents of the following children: Arthur B., born April 3, 1870, died young; Ezra C., born Aug. 21, 1872, married Lottie Bangs, of Nebraska, Jan. 2, 1901, and is living at home; George F. is also at home.

John E. Wescott was reared on the farm, and obtained his education in the neighboring district school. Since reaching manhood he has taken an important part in the local affairs of the day, and has served at different times as tax collector, road supervisor and school director for many years. In 1864 he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company I, 46th Wis. V. I., under command of Col. Lovell, and serving through the stirring scenes of the closing days of the great war. He was honorably discharged in October, 1865. He served for the most part in the Army of the Tennessee, and in the Army of the Cumberland.

Mr. Wescott is now residing on the old Wescott place, a magnificent country home of 300 acres, located in section 6, Cadiz township, all highly improved and furnished with every convenience that modern agriculture demands for the successful handling of the farm in the most profitable and productive fashion,

the place forming a striking contrast to its condition when purchased by Mr. Wescott's father in 1851. With our subject is now residing his mother, a venerable lady of nearly eighty years, who is passing her last days in an atmosphere of loving care and tender devotion. John E. Wescott is a man of quiet and unobtrusive nature, a thorough gentleman, a good neighbor; and is known as one of the leading citizens of the community. Many are his friends, who know and rightly esteem his many good qualities.

John Wescott, the grandfather of John E., was born in New York. He had four sons and one daughter: Franklin died unmarried; Ezra was the father of John E.; Jefferson F. and Walter S. are mentioned below; Eliza A. married Peter Chandler, and died in December, 1892. Peter Chandler died in 1875.

Jefferson F. Wescott came to Green county in 1840 and made a creditable history as a farmer, a merchant, a civil magistrate, and a member of the Wisconsin Assembly, and died Feb. 16, 1879. Born in Wyoming county, N. Y., March 26, 1826, he was still a boy at his advent in Green county. He was married March 26, 1856, to Miss Sarah Rogers, of Lafayette county, and to their union were born eight children: Mary E., the wife of Charles E. Brooks; Frank; Charles, a resident of Nebraska; Clara, who was a school teacher before her marriage; May married Albert Loveland; Nellie, married to Thurlow Patton; Walter and Daisy are unmarried.

Walter S. Wescott was born in New York, and came to Green county in 1843, making his first settlement in the town of York, but moving shortly to the town of Adams, where he lived until 1864. That year he bought a farm in section 26, town of Monroe. Thankful B. Cleveland, his wife, was the daughter of James G. and Edith Cleveland, well-known Green county people, and to them were born three children: Ida M. is the wife of Edward C. Gibbons, of Nebraska; Eva M. is the wife of C. D. Bragg, of Nebraska; and John J. resides in Texas. Walter S. Wescott is now largely engaged in Nebraska, where he has extensive ranch interests, and while his residence was unbroken in Green county he was one of the most public-spirited men of the times, holding many public positions, and being honored with election to the State Senate in 1863. Al-

ways a stanch Republican, he has been identified with the history of his party wherever he has lived.

JOHN W. CARPENTER has been a resident of the city of Janesville, Rock county, for many years, and in that time he has won a standing in business circles, and as an intelligent and progressive citizen, of which any man might be proud. He has met all his business engagements promptly, and his word has ever been beyond question. He has built up a good trade in the coal and wood line, and those who have dealt with him longest are the best friends he has in the city.

Mr. Carpenter was born at Northville, Fulton Co., N. Y., Feb. 9, 1839, a son of Allen D. and Mary Ann (Wadsworth) Carpenter, both also natives of Fulton county. Children as follows were born to them: John W.; Laura, wife of Nathaniel Ballard, of Evansville, Wis.; William H., of Evansville; Mary Ann, Mrs. McKinney, of Evansville; Josiah, of Union township, Rock county; and Emma, wife of Edwin Winters, of Evansville. The father was originally a cabinet maker, but became a carpenter and joiner. In 1855 he came to Wisconsin and settled on an eighty-acre farm in Union township, Rock county. After a time he acquired as much more land, and gave his attention to the improvement and cultivation of what speedily became a choice and valuable farm. He died on that place Jan. 21, 1861, aged about forty-six years. His wife survived him until 1894, and was past seventy-six years of age at her death. Joseph Carpenter, the grandfather of John W., was a native of Vermont, and was a carpenter and joiner by occupation. He was the father of a numerous family. He died in New York when over sixty years of age. Josiah Wadsworth, the father of Mrs. Mary A. Carpenter, was born on Long Island and was one of the earliest settlers of Fulton county, N. Y., where he reared his family of fifteen children. When he died he was well on toward eighty years of age.

John W. Carpenter was reared on a farm, and received his elementary schooling in the district school at Hope Center, N. Y. He was sixteen years old when he came West with his parents, and his home has been in Rock county ever since. For the past twenty-

five years he has lived in Janesville. On reaching manhood he started out for himself as a farmer, renting land the first two years. He bought a farm of 183 acres in the town of Union, which he brought to a high state of cultivation, and then sold. He bought another farm, consisting of 280 acres, and made very substantial improvements on this tract, which he converted into a desirable home, dwelling there some time. Some twenty-five years ago, renting the farm, Mr. Carpenter moved into Janesville to engage in the wood and coal business. He retained the ownership of the farm until a few years ago, when he thought it wise to enlarge his business in the city. Our subject is a Republican, and was supervisor of Center township some two or three terms.

Mr. Carpenter and Miss Sarah Jane Parker, daughter of Isaac and Maria (Soper) Parker, were married March 20, 1861, and they have had three children, Jessie, Charles and Lulu. Jessie married David Creighton, and has her home in Whitewater; they have one child, Catherine. Charles married Huldah Balke, and resides in Janesville; he is a brakeman on the railroad. Lulu, formerly a teacher in the Janesville public schools, married James Waddle.

**WILLIAM ANDREW TRICKEL**, the genial proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel," of Browntown, Green county, is one of the enterprising and progressive business men in the village. He is one of the fourteen children of Andrew J. Trickel and his wife, Charlotte Morton, and was born Sept. 14, 1863.

Andrew J. Trickel was born in Illinois Sept. 10, 1824, son of Robert Trickel, who was a native of Virginia, and one of the pioneers of Illinois. Mr. Trickel is now one of the wealthy farmers of Clarno township, Green county. He is the father of sixteen children. He has been twice married, and his first wife, Susan Crothers, bore him two children, Sarah and John, the latter now deceased. His second wife, Charlotte Morton, was the mother of fourteen, namely: Sarah Ellen, born Oct. 3, 1858; Jesse, Dec. 14, 1859; Charley, Feb. 28, 1861; William A., our subject; Laura E., April 11, 1865; Martha, Dec. 4, 1867; Matilda, Oct. 10, 1868; Charlotte, Nov. 12, 1869; Louis, July 7, 1871; Clara, Nov. 26, 1872; Olive, November, 1874; Joseph, Nov. 19, 1876; Albert, Aug. 26, 1878; and Everet, Aug. 25,

1885, all of whom are now living except Sarah, Charlotte and Everet.

William A. Trickel received his literary training in the common schools of Clarno township, and engaged at work on his father's farm until he was twenty-one. He then went to California, but after two years returned to the East and purchased a sawmill at Rock Grove, Ill., later going to Belleville, Dane Co., Wis., and thence to Blanchardville, Lafayette Co., Wis., conducting mills in both places. In 1890 he came to Browntown, and for a year conducted a bar room, in 1891 taking charge of the "Eagle Hotel," which he has since conducted with great success. The pleasant smile of the proprietor has won for him many friends among the patrons of the hotel, as well as from the townspeople, and he is one of the most popular citizens of the village. In politics he is a strong Democrat, and has served on the village board and as school director since making his home in Browntown.

Mr. Trickel was married March 4, 1886, to Miss Mary Keehl, who was born Dec. 31, 1866, a daughter of August and Minnie (Brightskee) Keehl, natives of Germany who located in Green county in 1845. Three children have been born to this union, Florence Elizabeth, March 6, 1887; Clarence Evert, Nov. 15, 1888; and Andrew Jackson, July 25, 1890.

**CHARLES HENRY VAIL** (deceased) was known in Beloit, Rock county, as early as 1856, and though he shortly left the city he retained such pleasant memories of it that it became his home in after years, and here a considerable portion of his business career was spent. He was a man of lofty character and strong moral convictions. He led his life sincerely, and lived from the purest motives, and his career fittingly forms a part of a work like this, intended to tell of the men whose worth and courage have made southwestern Wisconsin.

Mr. Vail was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 15, 1837, and was the son of Benjamin Albert and Martha (Conklin) Vail, natives of Long Island. They had eight children, and were people of more than usual character and standing. Benjamin Albert Vail was a carpenter and contractor. He lived after his marriage for a time in Brooklyn, and then at Farmersville,

in western New York, for several years. About 1856 he brought his family to Beloit, and lived there several years. Chicago became his final home, and there he lived for a number of years, dying in 1882, when sixty-eight years old. His wife died prior to that time, when sixty-one years old. Both were Methodists, and he was a steward and class-leader in the church. He was a fine singer, and while in the East often led the church choir. He was a prominent man in Beloit, and served as alderman. In Masonry he was deeply versed, having risen to the thirty-second degree. He is remembered as a genial and cordial gentleman, with a host of friends. His father, Charles G. Vail, was born on Long Island Dec. 25, 1786, and died Oct. 8, 1864. He was of English stock and served in the war of 1812. He married Miss Polly Richmond Sept. 4, 1811, and his eldest son was Benjamin A. Vail. The Vail family came to America early in the eighteenth century. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Vail was a Mr. Conklin, a native of Long Island, of English stock. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and died when past middle life, the father of three sons and three daughters.

Charles Henry Vail was six weeks old when his parents moved from Brooklyn to Greenport, L. I., and twelve years old when they located in Farmersville, where he grew to manhood. He attended the public schools, but, having remarkable ability as a mechanic, he gave up schooling while quite a boy, and took up the carpenter's trade. This was his life work. He was an architect, and became an extensive builder and contractor. He came to Beloit in 1856, but went South before the war, and spent seven years in that section of the country, engaged in business as a general merchant. At the expiration of that time he came back to Beloit, where he was married. He and his wife spent three months in Chicago, and some years in Beloit. They lived six months at Lawrence, Kans., and a year and a half at Leavenworth, and then again returned to Beloit. By this time the construction business of Mr. Vail had increased to large proportions, and in 1885 he went to Kansas City, Mo., where he put up a number of large buildings, for which he drew the plans and did all the architectural work. While there he employed as many as one hundred men at one time. He returned to Chicago in 1891, upon

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the death of his daughter, Mattie May. He did business in Chicago, but Beloit was his home. He died Dec. 28, 1895.

Mr. Vail and Miss Celia Y. Laramy were married Feb. 20, 1866. She is a daughter of Philip and Lydia (Yandell) Laramy, and is the mother of two children, Celia Evalena and Mattie May. Celia Evalena married Edward Stanley Watson Nov. 19, 1888. He is a hardware and cold storage merchant of Beloit. They have one child, Charles Munger, born Nov. 10, 1890. Mattie May died June 3, 1891, at the age of eighteen; she was a bright and beautiful girl, of a sweet and sunny disposition, and gave every promise of a noble womanhood.

Mr. Vail was not identified with any church, but believed profoundly in the Christian religion, and tried to put its best ideals into his daily life. He was a Democrat, but never would consent to hold a public office. He was a man with a host of friends, and everywhere showed himself a social, generous and kind-hearted gentleman. He was kind and liberal with the poor and suffering, and those who were privileged to know him in his home and family pronounced him a model man in every respect. Among the great number of buildings Mr. Vail put up in Beloit may be mentioned the Carpenter block, the Second National Bank, the Strong public school, the First Baptist Church, the Opera House, and many others, among them thirty stores.

Mrs. Vail, who survives her husband, is a member of the Episcopal Church. She comes of a wealthy and cultured family. Her parents were natives of England, and lived at North and South Molton. They had two sons and seven daughters: Sarah, who married Richard Reese, is now deceased; Esther Lydia, the second wife of Mr. Reese, is also deceased; Thomas William is a resident of Beloit; Harriet Rebecca married Edward A. Loomis, and is deceased; Maria Ann is the wife of Horace A. Brown, of Beloit; Celia Y. is the widow of our subject; three died in infancy. Mrs. Vail's father was a very devout member of the Methodist Church, and her mother as strongly attached to the Episcopal Church. Mr. Laramy was first married to Miss Ann Warren, and three children were the issue of that union: Ann, deceased wife of William Warren, of Chicago; Mary, the wife of S. J. Admire, of Salt Lake City, Utah;

and Betsy, the widow of William Laramy, a lawyer in Batavia, N. Y. Philip Laramy had a planing-mill and a tannery in Leroy, N. Y., at one time and was very highly regarded, both for his personal integrity and his business ability. He was a steward and class-leader in the church. His wife was a worthy companion, a sincere Christian and a noble woman. His father died in England at an advanced age, and was very wealthy. He owned 3,000 acres of land, and kept large herds of blooded cattle and sheep. He reared a numerous family. The father of Mrs. Philip Laramy, Joseph Yandell, was also an extensive farmer and land owner. He had 250 men in his service. He died in Nadrid, near Molton, Devonshire, England, when quite old. He had a large family, and his immediate descendants are still living on the Devonshire estates.

OLIVER P. UNDERWOOD, of the town of Pulaski, is a well-known representative of one of the pioneer families of Iowa county. He was born in the State of New York, on Aug. 23, 1826, a son of Parker C. and Anna (Baker) Underwood, and was about nineteen years of age when he came to Wisconsin.

Parker C. Underwood was born in Delaware county, N. Y., on Feb. 4, 1803, and was a son of Dr. Oliver Underwood, quite an eminent physician of his day, whose father, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a noted Presbyterian divine of New England. Parker C. Underwood was reared in his native county, and married Anna Baker, who was also born in Delaware county, a daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Follett) Baker, the former of whom was a soldier in the war of 1812. Robert and Samuel Follett, brothers of Mrs. Baker, were soldiers in the war of the Revolution.

Parker C. Underwood removed to Buffalo Grove, Ill., in the fall of 1834, but in the following spring he went to Dubuque, and thence to Mineral Point, Wis., where he engaged in lead mining. In 1845 his two eldest sons joined him at Highland, Iowa county, and in the spring of 1847, his wife and two remaining sons joined the other members of the family at Highland, and the reunited family settled down to an agricultural life. The death of the mother, in 1851, was a great grief, but the father survived many years, passing away in 1892, at the unusual age of ninety years.

Parker Underwood was a man of high character, possessed good judgment, and gained the respect of every community in which he made his home. He was a typical pioneer in every respect. Of his four sons, two survive, our subject and his brother Joseph, who is a resident of Avoca. Madison served in the war for the Union, but passed away many years ago, and the youngest, Irving, was a member of Company K, 14th Wis. V. I., and was one of the martyrs of the war, at Corinth.

Oliver P. Underwood received an excellent education in his early life, and began teaching in his native State, when only seventeen years old, becoming one of the leading educators in Iowa county. For thirty years he instructed the youthful intelligence through Pulaski and Highland townships, and has ever been one of the leaders in educational matters in the county. In 1856 he removed to his present farm, and is now numbered among the large farmers and stock growers of Iowa county, his finely cultivated farm comprising 500 acres.

Previous to her marriage with Mr. Underwood, his estimable wife was Miss Helen Brewster, a daughter of Justus Brewster, and a granddaughter of Justus Brewster, a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and thus Mrs. Underwood and her daughters are eligible to the exclusive society of the D. A. R. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood have four daughters: Anna, who is the wife of B. A. Telfair; Emma, the widely-known educator, who so efficiently filled the position of county superintendent for two terms; Ione, the wife of Dr. W. W. Kerlin, of Storm Lake, Iowa; and Clive Pauline.

Oliver P. Underwood has ever been held in the highest esteem in the county, is a patriotic citizen and believes in America and American institutions. In religious matters he adheres to no set creed, but believes that character and right living comprise the standard by which each man will be judged. In his political views he has always been a Republican.

GEORGE W. FENNEL, one of the early settlers of Bloomington, was born in Poultney, Vt., June 7, 1823, and died at his home in Grant county, Wis., March 9, 1887.

Mr. Fennel became a resident of Grant county in 1855. His father, Almond Fennel, died when his son was about eighteen years of age, and his only brother was drowned

when but nine years old. The first and as it proved, the permanent settlement of Mr. Fennel, in Grant county, was on the place where his family still live, which is now a fine farm and improved in every way, a most delightful home.

On Sept. 16, 1856, Mr. Fennel was married to Miss Linda M. Cilley, a daughter of William W. and Roxana (Castle) Cilley. William W. Cilley was a native of Williamstown, Vt., where he was born on Sept. 1, 1801, was reared in his native State, and in 1829 was married to Miss Roxana Castle, who was born and reared in Essex, Vt. Her death took place in 1850.

George W. Fennel soon displayed an industry and energy that changed his unimproved land into a fine farm, and is remembered among the esteemed citizens of his township. The family left to mourn his decease consisted of his widow and three children: Rollin C., who was born at the homestead on Feb. 26, 1858, and married Miss Lizzie Powers, their one daughter being Bessie E.; Bert G., who was born on June 12, 1871, and married Miss Lela Sawyer; and Nellie M., who died on March 3, 1888, at the age of twenty-one. The eldest daughter, Laura E., died at the age of sixteen.

Mrs. Fennel, with her two sons and their families, resides on the comfortable old homestead provided by the industry and perseverance of the husband and father, and are among the most highly esteemed citizens of Grant county.

LEVI WHITEHEAD (deceased) was one of the pioneer settlers of Cadiz township, Green county, and is remembered as a man of sterling worth and genuine character. Born in Jackson county, Ohio, April 2, 1832, he came to Green county with his parents in 1847, and settled on section 13, in the town of Cadiz. His parents, Edward and Delilah (Hawk) Whitehead, were of English origin, and early settled in Ohio. They were the parents of four sons, John, William, Levi and Henry, the last named being now the only survivor.

Levi Whitehead was married to Miss Susan Hackworth, a native of Vermilion county, Ill., in 1854, and to this union were born the following children: (1) Charles E., born Dec. 11, 1855, married Rhoda Frame, and is engaged in farming in Clarno township; (2)

Delilah, born Jan. 25, 1857, married Millard F. Campbell; (3) John A., born May 3, 1860, married Melinda Bast, and is a farmer of Cadiz township; (4) Mary Ellen, born Dec. 4, 1866, is the wife of Otto Priewe, a farmer of Clarno township; (5) Frank J., born Oct. 8, 1869, married Dora Campbell, and now resides in Monroe; (6) Bessie E., born March 4, 1872, is the wife of George Campbell, and they now live on the old Whitehead homestead, with Mrs. Whitehead; (7) Nellie Belle, born May 29, 1876, is the wife of Herman Kohn, of Cadiz township.

Levi Whitehead died May 3, 1895. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a believer in Christianity, but never connected with any church. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead began their married life poor in this world's goods, but rich in mutual love and trust, and their working and waiting was rewarded in due time with the possession of an ample competence. When Mr. Whitehead died he left a farm comprising 428 acres, under a high state of cultivation, with ample improvements of every kind. He was a man with many friends, who admired his genuine worth, and loved him for his many fine qualities. To his wife and children his departure was a grievous sorrow.

Mrs. Whitehead is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Morton) Hackworth, and the third of a family of ten children, the others being as follows: Matthew, now residing in Louisiana; Mary A., the wife of Walter Divan, of Seward county, Neb.; James, deceased; William P., deceased; Thomas, of Lafayette county, Wis.; Alexander, in Seward county, Neb.; Clarissa, deceased; Melissa, who is unmarried; and John, in Seward county, Neb. Mrs. Whitehead still makes her home on the old homestead, where she is passing her years in an atmosphere of tender care and love from the rising generation. She is a good woman, has been a member of the United Brethren Church for fifty years, and her life has been full of deeds and genuine kindness. She has many estimable qualities, and is liked and respected by all who come in contact with her.

GOODWIN LOWREY (deceased) was long a well-known and esteemed citizen of southwestern Wisconsin. Mr. Lowrey was a native of Litchfield county, Conn., where he was born in April, 1826, a son of Daniel and

Abigail (Goodwin) Lowrey, and a descendant from genuine American ancestry, both the Lowreys and Goodwins belonging to early New England families. When Goodwin Lowrey was a boy he removed with his parents to the State of New York, the family settling on a farm near Utica, where they lived until the death of the husband and father. Soon after this sad event the mother and her two sons, which comprised her family, removed to the city of New York, and there the brothers engaged in the wool business, and there, too, the mother died. The brother of Goodwin, Daniel Lowrey, never came West, but passed the rest of his life in New York.

In 1862 Mr. Goodwin Lowrey came to Wisconsin, and was for some time engaged in buying and shipping wool, with headquarters in Milwaukee. In 1864 he settled on the farm which he purchased in the town of Wyoming, Iowa county, and from that time until his death was clearly identified with the interests of his town and county. In the autumn of the year he moved to Wyoming, he was married to his most estimable widow, who was then Mrs. Heloise Oakford. She is a native of New Orleans, and daughter of Francis Gai, a native of Italy but of French parentage; the latter married, in Philadelphia, Jane Tree, who was an aunt of Judge Lambert Tree, of Chicago, and died at St. Francisville, La., when Mrs. Lowrey was a child. Her mother remarried and died at Towanda, Pa., several years ago. Mrs. Lowrey settled on the fine farm, where she now lives, in 1863, and as this farm and that of her husband's adjoined they together had about one thousand acres. The immediate home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowrey after their marriage was on the farm that she had purchased, and where she now resides.

Mr. Lowrey continued farming and stock raising until his health declined. He was a man of great native ability and highly cultivated, and was often urged to accept political positions, but invariably declined, having no inclination for office. Once the nomination for member of the Legislature was so strongly pressed upon him that he consented, and was elected by a large majority, proving an excellent legislator. He was a broad-minded, public-spirited man and always had in mind the interests of his home community. He was a very companionable man, and strongly attached to his wife and home. He was a mem-

ber of no church, but gave liberally to the support of religious training, was a regular attendant at church, and was wont to apply the principles of religion to his daily life. About 1884 his health began to break, and for the benefit of his health and that of his wife several winters were passed by them in the South. His death occurred at Pass Christian, Miss., Feb. 20, 1889, where he and his wife had arrived but two days previously. Although long in poor health, the end was entirely unexpected, as he had been apparently much better for some time, heart trouble being the immediate cause of his death. Mrs. Lowrey was, at the time, very ill of pneumonia, but at the earnest solicitation of friends Mr. Lowrey's remains were brought home for burial, although she was too ill to accompany them.

Mrs. Lowrey resides at her beautiful home in the Wyoming Valley, Iowa county, where she and her husband passed so many years of happy married life.

**NATHANIEL AUSTIN.** Prominent among the early settlers in Bloomington is Nathaniel Austin, who well represents that hardy class of honest, sensible and progressive men who have made Grant county the desirable locality it is. When first he located here, in 1854, a few houses represented what is now a flourishing town. For more than forty years Mr. Austin has taken his part in the development of this section of the State of Wisconsin. Nathaniel Austin is of Canadian birth, although of New England parentage. He was born Aug. 26, 1830, a son of Nicholas and Harriet (Orvis) Austin, natives of Vermont, who were of English ancestry, and the family was founded in America in Colonial times. For generations their religious belief was that of the Hicksite Quakers. The father of Harriet Orvis served in the Continental army.

Nicholas Austin was a man of good education, and was long a teacher by occupation. Both he and his wife were reared in Vermont, but after the birth of their first child removed to Canada, and there passed the rest of their lives. After locating in Canada, Mr. Austin engaged in farming, clearing a heavily timbered tract, and he was one of the first to succeed in raising apples in that part of Canada. When he left his Vermont home, he took with him seeds of various kinds, including the apple, and from these raised trees which became

productive and are still in fine condition. Our subject was one of a family of eight children, seven sons and one daughter. The old homestead farm in Canada descended to the youngest son and his next older brother. Later the youngest disposed of his interest and removed to Ohio, but the other brother still owns a part of the land. Five of the family still survive: William, a resident of Oklahoma; Nathaniel; Sylvanus, on the old homestead; George, a resident of Ohio; and Elizabeth, a resident of Milwaukee. Hiram died at Wichita, Kansas, in 1899, at the age of seventy-five years; and Alfred died at seventeen.

Nathaniel Austin grew to manhood in his Canadian home and, with his brothers, assisted in the clearing up of the farm. The country was unimproved, and his educational advantages were consequently limited. In the fall of 1852 he left home and started out for himself, coming to Fond du Lac, Wis., and engaging in any honorable employment that came his way. His wages for his first winter's work were nine dollars a month. In March of the next year he went to Lancaster, and there and at Waterloo, Grant county, was constantly employed until he was able to save the sum of \$500, which he applied as a first payment on a farm which he purchased in the township of Bloomington. Settling on the place, he industriously labored there for two years, making many improvements, and then, as opportunity offered, he sold it and returned to Canada. His health had failed, and, with the hope of regaining it, he did not settle down again for about a year, when he came back to Bloomington, bought another farm, upon which he lived for forty years. In February, 1899, he removed to the village of Bloomington, where he owns a pleasant home and enjoys every comfort of life.

On Nov. 12, 1857, Nathaniel Austin was married to Samantha C. Lyman, a daughter of William and Abigail (Chandler) Lyman, natives of Vermont, but their ancestors came from Connecticut. Mrs. Lyman's grandfather, Rev. Amariah Chandler, was a noted Congregational minister for over half a century, preaching for thirty years in one pulpit and for twenty years in another. William Lyman and wife removed soon after their marriage to Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and in 1853 came to Grant county, Wis. By trade he was a carpenter, but after locating on the rich lands of

this county he engaged in farming and later removed to Fredericksburg, Iowa, where the wife and mother died, in 1876. Mr. Lyman remarried and moved to Kansas, where his second wife died, after which he returned to Wisconsin and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Austin until his own decease, on Feb. 27, 1901, at the age of eighty-six years. Mrs. Austin was one of a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, and two sons and two daughters survive at the present time, these being: Mrs. Austin; Mrs. Eleanor Augusta Benedict; William Azro; and Ordello. Two of the children died in infancy, and those who attained maturity and have passed away were: Susan C., Amariah, Charles and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Austin have three children surviving, Eleanor C., Charles F., and Wilbur A., while those who have passed away were: Alfred Llewellyn, at the age of seventeen, and Edgar at the age of thirty-three.

Mr. Austin had but limited advantages for education in his youth, but has given his surviving children liberal opportunities, all being graduates of the Wisconsin State University, at Madison. His daughter is teacher of Latin and German in the Hudson, Wis., high school, and is a lady of high attainments. For some time Charles has had charge of a military school at San Antonio, Texas; and Wilbur is a mechanical engineer, and resides in Chicago. Mr. Austin adheres to the teachings of his Quaker ancestry, while Mrs. Austin is a devoted and valued member of the Congregational Church. The family is one which possesses the confidence and high esteem of all the people of Bloomington.

HENRY WIEDERKEHR holds a position among the old settlers of Jordan township, Green county, that bespeaks at once long and unwearied industry and high moral character. He was born in Canton Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 2, 1835, and his parents, Jacob and Anna (Klein) Wiederkehr, died in their Swiss home. Our subject is, as far as known, their only living child.

Henry Wiederkehr left Switzerland in 1855, and spent some ten years in Brazil, where he followed various vocations, and gained much knowledge of strange lands and customs. In 1866 he went back to Switzerland, where he remained only about three months, and then emigrated to the United States, making his



home for some two years in New Glarus, Wis. In 1870 he bought a farm located on Section 29, Jordan township, acquiring a place of 176 acres, which he has recently sold to his son.

On Feb. 18, 1861, Henry Wiederkehr was married in Brazil to Miss Mary Martin, a daughter of Rudolph Martin, of Canton Glarus, Switzerland. To this marriage have been born the following children: (1) Jacob, born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Nov. 15, 1861, is at home, and is unmarried. (2) Felix, born in Canton Glarus, Switzerland, April 9, 1866, married Miss Lizzie Youngblood, of Jordan township, and is now the owner of the old Wiederkehr home place. (3) Miss Rosa, born in New Glarus, Green county, Aug. 14, 1868, lives in Iowa. (4) Anna, born Sept. 4, 1870, in Jordan township, married Charles Jones, a farmer in Iowa. (5) Mary, born Feb. 10, 1873, is the wife of Joseph Ginner, of Monroe.

Mr. Wiederkehr came to this country a very poor man, but by unceasing industry and the most careful economy, has accumulated a very handsome property, enabling him to enjoy well earned rest and comfort in his old age. In his politics he is a Democrat, and in religion is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Wiederkehr, while deprived of schooling in his boyhood, has traveled much, and gained that practical schooling of experience that helps a man to know himself and to understand the world around him—the best of all education. Three times he has crossed the ocean. In his dealings with the world he has displayed a substantial integrity that has won warm recognition wherever he has gone. An honest man, and one true to his convictions of the right, he has never lacked friends. To-day he is highly regarded in the community in which he lives, where he is known as an upright man, a kind father, and a devoted husband.

ARTHUR W. GRAHAM, of the town of Wyoming, Iowa county, represents an early and well known family of the county. His father, John Graham, was a native of Prince Edward Island, and came to Wisconsin with his family in 1854, and died March 12, 1886, at seventy-six years and six months. He grew to manhood on his native island, and followed, in early life, the business of ship-building and sailing. He married Ann Bernard, who died in 1897. Upon coming to Wisconsin John

Graham first bought forty acres, on which the only improvement was a log house, and but very little of the land had been cultivated. As his means allowed, he gradually increased his land possessions until he owned 440 acres. He was an industrious and respected citizen, and for thirty-two years he was a resident of Wyoming, doing his part to improve the country and develop its resources. He and his estimable wife are well remembered by old settlers for their many excellent traits of character. They were the parents of three sons and four daughters, all of whom are living: Jennie, wife of William H. Clark, of Ottawa, Kans.; Edward, of Creston, Neb.; Charles, of the town of Wyoming; Sarah, wife of D. C. Franklin, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Miss Lettie, at the homestead; Minnie, wife of Peter Phillips, of Vancouver Island; and Arthur W.

Arthur W. Graham owns and lives on the old homestead of his father. He was born there Jan. 1, 1860, and has grown to manhood on the place. He married Miss Addie VanBlaricom, a native of Ontario, Canada. They have five children, two sons and three daughters: Pearl G., Edward E., Florence, Lee Burton, and Joyce Gertrude. Mr. Graham has ever been held in high esteem and regarded by all as a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of Wyoming.

Mrs. Graham is a daughter of Peter and Jennette (Davis) Van Blaricom. The family came to Iowa county in 1879, and in 1885 Mr. VanBlaricom was accidentally killed, in the town of Wyoming, by a falling ladder. He was born in New Jersey, and had reached the age of sixty-five years. His widow, who survives, was born in Prince Edward Co., Ontario, Jan. 3, 1822.

EDWARD HANCOCK. Character tells in the upbuilding of home, social position and financial success. It is one of the gratifying and significant developments of American life that immigrants from other lands, if imbued with earnestness, faith and integrity, quickly rise from positions of obscurity to leading social forces in the communities in which they live.

About the year 1840 an English miner, religious, honest, hopeful of a future for his children brought his wife and their family of children from Cornwall, Eng., and settled at Scales Mound, Ill. He was William Hancock,

the son of Stephen Hancock, a lifelong stone cutter of Cornwall. In his native land he married Susanna H. Thomas, the daughter of Edward Thomas, who died in England. The family were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. Joseph Hancock, a brother of William, was for many years a Methodist minister in Australia. William followed mining through most of his life, and died at Scales Mound in April, 1884, aged seventy-three years. His wife died in August, 1868, aged sixty-three years. By a first marriage William Hancock had a daughter, Eliza, now Mrs. William T. Perry, of Scales Mound, Ill. By his second marriage to Miss Susanna Thomas he had five sons, namely: Richard, who died in Prescott, Ariz.; Edward; Joseph, who died at Scales Mound; William; and Stephen. The survivors all live in the town of White Oak Springs, Lafayette Co., where they are highly respected.

Edward Hancock was born at Scales Mound, Ill., a few miles from his present home at White Oak Springs, Lafayette Co., March 6, 1845. He was reared on the farm and received a good education, attending the Shullsburg high school. He then engaged in teaching for ten terms in connection with farming, having through life followed the latter vocation. For the past twenty years he has lived in Lafayette county, and in 1891 he bought his present farm of 240 acres, where, in addition to general farming, he is engaged in breeding Shorthorn cattle, Oxford Down sheep and Poland China swine. He is largely and actively interested in the White Oak Dairy and Feed Company, which operates a creamery and grist mill, and of which he is president.

He married June 14, 1866, Miss Grace Jewell, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Rogers) Jewell, natives of Cambourn, England. The father was a man of strong character but limited opportunities. He was a miner and farmer during active life, and after reaching the age of forty-five he learned to write by attending a night school. Later in life he engaged in the real estate business to some extent, and is now living a retired life at Scales Mound, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1853, aged forty-five years. Of their nine children two died in infancy; six were born in Cambourn, Eng., and three in Illinois. The surviving children are as follows: Elizabeth Jane, widow of

William Toy, of Eau Claire, Wis.; Thomas Henry, of Palisade, Neb.; Mary, wife of Simon Wren, Denver, Col.; John, of Strawberry Point, Iowa; Grace, wife of our subject; Priscilla, wife of John Tregona, Lamont, Ia.; and William R., of State Line, Iron Co., Utah, where he is interested in a silver mine, of which he was for some time foreman.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hancock are the parents of eleven children, and their grandchildren are ten in number. The children are as follows: Minnie, wife of E. Arnold, of Strawberry Point, Iowa; Ada, wife of Eloy Swenson, Monticello township, Lafayette Co.; Nettie, wife of John Smart, of Scales Mound, Ill.; Edward L., of Madison, Wis.; Della Jane, who died, aged fourteen years; Elizabeth S. May and William T., at home; Fred, who died aged five years; Howard and Ethel, at home. It has been the aim of the parents to fit their children for responsible positions in life. Edward L. is a graduate of Wisconsin University, and is now a teacher of mathematics in that institution. May is a graduate of the Shullsburg high school. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Monticello, of which Mr. Hancock is a trustee.

In politics Mr. Hancock has been a lifelong Republican. He served four years as chairman of the town and has filled all the principal township offices. Among the fraternal orders, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. His career is an example of pluck and merit. Beginning life for himself in comparative obscurity, he has made his way to a place among the foremost citizens of the township.

ALBURTIS A. GILLETT, one of the representative citizens of Juda, Green county, is of English descent. David B. Gillett, his father, was born in 1801, and died Dec. 28, 1859. He was twice married. To him and his first wife were born the following named children: Marcus, William, Edwin, John, Mary and Amelia; to Mr. Gillett and his second wife, Parthenia Milks, whom he married in 1853, came only one child, Alburtis A., born in the township of Mt. Pleasant, Green county, Nov. 10, 1854.

When he was but five years of age Alburtis A. Gillett suffered the loss of his father. In November, 1867, he removed with his widowed mother to Juda, where he has since resided.

His mother was stricken with an incurable disease and died Jan. 10, 1894, at the age of eighty-two years. Our subject cared for her tenderly and faithfully through her long and painful illness, cheerfully granting her wish to have him ever near her. Mr. Gillett began life as a poor boy, but is now the owner of considerable property in the village of Juda, and a small farm with good buildings adjoining the village. He is devoted to mechanical pursuits, and is a manufacturer of woven wire fencing, gates, etc. He is a public spirited citizen, and ever ready to lend a helping hand to any measure that will be beneficial to the community. Politically he is an accredited Prohibitionist, but those who know him best say he is entirely independent, both in his politics and in his religion.

Mr. Gillett has remained single up to this writing. As a strictly self-made man he deserves honorable mention in this volume, as he has made his way against great obstacles. He has a genial disposition, and has a host of friends, who have been quick to detect and properly appreciate his modest but genuine manhood, and sincere moral purpose.

**HENRY LONG.** This gentleman is a well-known stock farmer of the town of Harrison, Grant county, and is an industrious and honorable representative man in his noble calling. He has had a long life in the West, and it is with pleasure that the pen of the historian records such a modest and unassuming, but sound and substantial life.

Mr. Long was born near Dubuque, Iowa, Aug. 12, 1837. His father, Casper Long, was born in Pennsylvania, and his mother, Martha (Hitch) Long, was born in Delaware. They came West when young, and settled near Dubuque, where they lived some time. They moved to Potosi, Wis., where the husband and father died in 1840, when only twenty-five years of age, leaving a wife and two children, Henry and Mary. The daughter married Samuel Vannatta, and lived in Platteville, where she died in 1897, leaving three children, Effie, Edith and Charles. After the death of her husband Mrs. Martha Long married William Withrow, of Potosi, and after some years they removed to the town of Paris, where she died in 1885, leaving a family to Mr. Withrow.

Henry Long grew to manhood in the home of his step-father, and received his early edu-

cation in the schools of Potosi and Paris. When the Civil war broke out he made haste to don the Union blue, and enlisted in August, 1862, in Company H, 25th Wis. V. I. They were sent to Minnesota to suppress the hostile Indians before their departure to the South. They were afterward sent to the seat of war, via Columbus, Ky. (where they stayed three months). For two months they were a part of the besieging force at Vicksburg, and were then sent by boat to Helena, Ark. In February, 1863, they returned to Vicksburg, whence they went to Cairo. From there they went to Alabama and the disputed territory along the Tennessee river. With Gen. Sherman they went to Atlanta, and the young soldier bore a stout hand in many bloody battles and skirmishes from Vicksburg to Atlanta, and from Atlanta to the sea, returning through the Carolinas. Mr. Long was taken sick at Helena, Ark., but bore up and refused to go to the hospital. For four months he was seriously out of health, but he recovered, and feels that perhaps he owes his life to his indomitable will. The history of the regiment covers many of the most stirring scenes of the war in Tennessee, Alabama and in the Mississippi valley. It was a part of the army that broke the back of the rebellion, had a share in the glory of the grand review at Washington, and was mustered out at Madison, Wis., in June, 1865.

When the war had closed Mr. Long came back to Grant county. He had extensive lumber interests at Dubuque, and in October, 1867, he married Miss Mary McMann, a daughter of Thomas McMann, of one of the old-time families of Grant county. Mr. Long purchased his present home very soon after his marriage. He has cleared it up by unflagging labor, and has added to it from time to time until he now owns a fine estate of four hundred acres of farm and timber land. For a number of years he has been one of the large cattle dealers of the southwestern part of the State, buying largely, fattening and shipping to the Chicago and other markets. Mrs. Mary Long died in 1873, leaving her bereaved husband with two children, Gertrude and Dora. Gertrude died when an infant, and Dora, born in 1870, was educated at the State Normal at Platteville, and for several years was a successful teacher, but is now the wife of Samuel Vannatta, Jr., of the town of Harrison, and the mother of one daughter, Lela.

HENRY LONG



MRS. MARY LONG





In April, 1874, Mr. Long married his present wife, Miss Mary Himan, in the town of Paris, who is the daughter of O. P. and Irene J. (Louthain) Himan, an old pioneer family of the town of Harrison. Mrs. Long was born in Paris in August, 1853. She was reared to womanhood in Grant county, and received her education from the public schools. After her marriage she settled with her husband on his farm, and became the mother of two children, of whom only one is living, Ida and Bertha. Ida, born Aug. 26, 1878, died in August, 1892; she was a bright, thoughtful and loving girl, and her affectionate disposition endeared her to her parents and her young companions, and her loss left a vacancy in this home that can never be filled. The mother is a member of the Congregational Church of Mt. Zion in the town of Harrison. Mr. Long is a supporter of the Republican party, and takes much interest in the cause of education, religion, and every forward movement. Henry Long began life on his own footing. He formed habits of industry and prudence which have attended him through life. What he earned he carefully invested, and from a small beginning he now owns one of the largest stock farms in the town of Harrison. He keeps large herds of fine cattle which go forward to market at the most favorable season, and he is a wealthy and prosperous farmer, standing high in the esteem of the people of Grant county.

JOHN WESLEY BAKER, a prosperous and influential farmer of Linden township, Iowa county, residing near Cobb, is a native of that section, having been born April 28, 1846, in Linden township, son of Francis and Mary Baker. Mention of their lives will be found elsewhere.

In his boyhood Mr. Baker attended the district schools in the locality of his home, growing to manhood on the homestead. When twenty years of age, in company with his brother William H., he bought seventy acres of land adjacent to the home place, to which they added from time to time until they owned 325 acres, and our subject is still the possessor of 225 acres thereof. The land is diversified—timber, prairie and living streams making a combination not to be boasted of in every farm—and the natural advantages have been increased and augmented by the care and im-

provements Mr. Baker has gone to the trouble and expense of bestowing upon it. His buildings are convenient, and include a substantial barn 30 by 66 feet in dimensions. In addition to general farming he pays considerable attention to the breeding of Shorthorn cattle, of which he has a fine herd, and Poland China swine. The success which has attended his labors is the result of well-directed industry, and he is looked up to by his neighbors as a man deserving of the good fortune which has come to him.

In 1877 Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Fox, who was born in North Carolina, where her parents, James and Mary (Crebo) Fox, lived for a short time after coming to America, in 1846. They were natives of Cornwall, England. Soon after the birth of their daughter Catherine they came to Wisconsin, settling in Iowa county, and Mr. Fox died at Cobb, Oct. 13, 1897, aged seventy-five years; his wife died on May 4, 1890, aged sixty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have two daughters, Ida Pearl and Lucy Myrtle, both of whom have received good educational advantages, the younger at present attending high school at Cobb. In religious connection the family are identified with the M. E. Church. Mr. Baker has been a lifelong Republican in political sentiment but never particularly active in party affairs.

WILLIAM J. DYER, of Lancaster, Grant county, represents one of the earliest of the pioneer families of this county. His father, Abner Dyer, was born on Jan. 28, 1817, near Danville, Ky., and moved to Fayetteville, Tenn., at the age of three years, and remained there until he was fourteen years old and then removed to Huntsville, Ala. In this Southern city he remained until he was seventeen, later making a three-year visit in Illinois, and in 1837 locating in Platteville, Wisconsin.

The first work that Mr. Abner Dyer was engaged in after coming to this State, was to assist in clearing out brush and in building the highway that now runs from Platteville to Ellenboro, and at the latter place he remained, assisting in getting out timber for the building of the Ellenboro gristmill, this mill still standing and doing business. On Nov. 24, 1840, he married Rebecca Walker, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, May 12, 1818. After marriage he settled two and one-half miles

southwest of Ellenboro and remained there until the fall of 1846, when he removed to within five miles north of Lancaster, where he lived until 1881. To his marriage were born six daughters and two sons, all natives of Grant county, and all of whom survive, these being: Rebecca J., who was born in Potosi township, on Jan. 17, 1842; Elizabeth Ellen, born in Ellenboro township, on Sept. 19, 1843; William J., born in the above township, on Aug. 10, 1846; Sarah A., born in Lancaster township, on Oct. 28, 1848; Eliza C., born on Jan. 16, 1851; Emma L., born on Jan. 23, 1853; Bertha H., born on Oct. 10, 1855; and George A., born on March 30, 1859. The death of Abner Dyer was on Jan. 26, 1881, the mother of the family surviving until Jan. 17, 1888.

Abner Dyer was a typical pioneer, honest and industrious, and a man of strict integrity. His industry and energy made him a large landowner, at one time possessing 500 acres of land, and much of this is still in the family. A remarkable thing about this large family is that all survive, having inherited robust constitutions from their sturdy parents.

William J. Dyer, the third of the family in order of age, was born in Ellenboro township, on Aug. 10, 1846, and was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has ever since followed as a resident of Grant county. Mr. Dyer enjoys the distinction of being the pioneer horseman of southwestern Wisconsin, having brought to this section Mambrino Swigart, 2:30, the first standard-bred stallion owned in Grant county; he also brought here: Victory, 2:25¾; Royalty, 2:25; Brown Frank, 2:35; Ivica, 2:23¾; Cedarwood, 2:24½; Lumpwood, 2:14½; and Tossie "D." 2:13. These stallions have produced untold wealth to farmers of Grant and adjoining counties. Too young to enter the army, at the opening of the Civil war, Mr. Dyer enlisted toward its close in Company K, 47th Wis. V. I., and served until the close of hostilities.

In 1869 Mr. Dyer was married to Miss Sarah E. Borah, a daughter of James N. Borah, who migrated from Kentucky to Grant county in 1836 and settled in Lancaster township, where Mrs. Dyer was born, on Dec. 23, 1847. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dyer: William, a leading livery man in Lancaster, Grant county; Ruby, a successful teacher and a graduate of the Lancaster high school and the State Normal school

at Oshkosh, in the class of 1900; and Laura, who died in infancy. For many years Mr. Dyer followed farming exclusively, but in 1895 he was elected sheriff of Grant county and in all its history it has never had a more efficient official. Four years of service as deputy sheriff, previously, had prepared him for the duties of the position, and for eight years his name in Grant county was a terror to evil doers, while it was a source of confidence to the upright. Mr. Dyer is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Lancaster, and has been prominent in much of its rapid growth and development.

WILLIAM SHEDWICK NEWMAN, one of the well-to-do and prosperous farmers of Green county, is the son of William and Elizabeth (Kendall) Newman, natives of Pennsylvania, who came of German and English origin.

William Newman, the father of our subject, was a farmer in Fayette county, Penn. He married Elizabeth Kendall, who was born in 1800, and died in 1846, the mother of seven children, as follows: (1) Hannah, the wife of John Batty, died in 1873. (2) Samuel, born in 1825, died in Green county in 1876. He married Mary Roderick. (3) J. J., born Nov. 2, 1829, is a thrifty farmer, whose home is in Juda, Wis. (4) Ephraim K. died while serving in the Civil war. He was second lieutenant of Company K, 22d Wis. V. I., and died at Nicholasville, Ky., in 1862, leaving two children, William J. and Ida May. The son is living in Illinois, and the daughter in Cheyenne, Wyoming. (5) Elizabeth, widow of Jacob Roderick, a prosperous farmer of Green county, is now living in Monroe, Wis. (6) Nancy, born in 1835, now lives in the town of Albany, Green county. (7) William S. was born Oct. 12, 1837. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Newman married Mrs. Vashti De Bolt, and to this union were born four children: (1) Jasper died in childhood; (2) Louisa, Mrs. Scott Dora, died in Nebraska; (3) Josephine married Clinton Condon, of Nebraska; and (4) Alice married Daniel Dunwiddie, of the town of Jefferson. William Newman, the father of these children, was born in 1799, and died in April, 1864. His parents, John and Elizabeth Newman, were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania.

William S. Newman came to Green coun-

ty, Wis., at the age of eleven years. Following farming for his occupation, he has attained high standing. On Dec. 27, 1860, he married Miss Esther Gifford, who was born May 27, 1843, in Fulton county, N. Y., a daughter of Robert and Susan M. (Foot) Gifford, with whom she came to Wisconsin in 1856. Robert Gifford was a farmer and a school teacher, and died in the town of Spring Grove, April 18, 1898, aged nearly eighty-two years. His wife died in Brodhead Aug. 30, 1895, aged seventy-five years. Our subject and wife are the parents of eight children: (1) Jay E., born Feb. 18, 1862, died in infancy. (2) Irving G., born May 24, 1866, resides in the town of Spring Grove, where he is a well-to-do farmer. (3) Susan, born Jan. 22, 1869, married Arthur T. Preston, of the town of Jefferson. (4) William F., born Nov. 22, 1870, and (5) Chester A., born May 7, 1874, are at home. (6) Lois E., born March 13, 1877, has been a teacher in the public schools for a number of years, and lives at home. (7) Samuel, born Sept. 22, 1880, and (8) Ross B., born Oct. 20, 1883, are also at home.

Mr. Newman was a volunteer in the Union army, and served with distinction in Company K, 22d Wis. V. I., enlisting in 1862, and serving until the closing of the war. He was with Gen. Sherman in his March to the Sea, and was mustered out as a sergeant, June 12, 1865. Mr. Newman began life as a poor boy, and has had to make his own way in the world. While in the army he received injuries which have disabled him for life. But against all the hindrances of fate and fortune he has persisted, and now owns over 530 acres of well improved farm land, and its suitable equipments. He is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and is pronounced by those who know him a splendid citizen, a fairminded man, upright and honorable, straight in all his dealings, and devoted to his wife and family.

**LEONIDAS RICHARDSON** (deceased), one of the early settlers of southwestern Wisconsin, was born in Nashville, Tenn., July 21, 1826, a son of William Steele Richardson.

William Steele Richardson was a man of ability, and was a worthy, esteemed citizen. He made his home in Nashville, Tenn., until his son Leonidas was about fifteen years old, when he moved to a farm about thirty miles

from St. Louis, Mo., and engaged in mercantile business in that State. In 1845 he emigrated with his family to Wisconsin, and settled in the town of Wyoming, Iowa county, where he lived for many years on the farm now owned by his grandson, J. T. Richardson. He removed to Avoca about three years before his death, which occurred Dec. 22, 1878, when he was aged eighty-four years. His wife survived him a number of years, and passed away at the age of eighty-two years, her remains now resting beside those of her husband in the Avoca cemetery. William Steele Richardson was an active patriot, and fought under General Jackson in the war of 1812, taking part in the battle of New Orleans; he again fought under Jackson in the Seminole war, and it was after its close that he removed to Nashville. He was benevolent and generous, and ever ready, as was also his wife, to minister to those in need. In religious belief, a Methodist, he was a leading supporter of the Gospel in the early days. Five children, two sons and three daughters, blessed his home, and these all came to Wisconsin with their parents, but have all since passed away, the only survivors of the sons-in-law and daughters-in-law being George Parr, of Barron county, Wis., and Mrs. Leonidas Richardson, of Wyoming.

Leonidas Richardson was twenty years old when he came with his parents to Iowa county. While never physically a strong man, he made farming his life work. That it might continue in the possession of the family, he purchased, about 1870, the homestead where his father first settled. This farm, which adjoined his own, had previously been sold outside the family.

On Sept. 23, 1849, Leonidas Richardson married Miss Elizabeth Woodbury, who was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., March 15, 1826, a daughter of Jerome and Lydia (Coolidge) Woodbury, the former a native of Genesee county, N. Y., and the latter of Madison county, same State. Mrs. Richardson was reared in her native State, and educated at Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary, St. Lawrence county. She came to Wisconsin Territory with her parents in 1846, and for five years was engaged in teaching, three years of this time in the town of Wyoming, thus becoming one of the earliest teachers of this town, and she now is one of the oldest surviving teachers of southwestern Wisconsin. Leonidas Richard-



son died July 21, 1875. He was a most estimable and public spirited citizen, and highly respected. Notwithstanding his bodily ailments he was always cheerful, and possessed a most genial nature. He was a great reader, and was active in the promotion of the educational interests of the community in which he lived. His last work was to help locate the new school house, and to make a contract with the builders. He was especially fond of music, playing the violin well, and he encouraged and promoted the musical talents of his children. He and his wife joined the M. E. Church in 1849, being members of the first class of that church in the vicinity. This couple were blessed with ten children, eight of whom grew to mature years, and six are living at this time (1901). The children were as follows: Ella Hortense, wife of John J. Hughes, of Dodgeville, Wis.; Lydia Louise, wife of H. M. Levatie, of Wyoming; Jesse T., residing on the old homestead of his grandfather: Albert D., of Wyoming; George Irving, on his father's homestead in the town of Wyoming; Rosa May, wife of Solon E. Knickerbocker, of the town of Wyoming. Two reached maturity before their decease: Carrie Malinda, who died in 1880, at the age of twenty-three years; Eddie Leonidas, who died in 1878, at the age of nineteen years. The others deceased were Elmore Eugene, the oldest son, who died at the age of six, and Willie Jerome, who died in babyhood.

Of the family born to Jerome and Lydia (Coolidge) Woodbury, five were living when this was written (1901): Mrs. Elizabeth W. Richardson, of Wyoming; Mrs. Sylvia H. Anderson, of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Alfred Coolidge, of Darlington, Wis.; Mrs. Mary Cline, in the town of Fayette, Lafayette county; and Albert Morris, formerly of Lone Rock, Wis., now of Dakota, who served throughout the war of the Rebellion; Nathan, who died in the hospital at St. Louis at the close of the war; and John, who also served through the war, and died soon after its close near Faribault, Minn. While living in New York Jerome Woodbury joined the volunteers for the "Patriot War" in Canada, but returned to his home upon learning that the United States government had not authorized any hostile movements. Upon coming to Wisconsin he settled at Fayette, Lafayette Co., where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He was one of the

first temperance advocates in the county, and always active in that cause. His wife was a daughter of Daniel Coolidge, who served three months in the war of 1812, enlisting from Madison county, New York.

Mrs. Leonidas Richardson, from whom was obtained much information contained in this sketch, is one of the oldest citizens of Wyoming. She has led a very industrious life. Several of her children were quite young when her husband passed away and a great responsibility was placed upon her, but she has been faithful to her trust, and her children are all well settled, happy and useful members of society. She has ever been held in high esteem by her acquaintances. The family are all members of the M. E. Church.

**WILLIAM WEBB.** From tillers of the soil have arisen some of the most influential and celebrated men of this and other lands, and even cursory reading will demonstrate the truth of the assertion that agriculture is the surest path to affluence. Among the substantial farmer-citizens of Albany, Green county, is William Webb, who was born in Oneida county, N. Y., May 16, 1819, a son of James and Anna (Scott) Webb, both of whom were natives of New York. They had born to them a family of eight sons and five daughters, but time has made sad inroads, and but three of that large number still survive: William, who is our subject; Lois, who married Harrison Chase, resides near Utica, N. Y.; and Anna, who married a gentleman of Vernon, New York.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was James Webb, a native of New York, of English descent, who followed a sea-faring life and at death left one son and one daughter. The maternal grandfather was Enos Scott, a native of New York, born in the neighborhood of Black river, where he engaged in farming, lived to an advanced age, and was the father of three sons and two daughters.

William Webb, the subject of this sketch, was reared on a farm in Oneida county, N. Y., and was early taught lessons of industry and honesty, which have been of advantage to him in later life. The educational advantages were those of a settled locality, and in his youth our subject was well grounded in the primary principles. At the age of fifteen he accompanied his father to

Ohio, where the latter settled on a good farm in Geauga county, where he died in 1841, aged sixty-one years. The mother of our subject survived him some ten years, being seventy-two years old at the time of her death. She had all her life been a devoted member of the Methodist Church, while Mr. Webb had accepted the Universalist faith. During the war of 1812 he had been a teamster, and during his residence in Oneida county served a long time as supervisor of his town, and was a well-known and respected citizen.

About 1860 William Webb removed to Wisconsin, taking up 160 acres of government land, which he improved and lived upon for some years, but advantageously sold and then located in Green county, where he bought 312 acres, which he improved, this farm being in Section 25, Albany township. In 1882 his two sons, Charles and William, bought this farm, and our subject retired to the village of Albany, where he built a substantial and comfortable residence, with twelve acres of land, and now resides there, enjoying the fruits of a well-spent life.

Mr. Webb was married April 26, 1842, to Miss Fannie Rice, a daughter of Roswell and Sarah Rice, six children being born of this union: Albert, who married Mary Kibbie, lives in Evansville, with four children, Arthur, Frank, Nellie and May; Jane, who married Hiram Brown, who died a number of years ago, leaving six children, Clara, Myrtie, William, Helen, and a pair of twins (who died in Nebraska), and Mrs. Brown then married O. C. Healy, and resides at Mapleton, Minn.; Mary E., who married Samuel Harn, is deceased, leaving one daughter, Emma, who is now the wife of F. L. Holiday, of Janesville; William R., who married Dell Bump, and resides in Albany, with five children, William, Rufus, Homer, Fern, and Hazel; Charles E., who married Eva Harte, and resides in Evansville, with one son, Mark; and Emma, who married Benjamin Sutherland, but is now deceased, leaving one daughter, Jessie. The mother of these children died on May 26, 1889, aged sixty-nine years, having been a devoted member of the United Brethren Church. On June 5, 1890, Mr. Webb wedded Mrs. Sarah A. Hubbard, the widow of Henry Hubbard, and her death occurred in March, 1897.

An active and prominent member of the Democratic party, Mr. Webb has been called

upon to serve in many of the local offices for some years, being supervisor and a justice of the peace for many terms, displaying judgment and discretion in managing the township affairs that made him a valuable officer. Ever since locating in Green county he has engaged in farming and stockraising, but has found time to be interested in all progressive movements in his neighborhood, and willingly assisting when he was convinced they were for the best interests of all concerned. Much respected, he is one of the representative citizens of Albany.

**HORACE J. LORD.** Among the remaining pioneers of Grant county, Wis., who has been one of the leading citizens of Bloomington for more than fifty years is Horace J. Lord, who came to this locality on May 16, 1846. Mr. Lord was born near Burlington, Chittenden Co., Vt., Dec. 15, 1822. His father, Austin Lord, and his mother, Mary Ann (Chapin) Lord, were natives of Connecticut, the maternal grandmother having been born in Hartford and the original ancestry in Colonial times came from Great Britain. As an interesting bit of family history, the following incident may be related: At the battle of Lake Champlain, the mother of Mr. Lord, with another young lady, became frightened watchers of the great struggle and sought safety in the belfry of the church, where they saw the final victory.

Austin Lord and wife were married in Vermont and there their three children were born. When Horace was nine years old the family removed to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and there the father purchased 150 acres of land on what was known as the Holland purchase, which he cleared up and made there a very pleasant home, which would probably have been a permanent one if he had not felt that his boys would need a larger patrimony. The great Northwest offered farms for all, and thither the family, consisting then of the parents, three sons and an adopted daughter, turned their faces. The eldest son, Homer Lord, came first to Wisconsin, in 1845, and in the fall of the same year, the youngest, Henry, came also, in order that some preparation might be made for a family settlement.

In the spring of 1846 Horace J. Lord and his wife (whom he had but recently married), his parents, and his adopted sister started with teams, with the intention of driving all the way

through to Wisconsin, but by the time they had reached Cleveland, Ohio, they had changed their minds, and shipped aboard the new steamer "Niagara," for Chicago. This great city was then but a hamlet, and seemed to be located in a quagmire, the travelers regarding it as a very uninteresting place indeed. The season was a very rainy one, and the country for miles back from Lake Michigan was under water, the roads being impassable, with any load. The family accordingly left their household goods and started out with their two teams and wagons, containing nothing but the travelers and their wearing apparel, and safely reached the sons and brothers, who welcomed them warmly, and the first season was spent in Beetown.

In the summer of 1846, the father and his sons, Homer and Horace, located land in what is now the township of Bloomington, and, that becoming their permanent home, the family has been identified with this township for fifty-five years. The parents lived where they first settled until their death, the father passing away first, Oct. 15, 1849, and the devoted wife and mother on May 13, 1858. Austin Lord was a well known and highly esteemed citizen, and was a typical pioneer, honest and industrious. In his early days he was a Whig and later a Republican. In his religious views, he was very liberal and inclined to the Universalist belief, although he was a man who needed no creed to bind him, his upright life and Christian spirit being a constant example to the world of the exemplary life of a good man. Homer Lord, the eldest son of the family, is now a resident of the State of Missouri, and the youngest son, Henry, owns and occupies the old homestead of his parents.

Horace J. Lord, our subject, was married on April 15, 1846, to Betsey D. Tyler, a daughter of Ebenezer Tyler, who was born in eastern New York May 26, 1786, and migrated to Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1812, passing through Buffalo just after that city had been burned by the British. Mr. Tyler located on the Holland purchase, where he died in 1827, leaving five children, three sons and two daughters, the eldest of the latter, Sarah B., marrying William Cilley (she came to Grant county, and died Aug. 17, 1866), and the youngest being Mrs. Lord. Mrs. Polly (Edmund) Tyler was born in eastern New Hampshire, June 29, 1797, married Ebenezer Tyler Oct.

30, 1812, and passed away on May 23, 1872, in Chautauqua county. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lord: Mary Ann, wife of John E. Connell, of the town of Bloomington; and Nora, wife of C. W. Stone, also of Bloomington. The second child, a son, Milton, died at the age of two years.

Mr. Lord's first farm consisted of forty acres, and he gradually increased it as he became able, and eventually succeeded in the ownership of a fine home and farm of 120 acres. In the summer of 1847 he cut and hauled the logs for his first house, in which he and his estimable wife lived for twenty-one busy, happy years, at the end of which period he built a more modern one. With his wife, he remained on the farm until October, 1900, when, on account of advancing years, they removed to the beautiful home in the village of Bloomington where they reside in comfort, surrounded by friends. As has been stated, but few of the pioneers now remain who came so early as did Mr. and Mrs. Lord. They can remember nearly all of Grant county's pioneers, and recall the times when it was almost an entire wilderness, and most entertaining are their recollections of the various stages of growth and development, so wonderful and extending over so great a space of time. In his early political life, Mr. Lord voted with the Whigs, casting his first presidential ballot for Henry Clay in 1844. Since the formation of the Republican party, he has been an ardent supporter of it, and has had considerable influence. In their religious belief both Mr. and Mrs. Lord are Universalists. Mrs. Lord is the only survivor of her father's family. She is highly esteemed in Bloomington, and there she has taken a prominent part in temperance work, and is now the president of the Bloomington branch of the W. C. T. U.

MATHIAS P. RHOADES, the successful fruit grower and apiarist of Browntown, Green county, comes of a family whose names for three generations have been engraved high on their country's roll of honor, and who have consistently been on the side of progress and patriotism.

Nicholas Rhoades, his grandfather, was a native of England, but having cast his fortunes with the American Colonies, he assisted in the struggle for liberty, and became one of the trusted soldiers of the Revolutionary war, serv-

ing under Gen. Washington, and enduring the hardships of that terrible winter at Valley Forge. He was the father of five children, three daughters and two sons, the sons being John W. and Walter.

Walter Rhoades was born in 1793, in Maryland, and early moved to the West, for a time living in Ohio, and in 1826 moved to Champaign county, Ill. When the struggling Republic was called upon in 1812 to engage in a second war with the mother country, Mr. Rhoades enlisted in the army, and served as long as he was needed, and then returned to agricultural pursuits. After his removal to the West, there came Indian troubles that for Illinois, Wisconsin and vicinity culminated in the Black Hawk war, and Mr. Rhoades again gave his country his services. In 1824, just two years prior to his location in Illinois, he married Miss Mary Rhinehart, and by her became the father of ten children, as follows: Frances married James W. Boyd, of Illinois, and both are now deceased; Isaac R., married a Miss Heater, of Iowa; Elizabeth married William H. Adams, of Illinois, who now lives retired in Iowa; Eliza J. married Benjamin Aydlotte, of Iowa; Mathias P. is the next in order of birth; Nancy Ann married Jacob Winkleman, of Iowa; John W. was a soldier in the 39th Iowa V. I., and died in the Civil war; Mary E. is the wife of J. W. Adams, of Iowa; Phebe married Herman Dresser, of Duluth, Minn.; and Alfred N., of Greene county, Iowa. With the exception of Frances, all the children were born in Champaign county, Illinois.

Mathias P. Rhoades was born Sept. 22, 1838, and was early trained in all the details of farm work. His schooling was necessarily neglected to a large extent, as the schools were few and far between, and the time for attendance in such as did exist was limited, the work of clearing up a farm engrossing the entire time. In 1855 he removed with his parents to Iowa, and remained there until 1870, when they removed to Sacramento county, Cal. In 1873 he came to Green county, Wis., locating in Cadiz township. During the Civil war Mr. Rhoades enlisted in 1862 in his country's service, becoming a member of Co. H, 71st Ill. V. I., and was mustered out at the expiration of his term of enlistment. When he returned from the war he took up his former work, that of farm-

ing, and then engaged to some extent in milling. He now devotes himself largely to fruit growing and to his apiary; in the latter he runs from sixty to eighty hives a season, which net him about \$300 per year. He has been very successful in his undertakings, and at this time owns a fine two-story dwelling and seven acres of ground, as well as having considerable personal property.

On March 4, 1863, Mr. Rhoades was wedded to Miss Julia Trickle, who was born Nov. 24, 1845, one of the eleven children of Ashford and Jane (Morton) Trickle, pioneer settlers of Green county. Ten children have been born of this marriage, all of whom are yet living: Phebe, born April 5, 1865, married Louis Brown, of Greene county, Iowa; Orpha, born April 10, 1869, married Peter Frysley, of Green county, Wis.; Oren A., born March 20, 1871, at home, married Merta Sisson; Byron, born Jan. 29, 1873, married Gusta Budkey, of Merrilan, Wis.; Alice, born March 5, 1875, is the wife of James Faubel, of Green county; Oliver P., born Aug. 24, 1877, at home; Elmer, born Jan. 9, 1880, Effie, born Nov. 17, 1882, Mertie, born Feb. 17, 1884, and Walter, born June 3, 1887, are all at home.

Politically Mr. Rhoades is a Populist, and in religious belief has greater faith in charity, honesty and upright living than in any denomination or creed. He has striven to do his duty to his country and his fellowmen, and merits the high place he holds in the estimation of men.

CRAWFORD BROTHERS, publishers of the *Iowa County Democrat*, at Mineral Point, have been identified with that journal for over thirty years, and have made it one of the most popular and influential newspapers in southwestern Wisconsin. Its publication was begun in 1866, by John Herron and William H. Peck, and it has been under the present management since 1877. Both gentlemen are familiar with the printer's art in all its branches, and their plant, which is operated by steam power, includes a first-class job department. They are also journalists and business men of ability, and under their conduct the *Democrat* has been conspicuous for its consistent attitude in support of a low tariff, and its liberal and patriotic policy on all public questions has caused it to keep in touch with the most progressive and popular sentiments.

In recent years it has been distinguished for its decided stand in support of the gold standard.

GEORGE CRAWFORD, the senior member of the firm, was born near Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, Ireland, April 29, 1849, and the next year was brought to this country by his parents, Michael and Catherine (Tubman) Crawford. The family settled in Lafayette county, Wis., but in 1866 located in Mineral Point, where Michael Crawford filled various public positions, including that of city assessor. He died in 1891, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife died about two years earlier, at the age of seventy years. When he was eighteen years old George Crawford began to learn the printer's trade in the office with which he has ever since been connected. The paper was then known as the *National Democrat*, published by Herron & Peck. In 1874 he became a partner in the concern, and three years later the present firm was formed, and the name by which it has since been known adopted. In addition to his private affairs Mr. Crawford has found time to discharge various public trusts, including those of superintendent of the city schools, and member of the city council. During President Cleveland's first administration he was appointed postmaster and filled that office for four years.

On Sept. 9, 1873, George Crawford was married to Miss Mary White, daughter of James and Margaret White, of Darlington, Wis. Their union has been blessed with four children: Blair, George W., Harry T. and James J. The family are communicants of the Episcopal Church, and fraternally Mr. Crawford is identified with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias.

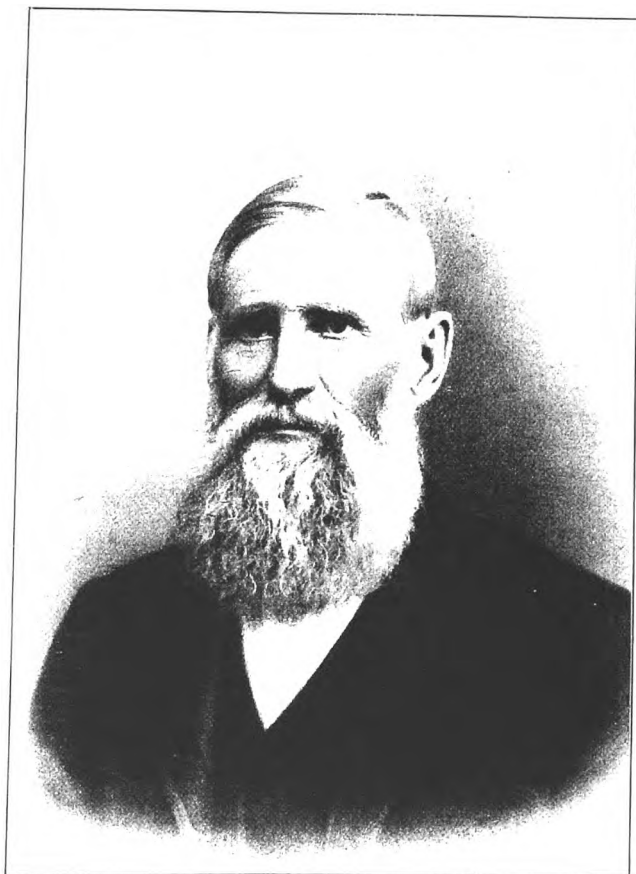
HON. ROBERT M. CRAWFORD, junior member of the firm, was born in Lafayette county, Wis., June 7, 1854. He entered the office of the *Democrat* at the age of fourteen years, and became one of the proprietors in 1877. His activity and independent public spirit won popular approval, and in 1890 he was elected a member of the Assembly, for the eastern district of Iowa county. He was appointed chairman of the committee on Claims, and gave close attention to the interests of his constituents during the legislative session. Under the second Cleveland administration he served as postmaster at Mineral Point.

In 1880 Robert M. Crawford was married

to Miss Martha Goldsworthy, daughter of Abram and Mary (Jenkin) Goldsworthy, early settlers of Mineral Point. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are the parents of two sons, Robert S. and Willard G., the former of whom is a student at the University of Wisconsin, at Madison. The family are members of the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Crawford is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

JAMES LINDSAY, a respected and honored resident of Cuba City, Grant county, was born in Scotland, Aug. 28, 1828, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Lindsay, who were residents of Scotland until 1853, when they came to Wisconsin and made their home with their son, our subject, the mother dying in 1861, the father surviving until 1876. The parents were both members of the Free Church of Scotland, and were pious, worthy people. Their children have passed away with the exception of our subject and one sister, Elizabeth, now Mrs. Elizabeth M. Naughton, of Lafayette county. Of the others, Alexander came with our subject to America, married, and died in Lafayette county, Wis., in January, 1900, leaving five living children—Alexander (of Lafayette county), Agnes J. (on the old Lafayette farm), Andrew (of Iowa), James (of Iowa) and Margaret (wife of James Mace, of Iowa); Andrew died in Canada, leaving four children, all residents of the Dominion; Margaret married James Meiklejohn and settled in Canada, where she died, leaving a family; Janet died in Oregon, widow of Peter Liddle, of that State; John, born in Scotland, came to America after marriage, and settled at New Diggings, Lafayette county, both he and his wife dying there, leaving two children, Andrew and Agnes, who live on the old home; the rest of the family passed away in infancy.

James Lindsay came from a country where a good education is valued above riches, and he was given every advantage in the free schools of a land that has sent into the world some of the most scholarly men it has ever known. While still a young man he learned the trade of mason, under his father, working at the same some few years after coming to America. In the spring of 1852 he crossed the ocean in a sailing-vessel, making his objective point the State of Wisconsin. In 1856 he married Miss Isabel Miller, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Miller, who were settlers



*James Lindsay*



in Lafayette county in 1853. Mrs. Lindsay was a native of Scotland, born there in December, 1835, and was well educated. Two of her brothers live in Iowa and two in Wisconsin.

After marriage our subject settled on a farm of 200 acres in Benton township, and there during the course of his residence erected a comfortable dwelling, barns and outbuildings, making it one of the best farms in Lafayette county, although Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay began very modestly. Industry and economy unceasing were at first required, but both possessed strict integrity and Scotch perseverance, and they can now enjoy the results of a competency honestly earned. The family remained on the farm until 1895, when Mr. Lindsay purchased a commodious residence in Cuba City, where he and his wife live retired, enjoying every comfort in their advancing age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay were born children as follows: Elizabeth, born in 1856, married Charles Eustice, and died in Lafayette county, leaving two children, Albert and Russell, who now live with our subject and wife, and are attending the Cuba schools; Isabella married Charles McFarland, of Cuba City, where they reside, with one daughter, Lila; William G. married Mary A. Harker, and lives on the old homestead in Lafayette county, with one son, Everett; Jane married Albert Harker, and resides in Lafayette county, with two sons, Lindsay and Wilbur; Mamie, born in Lafayette county, married Martin Row, lives in Cuba City, and has one son, Elmer; Campbell and Mary died in infancy.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay are consistent and valued members of the M. E. Church, which it has been his pleasure to support, and in that faith they have endeavored to bring up their children. Although never aspiring to any office, our subject has been an active and ardent member of the Republican party.

JESSE BROOKS, or "Squire" Brooks, as he is familiarly known, in Bloomington, has been a resident of Grant county since 1849. Mr. Brooks was born in Norwich, N. Y., in 1830, a son of Socrates and Lucena Brooks, the former of whom was a native of Massachusetts, and the latter of Connecticut.

When Mr. Brooks first came to Grant county he located in Beetown, and there engaged in teaching, and for seven years was one

of the leading instructors of the county. In 1864 he became a resident of Bloomington, and immediately entered into the business of collecting agent and conveyancer, and since that time has followed the same, his business now requiring the assistance of his son, Ernest. For thirty years he has been a justice of the peace. Real estate has been extensively handled, and the firm of Brooks & Son is well and favorably known throughout the county.

In 1855 Mr. Brooks was married, at Beetown, to Miss Josephine Hayden, a native of Maine, and their children are: Herbert, proprietor of a hotel at Niellsville, Wis.; Mina B., a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, and now the widow of Dr. Glasier, of Bloomington; Daisy, the widow of Dr. M. D. Brown, and now a resident of Bloomington; Ernest, a member of the firm of Jesse Brooks & Son; Dr. Everett H., a graduate of Hahnemann College, now in practice in Bloomington; and Lavern, a student in Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Mr. Brooks has always taken a commendable interest in the progress and growth of his town and county. Especially is he prominent in the order of Odd Fellows, being a charter member of the lodge in Bloomington, in which he has passed all the chairs and has also taken the Encampment degrees. In his political affiliations he is an active Republican; for twenty-one years he was town clerk of Bloomington township, and is now serving a third term as assessor. His business has made him well acquainted with all classes of citizens, and the esteem in which he is held places him in the front rank of representative men of this locality.

ISRAEL PHILLIPS. That the traveler through the great and productive State of Wisconsin, in 1900, should be willing to declare that here, indeed, must be located the garden spot of the United States, is not wonderful, but that the men who came to the wilderness in 1846 should have possessed foresight to see the possibilities of the country may be considered remarkable.

Among those who proved their faith was Israel Phillips, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Phillips was born in Grafton, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., on Sept. 15, 1820, a son of Benjamin and Phœbe (Smith) Phillips, both of whom were natives of the State of New York, where



they were parents of eleven children, six sons and five daughters, our honored subject being now the only survivor. The paternal grandfather, John Phillips, was a native farmer of New York, of English stock, lived to an advanced age, and left a large family of children. The maternal grandfather was Elkaney Smith, also of New York, of English ancestors, and engaged in farming until old age retired him. Benjamin Phillips was a native of New York, where the family was well known, and died there when about forty-seven, his wife surviving until a number of years later, when she passed away in western New York.

Israel Phillips, of whom we write, was born and reared amidst the old farming lands of his native State, attended the excellent schools provided, and grew to manhood surrounded by the comforts of civilization. After leaving school he spent three years in Vermont, and in the fall of 1845 married Miss Lydia S. Hill, of that State, and two children were born of this union: Charles, who married Miss Elizabeth Gehr, and had two sons.—William Israel and Charles Elmer, dying on March 17, 1878, his widow living until 1892; and Marcella, who married Henry Kelley, and died in 1889, at the age of thirty-two.

After marriage Mr. Phillips settled in Wisconsin, in the spring of 1846, taking up 240 acres of government land in Albany township, Green county, buying the land from the government for \$1.25 per acre. He has improved it until it is desirable in every way, and by additional purchases now owns 360 productive and cultivated acres of land, where he found only a wilderness. Mr. Phillips is a stanch Republican and has been active in the ranks of his party. For twenty years he was chairman of the county board of supervisors, and for twenty-nine was chairman of the town board of Albany. For twenty years he has been connected with the Masonic fraternity, where he is highly esteemed. During the long years of his residence in Green county he has lived an honest, upright life, and he is appropriately styled a representative old settler and prominent citizen of Albany township.

EDWARD DALE BAKER, a prominent farmer of Edmund, Iowa county, was born March 22, 1847, on the farm where he now resides, a farm that has been the birthplace of seventeen members of the Baker family. He

is a son of John U. and Elizabeth (Dale) Baker, the former of whom was born near the line between Cornwall and Devonshire, England.

About 1836 John U. Baker came to the United States, and lived in Pennsylvania and New York until 1838, when he drove a team from Canandaigua, N. Y., to Iowa county, Wis. He learned the smelting business in a furnace near Centerville, and later became foreman of a furnace at Platteville. In 1842 he bought wild land in the present town of Linden, which he began to improve, making his home on section 21, the location of the present home of our subject. He added to his possessions until he became the owner of about five hundred acres of fine farm land, highly improved. He engaged in mining for some years, but since 1876 has made his home in Madison. Although reared in the Episcopal faith, he has been a member of the Methodist Church for many years and active in its work. His wife, Elizabeth Dale, was born near Helston, England, a daughter of Edward Dale, who came to Wisconsin and engaged in farming, his death occurring in Racine county. Mrs. Elizabeth (Dale) Baker died Dec. 25, 1899, at the age of seventy-five years. She was the mother of twelve children, of whom ten are living: Edward D.; John T., of Duluth, Minn.; Elizabeth, wife of John Osborn, of Scranton, Iowa; Anna, wife of Albert Watkins, of Lincoln, Neb.; Joseph U., of Carleton, Neb.; Nicholas D., of Madison; Osmon C., of Scranton, Iowa; Alma, who married S. W. Truesdale, and died at La Crosse, Wis.; Thomas Clarkson, deceased in infancy; Clara, who married W. H. Flett, of Merrill, Wis.; Carrie B., wife of George Oakes, of New Richmond, Wis.; and Lilly, who married Noble Warner, of Madison.

Edward D. Baker attended the public schools and spent some time in the Platteville Normal. In the fall of 1878 he went to Dane county, Wis., where he lived on a farm until 1895, when he returned to Iowa county, and bought 297 acres of the old homestead, most of it being under cultivation. He pays especial attention to the raising of Poland China swine and other live stock. The village of Edmund, which lies adjacent to his farm, was named for his uncle, Edmund Baker.

On Oct. 5, 1876, Mr. Baker was married to Miss Lida Ellsworth, who was born in

Oregon, Dane Co., Wis., daughter of John and Eliza Ann (Green) Ellsworth, of Mifflin township. To this union have come the following children: John Ellsworth, a student in the Northwestern Dental College, Chicago; Lillian Dale, a teacher in Iowa county; Rachel Della, a student in the Platteville Normal School; Osmon Dale, a student in the Cobb High School; Genevieve, at home; and Lida Ione and Margaret Iris, both deceased. The family are connected with the Methodist Church of Edmund, which John Baker helped to build, and in which he often served as a local minister; he donated a site for the first church and cemetery. Our subject is at present serving as a trustee and as Sunday-school superintendent. Socially Mr. Baker is a member of Oregon Lodge, F. & A. M., and his daughter Lillian is affiliated with the O. E. S. at Platteville. Mr. Baker also belongs to the A. O. U. W. In politics he is a Democrat, and sometimes votes for the Prohibition candidates, and has filled a number of township offices.

John Ellsworth, father of Mrs. Baker, was born in Penn Yan, N. Y., and came to Wisconsin in 1846 settling in Dane county, and now lives in Mifflin township. His mother, Amanda (Babcock) Ellsworth, was born in Vermont, near Lake Champlain, a daughter of Sherman Babcock, a soldier in the Continental army, who witnessed the inauguration of President Washington; he was of Scotch-Irish lineage. Kellogg Babcock, a brother of Mrs. Ellsworth, attained the advanced age of ninety-three years, and passed away at the home of his nephew in Iowa county, Wis.; his wife, Letitia Van Buren, was a cousin of President Martin Van Buren. The home of Mrs. Eliza Ann (Green) Ellsworth had been in Naples, N. Y. To John Ellsworth and wife were born the following children: Amanda, who became Mrs. David, of Utica, Montana; Henry G., of Barron, Wis.; John M., of Livingston, Wis.; Lida, Mrs. Baker; Mary, wife of W. S. Packard, of Paoli, Dane Co., Wis.; Reuben, of Livingston, Wis.; Elmer E., of Livingston, Wis.; and Rachel, wife of M. Preston, of Rewey, Wisconsin.

LARS O. GROVE (deceased) was a resident of Jordan township, Green county, for almost forty years, and, at the time of his death, one of the thrifty and successful farmer

citizens of his locality, where in his useful and industrious life he won the good-will and esteem of all, and they were many who knew him.

Mr. Grove was a native of Norway, born Jan. 15, 1853, in Vossevangen, where his parents, Ole and Sarah (Fenne) Grove, were also born. The family came to America in 1858, and settled on a farm in section 33, Jordan township, Green Co., Wis. Our subject was the only child. He was reared and educated in his Wisconsin home, and followed farming all his life, by good management and persevering labor securing the fine farm which his widow still occupies, a tract of 180 acres, well improved, under a fine state of cultivation. He passed away May 18, 1898. Mr. Grove was a member of the Lutheran Church near his home, of which he was a trustee for some years. In political sentiment he was a Republican.

On Feb. 16, 1875, Mr. Grove married Miss Caroline Olson, of Jordan township, who was born in Lafayette county, Wis., April 5, 1855, daughter of Rollin Olson, who is mentioned elsewhere. Mrs. Grove was reared in this locality, received a good education, and taught school prior to her marriage. She is a woman of marked ability, which has been exercised to good effect in the management of her fine property, and she contributed an article to one of the farmers' institutes, held a few years ago at Monroe, which was published in the Reports of 1897. She is no less noted for her kindness of disposition than for her strong mental qualities, and is a woman of charitable impulses. Mr. and Mrs. Grove had no children of their own, but they adopted one son, John W. L., who was born Sept. 17, 1880, in Oklahoma Territory, and was four months old when adopted by our subject and his wife. They also reared two other children: Otto Sandum, who was born Sept. 11, 1882, in Dane county, Wis.; and Magda C. Hexum, born Sept. 24, 1889, in Norway.

THOMAS DAVIES, of British Hollow, Grant county, is not only a well-known pioneer but also one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the county. His birth took place March 1, 1821, at Aberffraw, Island of Anglesea, North Wales, where he passed his boyhood. When he reached his majority, in 1842, he decided to embrace the opportunities offered

to young and ambitious men on the other side of the Atlantic ocean. Reaching America, he found his older brother, William, in Marion county, Mo., and there he remained for two years, in 1844 coming to Wisconsin.

Mr. Davies was educated in his native land, in the language of his own country, and one of the first necessities that he realized in his new home was that he must familiarize himself with the English language. This he determined to do, and accordingly went to Dubuque, Iowa, entered school, and soon after resolved that he would acquire other knowledge and embrace other advantages for culture. With this end in view he entered the Western Reserve College, in Ohio, eager, ardent and ambitious. Five busy years of mental training followed, and in 1855 he graduated with honor, and still cherishes his membership in the Phi Beta Society of his Alma Mater.

The marriage of Mr. Davies was celebrated on Sept. 12, 1859, to Miss Elizabeth Lyons, who was born in England Sept. 26, 1829, a daughter of John and Mary (Johnson) Lyons. In 1836, with her mother and sisters, she had joined her father in Potosi, and at that time was but a child of tender years, of sensitive disposition and great intellectual capacity, which, remarkable as it may appear, developed rapidly, although its environment was that of a rough mining town. As Mrs. Davies, under her pen name of "Aunt Lizzie," is so well known and admired through Grant county, a few words from the pen of one who knew well her early surroundings, will prove interesting:

"In June, 1836, the father sent for them (mother and daughters) to come to 'Snake Hollow,' as Potosi was then called. The place was then a mining point, and the father had obtained work there and had built, in anticipation of the coming of his family, a log cabin. At that time there were no churches or schools in the village, and the principal book that Aunt Lizzie had for perusal was the Bible that her mother had brought with her from the old home in England,—the Book for the mind, the conscience, the will and the life. It suits the palace and the cottage, the afflicted and the prosperous, the living and the dying. It is simple, yet grand; mysterious, yet plain; and though from God, it is nevertheless within the comprehension of a child. Her mother was the teacher, who taught her that there is a God, and to love the Bible; and thus was laid

the foundation of a Christian character that increased from childhood to womanhood, and into more advanced years. In school she was unusually bright in her studies. She was finally offered a home with Rev. A. Kent, of blessed memory, at Galena, Ill. She was at this time sixteen years of age. She graduated from the Female Seminary, at Galena, in 1848, and then engaged in teaching the Girls' department of a public school in St. Paul, Minn., where she remained one year. Returning to Potosi she taught a school at this place for two years." Here ends the interesting record, without mention of one of the greatest possessions of this most estimable and lovable lady—that of a voice of wonderful sweetness, volume and capacity. In her youthful days she taught singing for a period, and at all times through life this delightful gift has been at the service of her friends, or ready to be used to further any Christian or benevolent enterprise. Mrs. Davies has long been affectionately known as "Aunt Lizzie," this being the signature to her newspaper articles since 1889. Her literary work has been all of an elevating character and she can truly say, with another author, that she has never written a word that dying she would "wish to blot."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Davies have always devoted themselves to religious work. Mr. Davies joined the Congregational Church in Dubuque in 1848, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school at Potosi since 1855. They have a very pleasant home in British Hollow, and are honored and esteemed by all who know them.

WILLIAM BINGER (deceased), one of the noble army of pioneer settlers of Green county, was a native of Ohio, born Dec. 25, 1815, a son of John and Sarah Binger, of German and English lineage, respectively, and who were among the early settlers of the State of Ohio.

Our subject received his education in his native State, and was reared to farming pursuits. In 1846 he came with his wife and four children to Wisconsin, and purchased forty acres of wild land in Cadiz township, on which he, that same year, built a log house for himself and family, where they resided some twenty-six years. It is still standing on the old farm, and occupied by a tenant. Mr. Binger built a new house, which is still occu-

pied by his widow. He was a life-long industrious and successful farmer, and died on the old homestead in Cadiz township in 1895, leaving a fine property of 120 acres of well-improved land.

On Sept. 30, 1837, nine years before coming to Wisconsin, William Binger married Miss Susan Divan, of Coshocton county, Ohio, and to this union were born ten children—the eldest four in Ohio—viz.: Jerry, Sarah, Mary, Solomon, Lucinda, Alpheus, Hiram, Miranda, Elmyra and Melissa. Of these, Jerry resides in Wisconsin; Sarah is the deceased wife of Aaron Allen; Mary is the widow of Joseph Dale, of Cadiz township, Green county; Solomon is mentioned more fully later on; Lucinda died in childhood; Alpheus is also deceased; Hiram resides in Browntown, Wis.; Miranda is the wife of John Taylor, a farmer of Cadiz township, Green county; Elmyra is the wife of Albert Pattison, of Geneva Lake, Wis.; and Melissa is deceased. Solomon, the second son, was born in Ohio in 1845. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted, Dec. 25, 1863, in Company K, 16th Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war, having participated in over thirty battles, among them being the engagements at Nashville and Atlanta, and was with Sherman on his memorable march to the sea. He now has his home in Geneva Lake, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Susan Binger, widow of our subject, was born July 6, 1818, in Coshocton county, Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Shrake) Divan, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. They had a family of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, viz.: Emanuel (deceased), who was a prominent farmer of Cadiz township, Green county; Alpheus, who died in Ohio; Susan, widow of William Binger; Samuel, who died in Andersonville prison during the war of the Rebellion; Margaret, widow of Simon P. Lynch, late of Cadiz township, Green county (she is now now living in Monroe, Wis.); Ruth, wife of George Baker, of Licking county, Ohio; Walter, residing in Seward county, Neb.; and Lucinda, wife of Thomas Ryan, of Coshocton county, Ohio.

In politics the late Mr. Binger was originally a Whig, afterward a Republican. In matters of religion he was not a member of any church, though a sincere believer in Christianity in its broadest and purest sense. An excellent,

loyal citizen, he always took an active interest in the welfare of the community, and when he died he left behind an honored name and an enviable record of good deeds. His widow, a grand old lady of eighty-three years, still makes her home on the farm of 120 acres, in the arduous labor of clearing and improving which she so well aided her husband, and now passes the declining years of her honored life in well-earned, peaceful rest.

JOHN BYRNE, a retired miner and farmer of Cuba City, Grant county, was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, in 1824, a son of Christopher and Catherine Byrne, both also natives of Ireland, where Mrs. Byrne died. After her demise Mr. Byrne emigrated to this country, in 1849, settling at St. Rose, Smelser township, in Grant county, Wis., where he died in 1868. The following children came with the father to America: Thomas, Edward, Henry, Mary, Katie and Richard.

John Byrne, our subject, grew to manhood in Ireland, where he received a fair education. He crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel in 1846, and after landing at New York crossed the mountains, going to Pittsburg; came down the Ohio; up the Mississippi to Galena; and thence to Wisconsin, where he immediately began work in the lead mines at Hazel Green. Believing there was a better prospect in the gold fields of California, however, he worked there for two years, and then returned to Wisconsin. In 1852 he married Maggie Burn, a daughter of William and Nancy Burn, natives of Ireland, who resided in Hazel Green. Mrs. Byrne was born in Ireland, and came with her parents to Grant county. After their marriage the young people settled down to life in Hazel Green, and the young husband found employment in the lead mines. He soon after purchased 120 acres of land in Smelser township, where he engaged in farming and mining. From time to time he added to this home until he had over 300 acres, and as he had continually made improvements, this estate became one of the finest in that section. As his children grew to maturity Mr. Byrne divided his property among them, after having erected a beautiful home in Cuba City to which he retired with his wife, and they now are enjoying the comforts of life. Of the children born to these good people four died in childhood. Mary, the pride of the home, a highly

cultivated young lady, died some years ago. William, born in Smelser, married Miss Mary Farharty, and resides in Cuba City, retired; he has seven children, John, Delia, Maggie, Nellie, Bernice, S., and Cornelius. Christopher, born in Grant county, married Miss Mary Hillard, and has one daughter, Mary; he now lives in Smelser. Katie, born in Smelser, married Samuel Whaley, and resides at Benton, Lafayette county; she has one son, Eugene. Annie, born in Smelser, married Arthur Dickinson, and has one son, Joseph; they reside at White Oak, Lafayette county.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrne are devout members of the Catholic Church, to whose support they have given generously, of both money and time. Mr. Byrne was one of the founders of the church at Hazel Green, and also of that at St. Rose, where there is a fine edifice. All of his family have been reared in the faith of the church. Politically Mr. Byrne is a staunch Democrat, and has always cast his vote for the candidates of that party. He is a typical self-made man, having attained his present ease and high estate in the community through hard unremitting labor and has made his name highly honored in Grant county.

JAMES JACKSON, one of the time-honored pioneers of Green county, resides on his well-kept farm of ninety acres, located two miles northwest of the village of Browntown.

Mr. Jackson was born March 12, 1831, in Rukken, near Drammen, Norway, a son of Christopher and Camelia Jackson, who were natives of Norway, and respectable farming people. They had a family of five children: James, John, Kate, Andrew and Surn, of whom John, Kate and Surn reside in California, and Andrew is deceased. The parents emigrated to this country in 1843, first locating near Milwaukee, thence removing to Illinois, and in 1860 to Green county, settling in Jordan township on the tract of land now owned and occupied by their son James. Here they passed the rest of their days, the father dying Feb. 3, 1886, the mother March 11, 1888.

James Jackson, of whom we more particularly write, was reared on the home farm in Norway until, when he was about twelve years of age, the family came to the United States. His parents being poor, he had but little opportunity to attend school, hard work in the fields being his chief boyhood experi-

ence; but, by assiduous energy, industry, sound judgment and strict economy, he has made a success of life, and is now one of the most prominent, well-to-do farmers of his township.

On July 24, 1861, James Jackson was married to Miss Emily Evenson, of Rock county, Wis., and seven children have been born to them, three of whom are yet living. One son, Charles Edward, reached the age of twenty-nine years and eight months, dying Jan. 21, 1896. (1) Miss Eliza J. resides in Stockton, Cal. (2) Amelia was married, Dec. 2, 1897, to Andrew Anderson, of Jordan township, Green county, who is now operating his father-in-law's farm, with a bright future before him: he is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He and his wife have two children, Charles N. and James E. (3) Franklin is a dealer in farm implements and all kinds of machinery, at Browntown, Green county. He married Sophia Iverson, daughter of Iver Iverson, who was the second Norwegian to come to Green county.

Mrs. Emily (Evenson) Jackson was born in Seljur, Norway, March 17, 1842, and when one year old came to this country with her parents, Even and Margaret (Ostock) Oleson. The family located at Muskego, Wis., where the parents soon afterward died, of a fever. They had three children, of whom Anna died at Muskego prior to her parents' death; Ole died at Lake Station, Ind., in 1862; Emily was adopted by Peter Helguson and family, and spent most of her childhood near Orford, Rock Co., Wisconsin.

Mr. Jackson, our subject, in his political preferences has always been a Whig and Republican, and in religious faith is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. He is one of the very few now living who came into Green county in 1860, when that section of the State was wild and unsettled. Honorable and fair in all his dealings, he is widely known for his honesty and integrity, at the same time justly recognized as a good citizen, an excellent neighbor, a devoted husband, and a kind father.

GEORGE ELLEFSON, who resides on his farm two miles northeast of Browntown, Green county, was born in the province of Christiania, in Norway, Sept. 30, 1847, one of the twelve children of Ellef and Bertha (Peterson) Nelson, both also natives of Norway.

In 1873 they came to Green county, Wis., where the husband and father died. The widowed mother has now reached the age of eighty years, and makes her home in Iowa.

George Ellefson, whose name appears at the opening of this article, was married to Dorothy James, a native of Norway, April 15, 1876. To this union were born three sons: (1) James Edward, born in the town of Jordan, May 17, 1877, married Grace Woodle, and has one son, George R.; they live in Monroe, Wis. (2) Anton B., born Jan. 19, 1881, resides in Chicago, where he follows the carpenter trade. (3) Peter Morgan, born May 19, 1884, remains at home on the farm with his father. Mrs. Dorothy Ellefson died in 1889, and on Oct. 13, 1891, Mr. Ellefson was married to Miss Leve Knudtson, of Burnett, Wis., a native of the province of Christiania, Norway.

George Ellefson was born in a humble home, and had to make his way against the hindrances of unfriendly poverty. When he landed in America, in 1869, he had only fifty cents, and was in debt to his uncle, Ole Peterson, for his passage money to this country. After he had eaten his first meal here he had only twenty cents left in his pocket. He had a brave heart, however, and a stout arm. After paying his own passage money he earned enough to assist his parents and the other members of the family to come to America. Gradually he made his way to a competence, and now owns a fine Wisconsin farm of 115 acres, with a good dwelling house and ample outbuildings. The house in which he lives is just across the township line in Cadiz, part of his land being located in Section 35, Jordan township, and part in Section 2, Cadiz township.

Mr. Ellefson is a Republican in politics, and with his wife is associated with the Lutheran Church. One of the thoroughly honorable and upright farmers of the town, all that he has acquired has come by hard work and the most careful management. He is noted for his honesty and truthfulness, and much credit is due him for the honorable position he has acquired in his adopted land.

EDMUND W. RICHARDSON, a well-known agriculturist of Waterloo township, is one of Grant county's native sons, and a worthy representative of one of her honored old fam-

ilies, whose identification with her history dates from an early period in the development of the county.

Mr. Richardson was born in Lancaster township Dec. 17, 1847, a son of Harris and Louie Richardson, natives of New York State, who were among the pioneer settlers of Grant county, where they passed their last years. The father was twice married, and by the first union had two sons, William and Walter, the former of whom was in the Union service during the Civil war, and died soon after its close. There were five children by the second marriage, three sons and two daughters. All of the sons were among the defenders of the stars and stripes during the Rebellion, Charles being a member of the 10th Regiment and later the 50th Wis. V. I., and James, of the 2d Wisconsin Cavalry. Both served through the entire period of the war. They are both residents of Boyce Prairie.

Edmund W. Richardson was too young to enter the service at the beginning of the war, being only fourteen years of age, but in 1864, when seventeen, he enlisted in Company A, 41st Wis. V. I., and went to Memphis, Tenn., his term of service being spent there and in the vicinity. He received his discharge at Milwaukee, and then returned to his home in Grant county.

On Aug. 8, 1870, Mr. Richardson was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Chase, also a native of Grant county, and to them have been born five children: Laura, the eldest, married Charles Burnoise, and died in January, 1899, leaving five children, three of whom are now living with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson. Adelbert and Ordeska (twins), Stella and William are still living. The family is one of considerable prominence in the community, and Mr. Richardson is widely and favorably known throughout the county.

JOHN W. NICE, an honored veteran of the Civil war, is a type of the true American. Mr. Nice traces his descent from German forefathers, his grandfather having come from Germany to this country and settled in North Carolina, later removing to Ohio, in its early days; there he died. He had a family of five children, but none of that generation are now living. Two of the sons, David and William, served in the Black Hawk war. Records show

that another son, John, died in Terre Haute, Indiana.

The subject of our sketch was born in Stephenson county, Ill., Dec. 10, 1844, son of Cornelius and Olive (Satterlee) Nice. Cornelius Nice was born in 1806, near Raleigh, N. C., accompanied his parents upon their removal to Ohio, where he spent his young manhood, and there married, March 1, 1827. He removed then to Indiana, later to Illinois, and in the fall of 1856 located in Grant county, Wis., in the town of Millville. Here the mother of our subject died in 1865, living just long enough to see the safe return of her four sons from fighting their country's battles. The father continued to reside with his children until his death, in 1892. This esteemed couple were the parents of eleven children, six sons and five daughters, all of whom grew to mature years, five of the sons and two of the daughters living at the present writing.

The Nice family has an unusual record of service during the Civil war. The eldest son, Silas F., enlisted in the 25th Wis. V. I., and was discharged for disability. Later he assisted in raising a company, which became a part of the 47th Regiment, and in which he was commissioned first lieutenant of Company G. At present he is a resident of La Crosse. Another son, Daniel W. Nice, a musician, served in the 25th Regiment; he died Jan. 30, 1876. Robert Nice, now of Boscobel, served in the same regiment as his brother Silas. James and David, the remaining sons are residents of La Crosse and Wauzeka, Wis., respectively, and the surviving daughters are Mrs. Mary Potter and Mrs. Martha J. Delap, of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

John W. Nice spent his boyhood days in the town of Millville, as he was not yet twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Wisconsin. His business was that of an engineer, but he left everything to enlist, on Aug. 9, 1862, becoming a member of Company C, of what became the famous 25th Wisconsin Regiment, under the popular commander Jeremiah Rusk. They participated in the important battles and operations which made those years to be remembered, the Indian troubles under Gen. Sibley, Vicksburg, Resaca, the siege of Atlanta, and the march with Sherman to the sea, and were a part of the famous old regiment when at the close of the war it went to Washington for the grand review.

After the war Mr. Nice found his health so broken that it has been impossible for him to engage in his old calling steadily. He was married Dec. 24, 1870, to Miss Frances M. Dexter, of Boscobel, and is now surrounded by a pleasant family of four sons and two daughters: Herbert H. was born Nov. 19, 1871; Wilbur H., Sept. 24, 1873; Ned E., May 7, 1876; Lulu M., Feb. 19, 1883; Daniel, March 5, 1889; and Rena May, March 18, 1893. Ned E. served in Cuba during the late war, under Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, against whom his father fought from 1862 to 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Nice have resided for the principal part of their married life in Boscobel, where they have a pleasant home, and where he is a worthy and esteemed citizen.

**WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL.** An agricultural life seems favorable to longevity, and poets have always celebrated the peace of mind it brings and the serene and noble age to which it leads. Rock township has a number of venerable farmers whose peaceful and useful lives carry out all that has ever been said about the beauty of a career that has kept close to the soil. Among them the gentleman who is the subject of this article may be prominently mentioned. In early life he was familiar with the workshops and streets of the city, but nearly thirty years ago he wisely decided to spend his last years on the farm, and it has been a hospitable haven to him. He owns a valuable and highly cultivated farm in Section 4, Rock township, Rock county, and is generally recognized as one of the leading citizens of that part of the county.

Mr. Campbell was born in Boston, Mass., May 22, 1830, and is a son of Jeremiah and Nancy (Hawes) Campbell, natives of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, respectively. They had six sons and three daughters, six of whom are now living: Lovina, widow of Charles Gibbs, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Jeremiah R., of Jacksonville, Fla.; William H., our subject; Charles, of Boston; Sarah, wife of Eugene Millikin, of Providence, R. I.; and George, of Chelsea, Mass. Jeremiah Campbell was a sea-faring man in early life, and later kept a restaurant in Quincy Market, Boston. His last business occupation was that of a wood and coal merchant. He died in Chelsea, Mass., in 1872, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, while his wife passed away in 1875.

at the age of seventy-five. They were members of the Congregational Church, in which he was a deacon. His father, Jeremiah Campbell, was of Scottish descent, though a native of Massachusetts, and reared a large family. He was a blacksmith, and lived to be over ninety years of age. The father of Nancy Hawes, who was a native of New Hampshire, died in middle life. He also reared a large family.

William H. Campbell was reared in Boston, and received a good education in the common schools. When he reached manhood he was a painter for a time, and in 1861 he enlisted in Company D, 17th Mass. V. I., and served three years, participating in some of the bloodiest scenes of the war, among them the first battle of Bull Run and the Atlanta campaign; he was also on the coast with Butler, in the battle of Kingston, Goldsboro and others. After the war he came West to Chicago, and lived in that city about four years, working in the railroad shops of the Illinois Central and the Rock Island railroads. In 1872 he came to Rock county, Wis., and located in Rock township, buying forty acres in Section 9, where he lived until 1897. That year he removed to his present home in Section 4, and is now the owner of a farm of 280 acres, as desirable a tract of land as may be found anywhere in the Northwest.

On Jan. 31, 1866, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Murray, who was born Aug. 15, 1836. They have had two children: George, born Oct. 3, 1867; and William H., born Jan. 22, 1869. On June 22, 1897, George married Theresa McClune, who was born Feb. 15, 1866, and they have had two children—Etta May (deceased) and Alice Elizabeth (born May 27, 1900). William is unmarried, and with his brother is engaged in the cultivation of the home farm. Mr. Campbell belongs to W. H. Sargent Post, No. 20, G. A. R. He is a Republican in politics. All his life he has been an active and pushing business man, and since he came to the farm he has devoted much time to stock raising, directing his attention largely to Durham cattle.

Mrs. Campbell came to this country from her native land, Ireland, when quite a young girl, and found a home in Boston, where she lived a number of years, and where she married. She is a member of the Catholic Church. Her parents, Michael and Elizabeth (Murfhey)

Murray, had three children: Martin (deceased), Elizabeth (Mrs. Campbell), and John (of Ireland).

SAMUEL BINGER, the owner of a highly improved eighty-acre farm one and one-half miles southwest of Browntown, Green county, was born May 5, 1850, a son of John and Mary (Markley) Binger, who were both natives of Harrison county, Ohio, of English and German origin, the former being a son of John Binger, a native of Pennsylvania, who became one of the early settlers of the State of Ohio. John Binger, the father, died when our subject was but seven years of age, leaving his widow with eight children: Elizabeth married Isaac Russell, of Carroll Co., Ohio; William, Oliver, and Mathias are deceased; Samuel; Eva and Sarah are both deceased; and John, Jr., is a farmer in Harrison Co., Ohio.

Samuel Binger remained in Ohio until he had attained to man's estate and in 1874 came to Green county, Wis., settling in the township of Cadiz, where he now owns his own land and is entirely out of debt. He began life in poverty, borrowing the money needed to purchase an ax and an iron wedge that he might earn his living as a rail splitter. He contributed his small earnings to the support of his widowed mother and when possible attended the common schools to secure between times the needed education.

Mr. Binger was married on March 28, 1875, to Miss Gryscilda Ann Michael, daughter of Benjamin and Cynthia (Billings) Michael, who were among the earliest settlers in Green county. Two children blessed this union: Gertrude, born July 18, 1878, was married on September 21, 1897, to Grant Dale, and has one daughter, Alma May, born October 15, 1899; and Ervin, born May 1, 1886. Mr. Binger was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife July 1, 1891, at the early age of thirty-five years. She was a faithful wife and mother, and her death caused a break in the little home circle that can only be repaired on that Last Day.

In politics Mr. Binger is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and for a number of years has held the office of school clerk. He is not identified with any religious body, but is a supporter of all good works, regardless of the fostering denomination.



Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Browntown, and as a citizen is most highly respected.

Grant Dale, son-in-law of Mr. Binger, was born Aug. 25, 1868, a son of Joseph and Mary (Binger) Dale, of Green county, and is one of the highly respected young farmers of Cadiz township.

**WILLIAM ROSENTHAL.** To the German empire this country is indebted for many of her most thrifty, industrious, successful and loyal citizens, among whom we are pleased to place the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Rosenthal was born in Prussia, Germany, Jan. 19, 1845, a son of Charles and Louisa (Linderman) Rosenthal, both of whom died in their native Fatherland. They had a family of seven children: Augusta, Caroline, Amelia, Elizabeth, Charles, William and one that died young.

William Rosenthal was reared and educated in Prussia, being brought up to agricultural pursuits. In 1878 he came to the United States, making his first New World home in Cadiz township, Green Co., Wis., where, although a comparatively poor man at that time, he was able to buy a small farm. In course of time, having by industry and thrift accumulated a little more capital, he exchanged this farm for his present place of 267 acres in Jordan township, previously owned by Thomas Bedford, of Cadiz township, our subject paying the difference of price in cash. This property is under good cultivation, and is provided with a commodious dwelling and barn. In the Fatherland Mr. Rosenthal served as a soldier in the army, and participated in three wars—the one with Austria, 1866; war with Denmark on account of Schleswig-Holstein, 1869; and the Franco-Prussian war, 1871.

On Jan. 1, 1868, William Rosenthal married Miss Austina Ackerman, daughter of Charles Ackerman, a native of Germany, as was also his daughter, and five children were born to them, three of whom are living: Augusta and Edward, at home; and Elizabeth, wife of James Bedford, of Cadiz township, Green county, by whom she has one son, named William, after his grandfather.

Our subject is at present engaged in general farming, including stock raising and dairying, having a herd of thirty-five milch cows. He is a self-made man in the purest sense of

the term, and is entitled to no small degree of credit for his progressiveness, perseverance and industry. In his political preferences he is a Republican, and in religious faith he is a member of the Lutheran Church.

**JAMES T. TAYLOR.** For more than fifty-one years Mr. Taylor has been a resident of Grant county, having first settled within its boundaries at Hazel Green, on April 27, 1849. He is a native of Cornwall, England, having been born in that shire on Aug. 27, 1826. His family has played an important part in the ecclesiastical and political history of his native land. Jeremy Taylor, the saintly author of "Holy Living and Holy Dying," was among its early members, and not a few of his ancestors distinguished themselves in the revolt of the common people against the encroachments of the "Crown" in the days of Charles I. For many generations the family had been devout adherents and staunch supporters of the Established Church, but tyranny subverts loyalty, and persecution promotes free thought.

The first of the family to settle in Cornwall was Richard Taylor, the grandfather of our subject. His son, Stephen H. Taylor was born in that county, and died when James was but four years old, leaving two other children, Stephen, and a daughter, who was married in England, to Joseph Mathews, and accompanied her husband to Australia. The son, Stephen, emigrated from Cornwall to Connecticut in 1848, and settled at New London. He lost his life through injuries sustained by the caving in of a bank from which a party of men whose work he was overseeing was excavating stone to be used in the erection of a church; he was buried under the falling gravel, and although extricated alive, died from the effects of the accident, and was buried at Bristol, Conn., in 1856.

Eight years after his father's death Mr. Taylor's mother married a second time, her husband being a mine overseer. Our subject learned the trade of cabinet maker, but at the solicitation of his stepfather began work in the Cornwall mines. At the age of twenty he determined to win fortune in a new field, and in December, 1846, he first placed his foot on American soil. His first employment was as copper miner at Bristol, Conn. For a time he followed the same pursuit in New Jersey, and during 1848-49 he had charge of mining

operations at Hatfield, Mass. From that point he departed, 1849, for Wisconsin, settling first at Hazel Green, Grant county. There he spent ten years; five years being devoted to mining and five to work at carpentry. Two years he passed in Lafayette county, and two more in Hazel Green, thus swelling the number of years of his residence in that township to fourteen. Mr. Taylor has a fine, musical voice, and in his younger days was a successful teacher of vocal music. In the spring of 1865 he organized a singing school at Dodgeville, and another at Mineral Point. The same year he removed his family to Linden, Iowa county, where he carried on a business as a cabinet maker until the winter of 1868. On December 1, of that year, he went, alone, to Montfort, to embark, tentatively, in business. The venture proved successful and in the autumn of 1869 he brought his family there, and in that town he has since made his home, a successful furniture dealer and funeral director. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Republican. In 1877 he was elected justice of the peace, and has so continued nearly all the time since. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

On Sept. 13, 1849, he was married, at Hazel Green, to an English maiden whom he had known in the country and county of his birth, among the hills and dales of Cornwall. Her name was Ann Wills. For more than two decades they shared each other's sorrows and joys, but on Nov. 8, 1872, she fell asleep in the glorious Christian hope of immortality. Her husband still remains a widower. Their seven children are all yet living as follows: John Wills resides at Linden, where he is editor and proprietor of the *South-Western Wisconsin*, being also a lawyer by profession; S. H. also studied law, and is a partner of Hon. John G. Clark, of Lancaster; Samuel J., one of God's afflicted ones, was born a deaf mute, but has received ten years' instruction in the institution at Delavan, is now living at home, with his father; Abby A. married Isaac G. DeWitt; Margaret J. is the wife of Thomas Kelley; Mary lives at home; and Lily J. is a teacher in the Montfort public schools.

As the reader may readily perceive, while Mr. Taylor's life has been seemingly uneventful, its story is full of interest. It is full of both instruction and encouragement for youth who, like him, must plan and complete the architecture of their own lives and fortunes.

Integrity of purpose, industry that never tired, and a fidelity that never faltered—these have been the corner stones of his success. Each day's duties faithfully performed is sometimes proof of a higher courage than is shown by the volunteer for the "forlorn hope."

JACOB GRUNENWALD, a thrifty farmer and cheese manufacturer of Jordan township, Green county, was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, May 12, 1853, and is a son of Jacob and Susan (Stoalker) Grunenwald, both also natives of Switzerland. In 1871 they came to Oshkosh, Wis., from their Swiss home, where William Grunenwald, the grandfather of Jacob, had died many years before.

Jacob Grunenwald, father of our subject, had a family of nine children, three of whom are now living: Jacob, whose name introduces this article; Katie, the wife of Chris. Perren, of Winnebago county, Wis.; and William, of Oshkosh. Jacob and Susan Grunenwald are still living in Oshkosh, where he has retired from active business life, having now reached the venerable age of seventy-nine years; she is seventy-six. In politics he is a Democrat, and both are members of the Lutheran Church.

Jacob Grunenwald, our subject proper, came to Wisconsin in 1869, when sixteen years old, and began at once to make his own way, working on a farm and in a cheese factory. On Jan. 22, 1884, he married Miss Kate Gimpler, a native of Canton Berne, and a daughter of John Gimpler, who died in the old country. To this marriage have come the following children: Jacob, born Oct. 25, 1885; William, Jan. 24, 1888; Frederick, Sept. 22, 1890; Mary, July 6, 1892; and Kate, Aug. 10, 1896. When Jacob Grunenwald landed in this country he had not a dollar in his pocket, but by the exercise of manly qualities of a rare degree he has acquired a very substantial competence. The farm on which his home is made contains 306 acres, in Sections 13 and 14, with a fine home and commodious farm buildings. On his home farm he is operating an extensive cheese factory, milking some forty cows, and making some 4,000 pounds of cheese a year. In all this he has been very successful, and his reputation as a business man, a farmer and a cheese maker is second to none in the county.

Mr. Grunenwald is a Democrat, and both he and his wife are connected with the Lutheran Church. In the town of Jordan he has

served as school director and treasurer. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., and the Germania Lodge of Masons. All that he possesses he has made by hard work, and Mr. Grunenwald is widely known as a man who gets along with his fellowmen, has no trouble with his customers, and is a good neighbor, and one of the best men of the day in all relations of home and society.

EVERETT PECK holds an undisputed place among the wealthy retired farmers of the town of Jefferson who have led honest and industrious lives, and had added materially to the wealth of Green county.

Nelson and Polly (Cole) Peck, his parents, were born and reared in Rehoboth, Bristol Co., Mass., and in 1838 migrated to Geauga county, Ohio, remaining there about fifteen years. Then coming into Wisconsin, they settled on the old home farm where Everett Peck is now living. Nelson Peck was born in 1807, and died Sept. 17, 1882. His wife died Feb. 21, 1899, aged nearly ninety-two. They were married in 1825, and their union was blessed with the following children: (1) Andros, born in 1833, married Lucinda Humphrey, and is living in Monroe, Wis. They have a family of five children, Otis C., Eugene, Willard, Hattie, and George. (2) Everett was born March 3, 1838. (3) Arthur C. is a minister of the Baptist Church. Nelson Peck was the son of Cromwell Peck, who had two brothers killed in the war of the Revolution. The Peck family is one of the oldest in New England, and its first representatives landed on the shores of America nearly three hundred years ago, effecting settlements in Massachusetts and Vermont. Several thousand Pecks can trace their origin to the original three brothers.

Everett Peck married Miss Mary Camron Feb. 24, 1862. Mrs. Peck is the daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Hughes) Camron, of Green county, whose biography may be found in another place. Mr. and Mrs. Peck are the parents of three children: (1) Sarah Ellen, born Feb. 14, 1863, died in 1865. (2) Esther, born Dec. 20, 1865, married Levi Raymer, and is now living on the old home farm of her parents. (3) William, born July 18, 1871, married Miss Nettie Winters, of Orangeville, Ill., and is living on his father's home place.

Mr. Peck was reared on the farm, and received a common-school education. A lifelong

farmer, he followed the cultivation of the soil continuously until about four years ago, when he retired from active labor, and is now living at his ease. Starting out in very moderate circumstances, he has come to own a handsome and well-appointed farm of 317 acres, with four good dwellings and all other needed buildings. Mr. Peck cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and has acted with the Republican party continuously since that time. He has been chairman of the town board for many years, serving also on the county board. has served many years as a school director, and has held other important local offices, making a good reputation as a man of strong convictions and business capacity. A member of the Christian Church, he believes that the Bible is the only creed; for many years he has been superintendent and teacher in the Sunday-school at Polk. Mr. Peck is a well-read man, and thoroughly posted on all the topics of the times. He is generous and whole-hearted in disposition, and is known as a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father.

REUBEN C. YEOMANS, an old and prosperous tradesman of Janesville, Rock county, has long been identified with the gas, steam-fitting and plumbing interests of that city and has, by strict attention to business, industry, thrift and an accommodating disposition, acquired a comfortable fortune, and with it the respect of the public.

Mr. Yeomans was born in Otsego county, N. Y., April 10, 1849, a son of Cyrus and Harriet (Tanner) Yeomans, both native to the soil of that State. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are now living: Howard R., of Milwaukee; De Witt Ford, of Chicago; Reuben C.; and Cyrus E., of LaFarge, Vernon Co., Wis. Cyrus Yeomans, who was a farmer, came to Wisconsin in 1852, and, locating at Whitewater, bought eighty acres, following farming until the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company D, 28th Wis. V. I., and served throughout the war, from 1861 to 1865, making an enviable record, both as a soldier and a man true to his convictions. He was strictly temperate, and would neither drink nor play cards. Mr. Yeomans was with his regiment in all the battles in which it participated, notably those at Little Rock, and on the Yazoo river and Mobile Bay. He lost his health from overdoing. When the

war was over he returned to Whitewater, after several years moving to Clinton, where he lived some years. He died Feb. 14, 1896, at Elkhorn, Wis., when seventy-six years old. His wife still survives, making her home with her son DeWitt, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Yeomans were Baptists in their early life. He was a Republican politically. His father was a native of New York, of Welsh and Scottish ancestry, and was a millwright in his early life, later becoming a farmer. He died when almost eighty years old. He was in the war of 1812, and his father was in the Revolution. Schuyler Tanner, the maternal grandfather of R. C. Yeomans, was a native of New York, of German stock, was a physician, and died at the age of seventy-seven. He was a man of character and standing, and held various public positions of honor and trust. His family was a large one.

Reuben C. Yeomans was three years old when his parents brought him to Wisconsin, where his home has been continuously to the present time. He received his education at Whitewater, began his apprenticeship to the plumber's trade in 1868, and has followed that business ever since. For twenty-five years he has lived in Janesville, and has been intimately associated with its history during that important period. He lived in Milwaukee five years, and was a resident of Whitewater and Milton for a time, but his business career has been almost entirely in Janesville.

Mr. Yeomans and Miss Kittie Johnson, a daughter of William Johnson, were married April 10, 1877. They have one son, Floyd Henry, who is in the employment of Hibbard & Spencer, wholesale dealers in hardware, Chicago. Mr. Yeomans belongs to Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M.; to Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; and to Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T. He is a Republican politically, and a man of the very best standing in his home city. His comfortable and attractive home is at No. 55 South High street.

**FRANKLIN CAMRON.** a thrifty and prosperous farmer of the town of Jefferson, Green county, lives on his fertile and highly cultivated place one mile north of the village of Polk, and is known as one of the foremost farmers and stockmen of his section. Personally his standing is high, and he is widely

known as an upright man, progressive and well versed in agricultural lore, and reliable in all his business transactions.

Mr. Camron is a son of Hugh and Margaret (Hughes) Camron, both of whom were born in Virginia, of Scottish antecedents. Their parents were among the earlier settlers of the Shenandoah Valley. Hugh Camron was born in 1809, and his first wife, Leah, in 1814. To this marriage were born two sons: Alvin, now in Dakota; and George W., in Montana. While still a young man Hugh Camron moved into Ohio, and from there into Indiana. In 1838 he married Miss Margaret Hughes, and in 1848 Mr. and Mrs. Camron came to Wisconsin, where he bought the tract that is now the farm on which his son Franklin is living. Hugh and Margaret Camron were the parents of four children: Sarah, Mrs. Alonzo Griffin, lives in Illinois; Mary is the wife of Everett Peck, a retired farmer of Green county, Wis., whose biography may be found elsewhere; William died April 25, 1865, of disabilities incurred while in the United States service as a member of Company G, 31st Wis. V. I.; Franklin is our subject. Hugh Camron died in 1888, and Mrs. Camron on Feb. 7, 1890.

Franklin Camron was born Feb. 28, 1846, and was brought into Green county by his parents when he was only two years old. On Jan. 1, 1867, he married Miss Sarah E. Noll, of the town of Jefferson, daughter of William and Mary (Diffenderfer) Noll, both natives of Pennsylvania, of German origin. Mrs. Camron was born Nov. 7, 1849, in Union county, Penn., one of a family of six: Mary (deceased). William (deceased), Nathaniel, Jacob, Sarah E., and Martha. To Mr. and Mrs. Camron have been born four children: (1) Candace, born Jan. 3, 1868, married Franklin Smith, of Green county. (2) Nellie D., born in 1876, is the wife of Arthur Davis, a farmer of the town of Jefferson. (3) William, born in February, 1880, is living at home with his parents. (4) Clayton, born in 1885, is the youngest of the family, and is at school.

Mr. Camron was reared on the farm on which he is now living, and acquired his education in the public schools. In 1864 he enlisted in Company G, 31st Wis. V. I., and served in the Army of the Tennessee until he was honorably discharged, in July, 1865. He participated in the heavy fighting around At-

lanta, and marched to the sea with Gen. Sherman. Mr. Camron owns a fine farm of 220 acres, which is worth at a low valuation seventy-five dollars an acre. They live in a modern and up-to-date country home, and the entire family is respected and esteemed for sterling worth and genuine character. Mr. Camron is a strong Republican, and a liberal and enlightened citizen, of good standing with those who know him best.

DENNIS W. WEST, who owns and operates a fine farm about two miles north of Juda, Green county, is the son of the late Matthew and Sarah J. (Decker) West, natives of the town of Brant, Erie Co., New York.

Matthew West was the son of John and Avis (Bowen) West, of New York, who were the parents of ten children, all of whom lived to see their grandchildren. They were: (1) George is a retired farmer of Brodhead; his sketch may be found elsewhere. (2) Susan married Richard Sherman, supposed to have been a relative of the celebrated Sherman family. (3) Armida married Capt. Stephen Esther, and is dead. (4) Matthew, father of Dennis W., died in 1896. (5) Thomas resides in Erie county, N. Y. (6) Sarah, who married Peter Willoughby, is now dead. (7) Elizabeth married Nelson Park, of Cortland, Ill. (8) John and (9) Jonathan, twins, live in Erie county, N. Y. (10) Annis, who married James Hill, lives in Erie county, N. Y. The name West is of English origin and they are one of the old families of New England.

In 1847 Matthew West married Sarah J. Decker, a daughter of George and Laura (Churchill) Decker, of Dutchess county, N. Y., and they became the parents of four children: (1) Alfonso, born Sept. 25, 1848, resides in Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, and is a farmer. (2) Dennis W. is our subject. (3) Susan, born June 12, 1859, is the wife of D. Roderick, of the town of Decatur, Green Co., Wis. (4) One child died in infancy.

Dennis W. West was born Aug. 15, 1854, in the town of Sylvester, was reared on his father's farm, and obtained his education in the public schools. On April 7, 1875, he was married to Miss Libbie C. Hall, of Juda, a daughter of James Hall, of Green county, Wis. To this union came the following children: (1) Oceola, born Feb. 12, 1881, is a stenographer in Chicago; (2) Matthew D., born June 7,

1882, is a clerk in the store of Mr. Hall, in Juda. (3) Hazel, born Aug. 8, 1887, is living in Monroe with her grandmother. (4) Myron was born March 7, 1892. Mrs. Libbie C. West died Oct. 22, 1892, at the age of thirty-nine years, three months. On November 3, 1895, Mr. West was married to Miss Louise Weber, of Monroe, Wis., a daughter of William and Wilhelmina Weber, who were born in Prussia, and came to this country about forty-five years ago. To this marriage have been born two children: (1) Lotus, Sept. 25, 1897, and (2) Weber, March 29, 1900.

Mr. West is a Republican politically. For twenty years he has bought and sold live stock, and has a reputation for honesty and fair dealing enjoyed by few. For three years he was located in Monroe, engaged in the live stock and butchering business. In 1884 he went to Nebraska, secured a homestead farm of 160 acres, and also bought 160 acres, now owning 320 acres in Boxbutte county, Neb. The old West homestead of 132 acres has come into his possession, and there he makes his home. Mr. West owns a creamery building in Juda, where at one time he operated a creamery. He is a big-hearted, whole-souled man, and has a host of friends who respect him for his manly qualities.

FRANCIS O. BINGER. Among the thrifty young farmers of Cadiz township, Green county, may be mentioned Francis O. Binger, who resides upon a highly cultivated farm of 246 acres, one mile west of Brown town.

Solomon Binger, his father, was born March 22, 1822, a son of John Binger, of German origin, and died Sept. 29, 1881. He married Harriet Lynch Oct. 17, 1847. She was born in Ohio May 30, 1829, and died April 15, 1896, the mother of eight children, six of whom yet survive: Nathaniel married Charlotte Austin, and now resides in Wood Co., Wis.; Emily married Edmond Weldon of Elburn, Ill.; Sarah is the wife of Thomas Tomlinson, a farmer of Cadiz township; Brant W. married Annie Stover and resides in Browntown; Ulysses S. G., of Nebraska, wedded Alvira Austin; and Francis O. Solomon Binger came to Wisconsin soon after his marriage and settled in Cadiz township, Green county, in 1850, and became one of the leading citizens of those early days.

Francis O. Binger was born Oct. 28, 1857, and was reared and educated in Cadiz township, which has ever since been his home. He started out in life a poor boy, and chose farming for his occupation. By his energy and economy, good judgment and natural business ability, he has won for himself a firm financial standing, and is the owner of one of the best farms in the vicinity.

On July 2, 1885, Mr. Binger was married to Miss Jennette Reinhart, who was born March 10, 1864, one of the five children in the family of William and Mary (Trickle) Reinhart, the others being: Ira, who married Rachel Dawson; Annie, wife of Edward Divan; Myron, who wedded Grace Lynch; and Lee, at home. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Binger: Achsa May, born June 6, 1888; Benjamin E., Feb. 24, 1891; Joseph, Dec. 14, 1892; Allie, April 30, 1897; and Reese, Sept. 17, 1899. While not identified with any religious denomination, Mr. Binger has always led a Christian life, and has the respect of the entire community. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and among the offices he has held may be mentioned those of school director, tax collector, judge of election, and member of the township board for several terms. He has been an officer on the school board for the last twenty-two years, which speaks volumes in itself for his interest in the progress of education.

EDWARD H. EMBERSON would be readily named by anyone familiar with the personnel of the farming community of the town of York, Green county, as a representative young farmer of that district.

Mr. Emberson was born on Section 30, town of York, three miles east of Blanchardville, Jan. 4, 1862, and is a son of Hans and Carrie Emberson, both born in Norway. They came to York in 1853, and made their home on Section 29. The husband and father was born March 13, 1832, and married for his second wife Miss Carrie Loken, of the town of Moscow, May 4, 1861. She was born in Norway, Dec. 25, 1838, and came to make her home in this country when a young girl. They have had the following family: (1) Edward H. was born in York, on the farm where he is now living; (2) Anton, born Sept. 23, 1867, lives in Blanchardville; (3) Helena, born Sept. 19, 1868, married Henry Hanson, and

has her home in the town of Argyle; (4) Joseph, born April 24, 1871, resides in the West; (5) Matilda, born Nov. 19, 1872, is the wife of Henry Gilbertson, of Webster, S. D.; (6) Emma, born June 29, 1874, is the wife of Henry Olson, of Minnesota; (7) Carrie, born March 4, 1877, married Peter Severson, of the town of York; (8) John, born Nov. 12, 1879, resides on the home farm with his father. Mrs. Emberson died at the old homestead, Nov. 12, 1897, her remains being laid to rest in the Ula Cemetery in the town of York. She belonged to the Lutheran Church, and derived much comfort from her faith. Hans Emberson served in the Union army during the Civil war, being a member of the 46th Wis. Vol. Infantry. In farming he has made a large success, and is now one of the large land owners of York.

Edward H. Emberson and Ellen S. Hanson were married March 23, 1896. She was living in the town of Moscow, and is a daughter of Alexander Hanson. To this union have come three children: (1) Harry Elmer, born March 12, 1897; (2) Olive, born April 26, 1898; (3) Casper, born March 3, 1900. Mrs. Emberson was born Sept. 4, 1875, and was reared in a family of eight children, six of whom are now living: (1) Hannah, the wife of J. O. Johnson, of the town of Argyle; (2) Henry, a farmer of Argyle; (3) Julia, the wife of Halver Anderson, of Dane county; (4) Emma is dead; (5) Carrie is dead; (6) Nora is the wife of John G. Johnson, of Iowa county; (7) Olaf, of Iowa county, unmarried; (8) Ellen S., who is already mentioned as the wife of Mr. Emberson.

Mr. Emberson is a Republican in politics, and was reared in the Lutheran Church. Quite extensively engaged in farming and stock raising, he takes much interest in dairy matters, and furnishes the milk of thirty cows to the neighboring cheese factory. In the community he is a good citizen, and is honest and square in all his dealings, and in his home is a devoted husband and kind father.

CHARLES E. PHILLIPS, a prominent and respected citizen of Browntown, Wis., was born in the town of Cadiz, Green county, Jan. 4, 1862, a son of Isaac and Eliza (Layton) Phillips, a family noted in the early history of Green county.

Isaac Phillips was born in Ohio, and Eliza

Layton, his wife, in Kentucky, and their parents were among the early settlers of the two States. Isaac Phillips came to Green county at a very early day, and bought government land very extensively. He was married in Ohio and became the father of a numerous family: (1) John married Elizabeth Weldon, and is living in Wilson county, Kansas; (2) Mary J. married John Whitehead, and is now dead; (3) William D. married Miss Mattie E. Francis, and is a teacher in a college at Northwood, Iowa; (4) Isaac and (5) Lewis are dead; (6) Albert H. married Christina Helen, and lives in Monroe; (7) Charles E.; (8) Edwin and (9) Edgar were twins. Edwin married Emma Clarno and died Jan. 30, 1901; Edgar married Agnes Mayhew and lives in Wilson county, Kansas. Isaac Phillips removed to Wilson county, Kansas, in 1872, taking with him his wife and family. Two years after his arrival in that State he died, leaving the burden of the support of the widowed wife and mother very largely on the shoulders of Charles E., who also had to care for two younger brothers.

On Feb. 8, 1886, Charles E. Phillips was married to Miss Hattie Loomis, who was born May 29, 1859, a daughter of Cornelius and Jane (Van Horn) Loomis. Her parents came to Cadiz township, Green county, about fifty years ago, and to them were born the following children: (1) Mary, the wife of Charles Brown, of the town of Cadiz; (2) Cordelia, the wife of Isaac Michaels, of Cadiz; (3) Ephraim, deceased; (4) Amelia, widow of Jesse Raymer, mention of whose life may be found on another page; (5) William, of Cadiz; (6) Henrietta; (7) Cyrus, of Cadiz (he married Eliza Michaels); (8) Hattie, wife of Charles E. Phillips, as already noted. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have two children, Earl, who was born March 9, 1887, and Ora, who was born July 22, 1891, both being bright and promising children.

Mr. Phillips followed farming in the town of Cadiz until 1900, when he sold out and removed to Browntown, where he has just completed a fine two-story residence, which cost him about \$1,500, and makes a very desirable and home-like residence. A painter and a weaver by trade, he has not worked at either of these lines for a number of years. In politics Mr. Phillips aims to vote for principle, and cares very little for party ties and obligations.

In religion he is a devoted member of the Methodist Church at Browntown. During the Spanish-American war Mr. Phillips served as a member of Co. H, First Wisconsin Infantry, and was stationed at Tampa, Fla., forming a part of the 7th Army Corps, under command of Gen. Lee. He is a man of fine character and splendid business qualities, and all his life has been energetic and hustling.

JOSEPH TRENARY, farmer, Belmont, Lafayette Co., Wisconsin.

GEORGE E. HEMSTREET, a successful young farmer of Jefferson township, is the son of R. B. and Clarinda Hemstreet, of Green county. The father was born about 1819, and died in 1890. The mother was born in 1822, and died in 1866. They were married in 1854. The Hemstreets were of Dutch extraction, and Mrs. Hemstreet's people came from France. To our subject's parents came six children: (1) Mary, born in 1856, died at the age of eleven. (2) Mattie, born in 1858, is now the wife of Byron Pierce. (3) William, born in 1859, died in childhood. (4) Ella, born in 1861, is the wife of Owen Mitchell, of Iowa. (5) George E. is our subject. (6) Florence, born in April, 1865, is the wife of Charles Lord, of Iowa. John Hemstreet, the grandfather of George E., was a native of New York, a farmer by occupation, and came to Wisconsin in 1855. From this State he went into Iowa, returning to Wisconsin, however, as the Indians were at that time quite hostile. He had a large family.

George E. Hemstreet was born March 30, 1863, and on Nov. 24, 1884, married Miss Emma Roderick, of Juda, the daughter of Henry and Mary Roderick. To this marriage have been born two children: Bessie, Oct. 5, 1889, and Mary H., June 24, 1893. Politically Mr. Hemstreet is a Republican, and he is a consistent member of the Baptist Church in Juda. The common schools have afforded him his education. He is a farmer, was reared on a farm, and now owns 250 acres of farm land, which ranks among the most desirable tracts in this section. For several years Mr. Hemstreet has been a member of the town and county boards; he has been school treasurer for seven years, and has proved himself a good citizen. He is a kind and obliging neighbor, and enjoys the esteem of many friends.

LEWIS BOYNTON, a prosperous young farmer of Jordan township, Green county, has passed his entire life there, having been born Sept. 15, 1868, on the old Boynton homestead, part of which he now owns and resides upon.

Lars L. Boynton, our subject's father, was the first Norwegian to settle in Green county, coming there in 1844, with his first wife, Cynthia (Skaug). Lars L. Boynton was born in Norway, son of Lars L. Boynton, Sr., who lived and died in that country. On first coming to this county he located in Lafayette county, where he lived for a year, and on his removal to Green county he took up government land in Jordan township, the homestead of which our subject now owns a part. Mr. Boynton became one of the leading citizens of the township, and prospered in his agricultural work, at the time of his death owning 220 acres of valuable land, well improved and provided with substantial barns and comfortable dwellings. His house was one of the first in what is known as the Jordan Valley, and was a large one-story log structure, which stood for many years. Mr. Boynton had to work some time to accumulate enough to bring him to America, and as he commenced pioneer life in this region without means, he saw many hardships in the early days, but long before his death he was in comfortable circumstances, and lived many years in the enjoyment of the competence acquired by his own industry. He passed away Sept. 30, 1899, aged eighty-five years, eleven months and eighteen days.

Mr. Boynton's first wife died about 1858. There were no children by that union. On Sept. 16, 1867, he married Miss Martha Gordee, of Jordan, and they became the parents of children as follows: Lewis is the subject of this article. Clara Amelia, born March 11, 1870, is the wife of Iver Ellingson, who is a carpenter by trade, teaches in the local public schools, and is also engaged in farming in Jordan township; they have three children, Mamie G., Lester and Florence. Emma S., born Dec. 4, 1873, is the wife of William Olson, of Jordan township, a farmer and teacher; they have two children, Raymond L. and Mabel. Mrs. Martha Boynton passed away Jan. 18, 1892. Mr. Boynton's religious connection was with the Lutheran Church, and he was a Republican in political faith.

Lewis Boynton, whose name opens this sketch, was reared in the township of his birth,

receiving his education in the public schools of the home neighborhood. He was early trained to agricultural work, and chose farming as his occupation—a choice which he has so far had no cause to regret. His farm, which consists of 110 acres of the old homestead, finely improved and cultivated, has rewarded him well for the attention which he has bestowed upon it, and he has become known as a thrifty manager and systematic worker. Mr. Boynton takes a public-spirited interest in local affairs, and has served as a member of the township board. He is much respected wherever known.

On Nov. 20, 1894, Mr. Boynton married Miss Lena Tollefson, a daughter of Botolf and Anna (Erickson) Tollefson, natives of Norway, and early settlers of Jordan township. No children have been born to them. Mrs. Boynton has two half-sisters, Julia, who lives in Sioux City, Iowa; and Gunnill, in South Dakota. Mrs. Boynton is one of a family of four, viz.: Thomas, unmarried, who resides in Jordan township; Annie, wife of Golick Golickson, of Jordan; Lena, Mrs. Boynton; and Erick, of South Dakota, who married Clara A. Olson. Mr. and Mrs. Boynton unite with the Lutheran Church of Jordan.

EDGAR S. CASLER, a retired wagon-maker and farmer, is now living in Evansville, Rock county, and enjoys the freedom from care and labor that comes alone from a wise and useful life. He is widely known throughout the northern part of this county, and has made many friends by his honest dealing and genial spirit.

Mr. Casler was born in Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1824, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Dingman) Casler, natives of New York. They were the parents of seven children, and four of this family are now living: Edgar S. is the oldest member of the family; Daniel D. is living at Seymour, Mo.; Angeline is the widow of Jacob Proper, and is living at Pierpoint, Mich.; and Sarah J. is the wife of J. Ramsey, of Lowville, N. Y. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and died in the town of Turin, Lewis Co., N. Y., about 1842, at the age of sixty-four. His widow survived his loss fifteen years, and reached the age of eighty-two. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His father, Jared Casler, was a soldier in the Revolution. He was a native of New York,



and of German descent. He was the father of five children, and lived to be ninety years old. Jared Dingman, the father of Mary mentioned above, was also a soldier in the Revolution. He was badly wounded and became totally blind, living for forty years without the light. He reached the great age of ninety years, and was the father of four sons and four daughters.

Edgar S. Casler spent his childhood and youth in Jefferson county, N. Y., where he attended the district school. He worked on the farm until he was nineteen years old, and was then apprenticed to the trade of wagonmaking, which was his occupation for thirty years. He came West in the fall of 1854, and made a location seven miles west of the young city of Janesville, Rock Co., Wis. He had a farm, and cultivated it two years, selling at the expiration of that time, and moving farther west, into the town of Porter, where he made his home some ten years. The war had raged for a year or two when Mr. Casler was carried to the front, by the flood of patriotic devotion that swept the North, as a soldier of the Union army. He enlisted in Company B, 37th Wis. V. I., and served two years, making a creditable record as a soldier. When he was mustered out he went to wagonmaking in the village of Rutland, Dane county. There he lived and worked some fifteen years, and in 1879 transferred himself, family and business to Evansville. This pleasant and beautiful island Wisconsin city has been his home to the present time. For about a year after his settlement in Evansville Mr. Casler carried the mail between that city and Edgerton, and then resumed his trade of wagonmaker. For a number of years advancing age has kept him from active business.

In 1847 Mr. Casler married Miss Zenana Damon, daughter of Noah and Betsy Damon, and they had two children, Ellen and Matilda. The mother dying in 1850, the following year Mr. Casler married Miss Theodosia Bennett, a daughter of Larry and Mary Bennett. She died March 3, 1897, at the age of sixty-five. Eight children were born to this union: Clara, Lucy, Alma, Jennie, Nellie, Ida, Henry and Ernest. The family circle is yet unbroken. Ellen married George Koehn, and lives in Chicago; they have a family of six daughters. Matilda married Richard Brigham, who died about 1880, leaving her with two sons. Clara

married F. D. Child, and lives in Bertrand, Neb.; they have a family of two girls and one boy. Lucy is Mrs. Charles E. Shannon, and lives in Edgerton. Alma and Jennie live at home, and keep house for their father. Nellie married Harley Saunders, and lives in Albion, Dane Co., Wis.; they have a family of four children. Ida married Carl Atwood, and lives in Albion. Henry is single, and lives at Bertrand, Neb. Ernest is single, and lives at home.

Mr. Casler belongs to T. L. Sutphen Post, No. 41, G. A. R., and is a man highly esteemed in his community.

SAMUEL E. HASSELL, M. D., of Lancaster, Grant county, is numbered among the older physicians of the county in years of practice, as he settled in Lancaster in 1872, and since then has been in continuous and active employment in his profession. Dr. Hassell was born in Platteville, Grant county, July 9, 1846, and is a son of the well-known and venerated pioneer clergyman, Rev. Richard Hassell, a native of Leeds, Yorkshire, England, born in 1818.

Rev. Richard Hassell was married in England to Ann Newson, and with his wife came to the United States and located in Grant county, Wis., about 1840. Here he officiated as a Congregational pastor for a number of years, and then removed to Dane county. He was one of the earliest ministers of his denomination in the State, and was a co-worker with the Rev. Samuel W. Eaton, who became pastor of the Congregational Church at Lancaster in 1847, and afterward became famous as the chaplain of the 7th Wis. V. I. in the Civil war. Rev. Mr. Hassell was active in the ministry for the long period of fifty years, but is now with his wife, who is but three months his junior, living in retirement in Seattle, Wash. They have had born to them six children—five sons and one daughter, of whom the latter died in early life. The eldest son, Stoner, was a member of the 32d Wis. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, and died soon after its close, from the effects of a wound received while in the service; Dr. Samuel E. is the second born of the sons; Kenrich, the third son, resides at Redfield, S. Dak.; Rev. Richard Burton, the fourth son, is a Congregational clergyman, and resides at Everett, on Puget Sound; Angel James, the youngest of the family, is a resident of Seattle.

Dr. Samuel E. Hassell was primarily educated in the public schools of Dane county, Wis., after quitting which he was, for three years, a student at Beloit College, and then pursued a course of study at Grinnell College, in Iowa. He began the study of medicine at Beloit, under Drs. Johnson and Taggart, in 1868, and was graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College, in Chicago, in 1872. He first practiced his profession at Jasper, Iowa, but soon decided to settle down to practice in his native county of Grant, Wis., where he has ever since been favored with a large and first-class patronage, and where he stands in the front rank of the practicing physicians of the county and State.

Dr. Hassell married Miss Ora Norwood Cox, a daughter of George H. Cox, a pioneer of Lancaster and its first postmaster, the duties of which office he assumed in January, 1838. Mr. Cox also erected some of the first buildings on the present site of Lancaster, and his family were among the most prominent of the early settlers of Grant county. To the Doctor and wife has been born one child, Edith, now the wife of Dr. W. T. Brown, of Platteville, Wis. In politics Dr. Hassell is a Republican.

OSCAR F. NOWLAN. The Nowlan family originated in Ireland, whence John Nowlan, the grandfather of Oscar F., emigrated to America, settling in Vermont, and dying in his new home while yet in middle life. Four daughters and three sons were born to him, but this narrative is concerned with only one, Thomas, the father of the distinguished and influential citizen of Janesville, Rock county, whose name is identified with so much of that city's growth and development.

Thomas Nowlan was born in Vermont, became a farmer of Broome county, N. Y., and died there in 1868, aged about fifty-eight years. His widow, whose maiden name was Sophia Enders, survived several years, dying at the age of sixty-four. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Church, and he was in politics an outspoken Abolitionist. To Thomas Nowlan and his wife five sons and two daughters were born, four of whom are yet living: Oscar F., who is the eldest; Edward, of Newark Valley, N. Y.; Sidney, whose home is at Windsor, in that State; and Mary,

who is now Mrs. Guyon, of Binghamton. Mrs. Thomas Nowlan was a daughter of John Enders, a farmer in New York, who died in early life.

Oscar F. Nowlan was born in Broome county, N. Y., Jan. 24, 1841. His boyhood was uneventful, his life alternating between work upon his father's farm and attendance at the district schools, and in 1863 he came to Wisconsin. His first year's residence in the State was spent at Milton College, and thereafter he embarked in business as a building contractor. Among the first structures which he erected were the "Central Hotel," the Methodist church, and several private residences at Waterloo, Iowa. Returning to Wisconsin in 1865, he carried on the same line of enterprise until 1897, when he received the appointment of postmaster at Janesville, which office he yet holds, and the duties of which he has discharged to the entire satisfaction of the community by reason of his ready tact, his scrupulous fidelity, and his keen, experiential insight into the needs of a growing business community. Among the many buildings in the city which he has erected under contract, and which stand as abiding monuments of his skill, may be mentioned the Rock County Insane Asylum, the Davis and Fredendall blocks, the Central and Second Ward school houses, and the Hanson Furniture Co.'s buildings. He was also a contractor for the erection of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Delavan, the poor house of Walworth county, the court house and jail at Black River Falls, the Fond du Lac court house, an addition to the State Capitol at Madison, the insane asylum at Traverse City, Mich., and the county buildings at Monroe, Wis. He also did much work in the city of Milwaukee. Since 1894, however, he has done little in the way of undertaking new business of this description.

Mr. Nowlan is a man of broad, enlightened public spirit, and his fellow citizens have repeatedly honored him and themselves by elevating him to public posts of trust. For seventeen years he was a member of the board of supervisors, and for four years he represented the Second ward of Janesville in the city council. In 1891 he was the Republican nominee for the Legislature, receiving the unanimous vote of his party in convention, but was buried in the political landslide which followed. In private life he is genial and generous, chari-

table in his estimate of his fellows, and quick to respond to deserving calls upon his purse. His naturally social temperament has led him to connect himself with several fraternal orders, and he is a member of Janesville Lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M.; Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; and Oriental Lodge, No. 5, K. of P.

On March 22, 1866, Mr. Nowlan married Jennie Marlett, daughter of Garrett Marlett and Eliza (Blood). She is a devout member of the Congregational Church. Seven children have blessed their union—Minnie, Burton F., Maud, Harry and Eloise, living; and Jennie and Nellie, deceased. Minnie is a widow, and makes her home with her parents. Burton F. married Jessie E. Merrill, and has two children, Louise M. and Hiram M. The three younger children are unmarried, and live at home. The family residence is at No. 53 Cornelia street, where Mr. Nowlan built a fine residence in 1868.

JOSEPH BUCHAN, the present popular and efficient cashier of the Benton Bank, was born in Ontario, Canada, Aug. 10, 1845, and is a son of James and Mary (Bird) Buchan. The father was born in Scotland in 1819, and the mother in England in 1824.

Robert Buchan, the grandfather of our subject, came with his family to Quebec at a very early day, and there died an old man. His six children are all dead except James, the father of Joseph, and a daughter Mary, who is unmarried and is living in Quebec.

James Buchan grew to manhood in Quebec, and was at one time an extensive land owner in Quebec and in Ontario. His wife died in 1870, leaving a family of ten children, who reached mature life. (1) Joseph; (2) William, who was married and settled in Glasgow, Missouri, is engaged in a hotel at that point. (3) James is in business in Michigan. (4) Robert resides at Steven's Point, Wis. (5) Andrew is a butcher in Minneapolis. (6) George is married and in business at Steven's Point. (7) Charity and (8) Elizabeth died in early womanhood. (9) Esther is the wife of Donald Forbes, of Ontario. (10) Fannie is the wife of Thomas Fansley, of Ontario.

Joseph Buchan was educated in the schools of Canada, where in early manhood he was engaged in lumbering with his father, also working with him in the contracting and build-

ing business. In 1865 Joseph Buchan came to New Diggings, where for some years he was interested in the lead and zinc mines, and then went into a mercantile business. This he continued in the town of Benton until 1894. That year the bank of Benton was organized, with Mr. Buchan as cashier and Judge P. A. Orton as president.

Mr. Buchan was married in 1868 to Miss Margaret Robson who was born in 1848, a daughter of Thomas and Mary A. Robson, an old and highly respected family in the town of Benton, residing here since the pioneer days.

To Mr. and Mrs. Buchan were born four children: (1) William, born in Lafayette county, was married to Miss Lillie Stephens, of Benton, and is now a successful merchant in Benton. They have one son, Luverne. (2) Laura, a bright and scholarly young lady, born in Benton, is a graduate of the State Normal at Platteville, and is a teacher in Benton. (3) Annie, born in Benton, is the wife of James W. Metcalf, city marshal of Benton, and has one son, James Lloyd. (4) Chester, born in Benton, is a student in the local schools.

Mr. Buchan purchased a piece of real estate in Benton, on which he erected a modern home, and which to-day is regarded as one of the most attractive homes in this part of the county. He has dealt largely in real estate with the most satisfactory results. He owns large tracts of land in Wisconsin, South Dakota and other States, and as his selections have been the result of long and careful study, they are proving highly remunerative.

Politically Mr. Buchan has always been identified with the Republican party, and has served as a delegate to several state conventions. He has been on the town board and has filled several local offices. Both Mr. and Mrs. Buchan are members of the Primitive Methodist Church. He belongs to the K. P. Lodge, No. 134, at Benton, and is also an Odd Fellow. Mr. Buchan came to this county with little resources, and by energy and push has accumulated a very considerable fortune. He has won a standing ground in the world, and his methods have always been open and above board. He has many friends in the town, and throughout this part of the State.

ANDREW JACKSON PALMER was one of the thousands who answered the call of the country when she was in peril, and gave

his cheerful and willing service to her through the best years of his life, and still bears marks of that struggle which the years of peace since have not effaced. He was born in Cabot, Vt., June 10, 1826, a son of Galen and Mary Palmer, the former of Scotch and the latter of German descent. The family consisted of eight children, Irving being the first of the family to leave the old home for the west. In the early settlement of Illinois Irving Palmer came, a young man, to spy out the land, returning for his parents and the two youngest children, one of whom was our subject. The home of the family in Illinois was at Grand Detour, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. Of this family but three members survive: Irving, at the age of ninety-two; Mrs. Mary Ann Peck, of Burlington, Vt., and our subject. George served with our subject in the same company and regiment during the Civil war, but died in the fall of 1898 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

On Aug. 14, 1862, Andrew Jackson Palmer enlisted in the town of Willow Springs, entering Co. B, 23d Wis. V. I. This regiment rendezvoused at Madison, where they were detained for three weeks, and then went to Covington, Ky., by way of Cincinnati. An attack by the noted Kirby Smith was expected at Covington, and a large force of the Union army was concentrated there, but no attack was made. The regiment then made a march to the Mississippi, a long and severe one of 250 miles, where it took boat for Memphis and joined the troops in the operations around Vicksburg. There a large force was organized and descended the river to the vicinity of Vicksburg, but this expedition was a total failure, and the regiment again ascended the river to the mouth of the Arkansas, and a portion of the army, including the 23d Wisconsin, ascended that river, and there followed the severe battle of Arkansas Post. Here Mr. Palmer was severely wounded in the right forearm, an ounce ball passing twice through the bones of the arm, and, remarkable as it may seem, broke neither of the bones. With about 1,200 other poor wounded soldiers, he was taken back to Memphis, where he remained for six weeks and received his discharge through the influence of Mrs. Harvey, to whom so many Wisconsin boys in blue owe their lives. Mr. Palmer had been reared on a farm, and after his return and the complete healing of his

arm he resumed agricultural labor, continuing until 1896, when he removed to the city of Darlington, Lafayette Co., where he has since resided.

On March 14, 1854, Mr. Palmer was married to Miss Catherine McCoy, who was born in Nova Scotia May 3, 1835. Her father, Duncan McCoy, was a native of Scotland, where he grew to manhood and married Barford McClellan, and emigrated to Nova Scotia, thence to Canada, and later to Lafayette county, Wis., about 1841, settling on a farm in the town of Willow Springs, where they passed their lives. Philip McCoy, brother of Mrs. Palmer, served in the 23d Wis. V. I., in the Civil war, and although his term of service lasted three years, and included participation in twenty-five battles, he was not injured, and now lives in Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Palmer six children have been born, four of whom are living: Dr. Charles, a dentist; Joseph; Mrs. Frank McConnell; Mrs. Mary Smith, of this county; Philip, deceased in infancy; and Allie, who married and died at the age of twenty-six. Mr. Palmer was a faithful soldier in the Civil war, and his wounded arm entitles him to the grateful esteem of the generation which enjoys the prosperity and peace won. In his pleasant home, where comfort surrounds him, he can pass the remainder of his days, satisfied that upon the roll of honor will ever appear his name as one who has suffered for the good of his beloved country.

CHARLES KEMP, a prosperous and highly respected farmer of the town of Bradford, Rock county, has made his way to his present comfortable position in life through hindrances that would have proved insurmountable, save to the most daring and persevering natures.

William Kemp, grandfather of Charles, was a citizen of West Kent, England, and followed the occupation of lime burner. He was the father of ten children, and died in 1830, when about seventy-five years old. William Kemp, his eldest son, was born in Bethersden, England, Nov. 30, 1785. About 1814 he married and moved to Biddenden, in the same county. He served in the militia five years, and in 1830 entered the employ of Capt. Cook Tilden Patterson, a wealthy land owner, continuing in his service until 1872. He died in July, 1874, held in the very deepest respect and es-

teem by all who knew him. Rev. W. T. Patterson, the eldest son of the family to whom his services had been so long rendered, asked and obtained permission to mingle with the family and follow to the grave the remains of the family's faithful friend. Mr. Kemp became a member of the Church of England in 1831, and for many years was an active worker in the cause of Christianity. He married Mrs. Lydia Miles, widow of John Miles, a British soldier. Her family name was Walker. She bore William Kemp four sons and five daughters, only three of whom are now living: Stephen, at Fort Atkinson, Wis., who was born Aug. 29, 1821; Charles, our subject; and Jesse, who was born April 11, 1831, and is now living at Cranbrook, County Kent, England.

Charles Kemp was born at Biddenden, England, Aug. 20, 1826. He left school when he was only nine years of age, to work on the farm at six cents per day. He continued as a farm laborer in England until 1851, and started for the United States on the day of the opening of the World's Fair at London. He landed in the city of New York, June third, and made his way to Utica in that State, reaching there with less than two dollars in his pocket. He spent some five years in that part of New York, and was married there Feb. 26, 1856. Shortly after this the young couple moved to Wisconsin, and settled in the town of Oakland, Jefferson county, where they lived four years. Mr. Kemp worked as a farm hand, and his wife also went out to do housework for the neighboring farmers' wives. In 1860 they moved into Harmony township, where Mr. Kemp rented a farm and was engaged in its cultivation two years. He was on a rented farm three years in Jefferson county, and again located in Harmony township, Rock county, and then spent four years each in La Prairie and Janesville. Harmony became his home once more, thence he moved to Johnstown, after which he bought land and settled down on his present handsome place in Bradford township. Here he has secured himself a fine farm of 220 acres, furnished with ample improvements, and thoroughly up to date in every respect. As the story of early privation is recalled, and the difficulties through which this man and his noble wife have passed, the reflection cannot be avoided that they have shown the mark of nature's nobility in the

struggle they have made, and the victory they have won.

Mrs. Charles Kemp, born Mary Goodson, is a daughter of William and Esther (Cook) Goodson, who came from England in 1828. They landed in New York where her father narrowly escaped drowning in the harbor. The husband, wife and three children—the oldest four years and the youngest six months of age—went to Utica, N. Y. Here the father left his family with one English shilling to support them for four days while he sought and found work as a farm hand, walking to Marshall, twelve miles away. He continued this work until he had sufficient means to remove his family and set up housekeeping in that town, where for seven years he was employed by a Mr. Barton. He then began work for himself by cultivating land on shares. He did well, and his employer loaned him the money with which to purchase fifty acres of land in Oneida county, N. Y. In 1856 he came west to Wisconsin, and settled in the town of Harmony, Rock county, where he had his home many years. He lived subsequently in the town of Footville, in the same county, making his home for twenty years with his two daughters, and died in Janesville at the age of eighty-eight. His wife died Sept. 22, 1873, when seventy-two years old. They were honest and industrious people, and are highly spoken of by those who knew them in pioneer times.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kemp are the parents of eight children. Josephine, Henry Thomas, Henrietta, Esther, Emory William, Philo H., Zada and Charles I. Henrietta died when a young child. Emory is married and is engaged in farming in the town of Harmony; he has two children. Josephine married William Lamb, a farmer in the town of Johnstown, and has one daughter, Marietta. Philo H. married Miss Susan Jones, and lives in the town of Bradford, where he follows blacksmithing. Zada married C. H. Hackwell, a farmer in the town of Bradford. Charles Kemp belongs to the Methodist Church, of which he and his family are old-time supporters.

CHARLES LEE, a successful and much respected miner of the town of Benton, Lafayette county, was born in County Cavan,

Ireland, in 1835, and is a son of John and Margaret (Carty) Lee, both natives of this same County Cavan, where they were married. In 1849 they emigrated to America, crossing the ocean in a sailing-vessel, landing in New Orleans. There John Lee was stricken with cholera, and died, leaving a widow and their seven children alone in a strange country. After burying the husband and father, the mother brought her family up the river to Galena, Ill., and then located at Benton, Wis., commencing life in a new country with a houseful of small children; she passed away about twenty years ago. Her children were: (1) Mary, the wife of Patrick Karl, lives in Minnesota. (2) Margaret, unmarried, lives in Denver, Colo. (3) Catherine died in New Orleans at the time of her father's death. (4) Annie, the wife of James Corcoran (deceased), of Aurora, Ill., and the mother of one daughter, Margaret. (5) John, born in Ireland, was reared in Benton, and enlisted in the regular army, serving three years, and when last heard from was connected with a railroad in Illinois. (6) Bernard died in Benton when a young man. (7) Charles.

Charles Lee had just begun attending the local school when his parents decided to come to America. After the family reached Benton, Wis., he worked in the old American hotel at Galena, Ill., and his wages were added to the family funds. When a little older he became a miner, and was working in that capacity when the war broke out. In August, 1862, Mr. Lee enlisted as a member of Company C, 33d Wis. V. I., under the command of Col. J. B. Moore, and Captain Gurley. The regiment was sent to Memphis, and engaged the rebel forces of General Price on many different fields of battle. In the spring of 1863 it was a part of the invading army thrown around Vicksburg. At Haines Bluff it was in battle with the army of General Hood, and after him with General Forest. The regiment was part of the command of General Banks, on the Red River, and was then sent to Mobile, where it was marched through the State of Alabama. Mr. Lee was steadily with his regiment until the close of the war, with the exception of necessary but short absence caused by a wound received from a minie ball at Vicksburg. He was mustered out at Vicksburg in August, 1865, and formally discharged at

Madison, where the entire regiment was highly complimented by the Governor of the State for faithful service during their long term of duty. Mr. Lee at once resumed his mining work at Benton, and closely followed it until 1879, when he took up a farm in Lincoln county, Kansas, where he remained eight years, securing title to a quarter-section of valuable land. This he sold at a very satisfactory figure, and came back to Wisconsin again to take up a miner's life in Benton. This he has continued to the present time, with much success.

In July, 1893, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Mary McGuire, of Lafayette county, the daughter of James and Fannie McGuire, pioneer people of the county. They were born in Ireland, and came to the town of Benton as early as 1849, where they spent their lives. Mrs. Lee was born in Lafayette county, and is the only member of her family now living. They have one daughter, Margaret E., who was born Sept. 7, 1896. In 1896 Mr. Lee put up his present home, which is one of the modern and attractive residences of the town. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lee are members of the Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Lee has always been identified with the Republican party, and has served on the village board. Mr. Lee began life as a poor boy, giving his small wages to his mother for the common good of the family. As a soldier he made an enviable reputation; and as a citizen he is respected for his honest worth and manly character. His home is a model of beauty, and is the result of his work and management.

CHARLES OLIVER, a well-established real-estate dealer and tradesman of Beloit, Rock county, conducts a wholesale cigar business in that city, manufactures his own goods, and has a continually increasing patronage, not only because of the excellent grade of his goods, but also because of his genial manner and courteous treatment of all with whom he comes in contact.

Mr. Oliver was born in Beloit Feb. 23, 1859, a son of Washington and Louisa (Mayo) Oliver, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and reared in Ohio. The mother was born in Maine, and died in Beloit May 16, 1900. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom are now living: Nora;

Addie; Charles; Stephen, of South Dakota; Benjamin A., local manager of the Beloit Telephone Co.; George, of Beloit; Laura, wife of Truman S. Morgan, of Pittsburg, Penn.; Minnie, wife of E. R. Newton, of Beloit; and Gertrude. Washington Oliver, who was a carpenter and contractor, came West to Beloit in 1847, and here he has followed his trade many years, and is well known as an honest and reliable man. For the past ten years he has not been actively engaged in business, the infirmities of advancing age compelling him to relinquish many pursuits to which he has been enthusiastically devoted all his life. He has lived an active out-of-door life, and it is not easy for him to give it up. In religion he is a Methodist, as was also his wife. His father, Stephen Oliver, was born in Pennsylvania, of Irish parents, and was a sea captain. In middle life he left the ocean, and went into trade as a merchant. He turned to contracting, and when quite advanced in years became a gold miner, crossing the plains twice to California, in 1849 and in 1852. On the second trip he was killed by the Indians. He was a man of prominence in the East, having held several important offices in Madison and Cleveland, Ohio. His family consisted of eight children. The maternal grandfather of Charles Oliver, Jacob Mayo, was a native of Maine, and a fisherman on the coast. He came to Beloit when the country was very new, and lived there some years, making numerous trips to the North, where he worked in the lumber woods. He became a trader with the Indians, and was prospering when he met an untimely death in middle life, freezing to death while on a trading expedition into the northern part of the State. He had a large family. One of his sons, Alfred H. Mayo, went to Alaska in 1872, with a partner, Jack McQuestion, and they have been in business there until the present time. Mr. Mayo is now in Beloit, on a visit, and will return to Alaska in the spring, 1901. He was one of the three men who opened up the gold field of that country.

Charles Oliver was born and reared in Beloit, and that city has always been his home. He attended the public schools until he was fourteen, when he began to learn the trade of a cigar maker. For about eight years Mr. Oliver was a journeyman cigar maker, until he started in business for himself, in which he has been so successful that he now employs

usually about eleven hands, and, in case of a "rush," has called for considerable additional help. Our subject is also engaged in the real-estate and renting business, buying and selling city property, renting business blocks and dwellings, and is himself the owner of a business block in Beloit.

The marriage of Charles Oliver and Miss Kate Flint was celebrated Sept. 2, 1885, and two daughters were born of this union, Grace L. and Flossie May. Mrs. Oliver, who was a daughter of Perry and Abbie Flint, died March 12, 1890, and is remembered as a loving wife and a kind and faithful mother. The family live at 783 Brook street. Mr. Oliver is a member of Morning Star Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M., the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Fraternal Alliance. Politically he is a Democrat.

JOSEPH M. BURTON, although but newly located in Cassville township, Grant county, is well known in this locality, and is now cultivating a fine farm of 160 acres. During the war of the Rebellion he served his country bravely, and he is now an honored member of the G. A. R. post at Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Joseph M. Burton was born Feb. 14, 1843, in Vermont, a son of Ben and Nancy (Peck) Burton, also natives of Vermont, who came when our subject was but a year old to Bloomington township, took up government land, which they improved, and always followed farming as an occupation. The father died during the war, but the mother survived him and resided until her death, in 1876, on the old homestead. They were the parents of the following children: James R., enlisted at Bloomington, in 1862, in the 33d Wis. V. I., now resides in Glen Haven; William, who resides at Battle Creek, Iowa; Margaret, now Mrs. Handy, of Mt. Hope; Jane E. died in Bloomington township; Jacob lives in California; Frank also resides in California; and Joseph M.

Joseph M. Burton was reared and educated in Bloomington township, and always followed farming as a calling. In 1863, at the call of duty, he enlisted in Grant county, town of Bloomington, in Company D, 33d Wis. V. I., for three years, being mustered into service at Madison, and assigned to the 16th Army Corps, participating in the battles

of Nashville, Montgomery, Kenesaw Mountain and Spanish Fort. During his term of service Mr. Burton received an injury from a piece of shell, from which he has never fully recovered, and he was honorably discharged in 1866, and returned to Bloomington township.

Mr. Burton was married to Miss Jane Weeks, who was born in Bloomington township, daughter of James and Martha Weeks, pioneers of Glen Haven, both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Burton five children have been born: George L., born Oct. 4, 1865, died Aug. 15, 1891; Luella, born Jan. 5, 1868, married Mr. F. Read, of Beetown; Elmira, born Nov. 19, 1872, married Mr. Mayne, of Beetown; Cora, born May 1, 1874, married David Peacore, and resides in Dallas, Barron Co., Wis.; and Leslie, born Jan. 1, 1879, is at home, caring for his father and mother. In politics Mr. Burton, the father of these children, is a staunch Republican.

CHESTER L. TUTTLE, a popular liveryman at Clinton, Rock county, is a native of that county, the son and the grandson of its early pioneers. The grandfather, Chauncey Tuttle, was a native of New York State, of Holland Dutch descent. He was a farmer by occupation, and in 1837 migrated to Rock county. He was for many years a deacon in the Baptist Church, reared a large family, and died at Beloit, at the age of seventy-five years.

George M. Tuttle, the father of our subject, was a boy when, in 1837, he was brought to Wisconsin by his parents, and introduced to the wild life of a pioneer home in Turtle township, Rock county. There he grew to manhood and adopted farming as his vocation. He married Miss Lydia Hallock, a native of Canada, daughter of Richard Hallock, a farmer, who died in middle life while crossing the Isthmus of Panama on his way to California, leaving two children by each of his two marriages.

Soon after his marriage George M. Tuttle removed to Minnesota, where he lived two years. Moving to Durand, Wis., he then lived for nine years in Buffalo county, from which he removed to the southern part of the State and lived on his farm of 220 acres in Winnebago county, Ill., near the Wisconsin State line, until, in 1887, he settled at Beloit, his present residence. He was a soldier during

the Civil war, serving one year, from 1864 to 1865. Mrs. Tuttle, the wife and mother, died, aged fifty-two years. She was a devout Methodist, of which church her surviving husband is a member. To George M. and Lydia (Hallock) Tuttle were born five children, namely: Chester L., our subject; William F., of Roscoe, Ill.; Eugene, also of Roscoe; Rev. Charles A., a Methodist minister, now located near Fond du Lac, Wis.; and Lillian, who died aged three years.

Chester L. Tuttle was born in Turtle township, Rock county, July 10, 1851, and except for thirteen years has lived in that county. He was reared on a farm and received his education in the district schools and in the public schools of Beloit. Beginning life for himself on a rented farm, he continued farming until 1898, when he purchased his present livery business at Clinton.

He married Dec. 4, 1873, Miss Sarah Reser, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Adams) Reser, and to them have been born three children, namely: Mary L., George L. and Joseph L. Mary L. is the wife of H. A. Rogers; they live in Clinton township, and have one child, Burdette. George L. and Joseph L. are at home. Mr. Tuttle is a member of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 135, F. & A. M., and of the Modern Woodmen, and, with his wife, also belongs to the Royal Neighbors. Politically he is a Republican. He has served one year as supervisor, and is one of the active, progressive and successful business men of Clinton.

RANSOM W. EDDEN, M. D., has for nearly a decade been one of the successful medical practitioners of Janesville, Rock county. His family is of English origin. His grandfather, Richard Edden, was the father of five children, and died in New York in middle life, his wife surviving him and passing away in Minnesota. Both were born in England, as was also their son Thomas H., father of our subject, who after his father's death was reared in the family of Peter Antes. The latter is still living in New York State, honored and beloved in his declining years.

Thomas H. Edden was brought to this country by his parents when he was but nine years old, and passed his early years as a farmer's boy. He served a year in Company K, 185th N. Y. V. I., and was wounded in an engagement. On Oct. 2, 1866, he married



Mary M. Ransom, of Onondaga county, N. Y., a daughter of Edward Ransom, who in about 1866 settled on a farm some three miles from Janesville, dying there at the age of sixty-four; he left two children. Thomas H. Edden after his removal to Wisconsin engaged in farming near Janesville, and yet owns a farm in the immediate neighborhood of that city, at present making his home in Janesville. He is a Methodist, and his wife a Congregationalist, but difference in creed has never parted them. They have been the parents of seven children, two sons and five daughters, four of whom are yet living, Ransom W., Ida (Mrs. Clifford Akin), Nellie and Frederick.

Dr. Edden was born Feb. 15, 1869, in Rock county. His early educational advantages were on a par with those of most farmers' sons, but a strong impulse led him to believe that his vocation was the practice of medicine, and to attain this he bent every power and faculty of his strong young manhood. Matriculating at Bennett College, Chicago, in 1888, he graduated therefrom in 1891, returning at once to Janesville to begin a career the success of which has attested at once his professional skill and his manly fidelity. Beloved and trusted by his patients, he is also esteemed and honored by his professional brethren. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Eclectic Medical Society, holds the office of treasurer in the Rock County Medical Society, and is connected with the medical staff of the Palmer Memorial Hospital, of which institution he is also treasurer. He also belongs to the Medical Library Association of Chicago. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, in political sentiment a Republican.

In February, 1898, the Doctor married Miss Lottie Ratheram, a daughter of Edward and Sarah (Blay) Ratheram, of Janesville, and in the year of his marriage bought his present home, which is situated at No. 259 South Bluff street. Mrs. Edden is a member of the Baptist Church.

**EUGENE W. VAN NORMAN.** The commercial interests of the flourishing town of Monticello, Wis., are in the hands of progressive men who vie with each other to render that place a center for Green county. Among those young men who have displayed ability and energy is Eugene W. Van Nor-

man, the subject of this sketch, who is owner and manager of the finely appointed drug store of the town.

Mr. Van Norman was born near Moscow, in Lafayette county, Wis., Oct. 20, 1874, a son of Michael F. and Katherine (Deam) Van Norman, who came to Wisconsin in the early pioneer days. Michael F. Van Norman was born in Luzerne county, Penn., Sept. 19, 1835, a son of Jacob and Mary (Parks) Van Norman, the former born on the Mohawk river, near Philadelphia, Penn., in 1802, a son of Samuel and Phebe Van Norman, natives of Holland, who came to the United States with their parents when very young, settling in Pennsylvania, and died near Scranton, Penn., the father aged ninety-five years, and the mother ninety years.

Jacob Van Norman, the grandfather of our subject, was engaged in the lumber business until forty-five years of age, when he purchased 220 acres of land in Chemung county, N. Y., where he remained until 1854. In that year he sold his land in New York and bought 320 acres in Iowa county, Wis., remaining there until his death, at the age of seventy-eight years. In his political relations he was a Democrat until the war, when he voted for Abraham Lincoln. He was a prominent man and held many local offices. Mrs. Mary (Parks) Van Norman, the grandmother of our subject, died near Sioux City, at the home of her son Jacob, when she was aged eighty-four years. She was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Joseph and Rebecca Parks, who came from Newfoundland to the United States and located first in Luzerne county, Penn., where the father died at the age of one hundred, and the mother at seventy-three. Samuel Van Norman, our subject's great-grandfather, was a soldier in the war of 1812, for which service he afterward drew a pension. The family were noted for their longevity. Jacob and Mary (Parks) Van Norman were members of the Methodist Church for many years, he being very active in church and Sunday-school work. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living, two engaged in farming, one in the ministry, and the rest, including our subject's father, in the stock business. Three of the sons were soldiers in the war of the Rebellion.

Michael F. Van Norman remained at home until twenty-one years of age, attending the

district school in winter, working his father's farm in summer, and, to gratify his ambition for learning, studying at home. He was afterward employed in teaching during winters, and attended the Evansville College, Evansville, Wis., one term. Being then in his twenty-third year, and in poor health, he went overland to Kansas, and engaged in teaming for the Pike's Peak Express Co. While there he drove four mules to a coach that hauled the famous Horace Greeley from Manhattan to Fort Riley, when on his overland trip to California. In 1860 Mr. Van Norman returned to Iowa county, Wis., rented a farm, and, as the State banks nearly all failed, and what money he had saved for this occasion was State bank currency, worth from ten to forty cents on the dollar, he was obliged to go in debt for everything he bought. He remained there until the outbreak of the war, when, in July, 1862, he joined Company E, 31st Wis. V. I., under Capt. Mason. He served until the close of hostilities, was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., and was discharged at Madison, Wis. At Atlanta, Ga., July 24, 1864, he was wounded, and remained in the hospital four days, when he obtained transportation home, and returned to his regiment about thirty days later. He was in the Division Commissary Department, and on detached service at Smoky Swamp, S. C., and marched through to Washington, by way of Richmond, with the 20th Army Corps. After the close of the war he returned home, rented a farm of 330 acres for six years, then bought 100 acres in Primrose township, Dane Co., Wis. Five years later he rented his farm, moved to Middleton, same county, and remained there about seventeen years. While there he was engaged in the stock business, owning some of the finest bred animals in the country. He was also the owner of a 215-acre farm in Middleton. He moved from this town to Milwaukee, to engage in the live stock commission business with his brother, George B. On account of his health he was obliged to leave Milwaukee, and then went on the road soliciting for the firm, making many trips to the far West every year. His family removed to Madison in 1897, where they now reside. In his political relations he has been a Republican since President Lincoln's first term, but generally votes for the best man. He is a member of the G. A. R. and the I. O. O. F. To Michael F. and Katherine (Deam)

Van Norman were born five children: Ida, who was drowned at Mt. Vernon, Wis., at the age of sixteen; Etta M., wife of H. J. Whalen, a commission merchant of Milwaukee; Eugene W., our subject; George W., who is with his uncle, George B. Van Norman, in Chicago, engaged in the live stock commission business; and Paul, who attends the Madison high school. Mrs. Katherine (Deam) Van Norman was born in Bradford county, Penn., July 31, 1837, a daughter of Henry H. and Elizabeth (Ettleman) Deam, also natives of that State, and of German descent. Mr. Deam died at the old home in Iowa county, Wis., at the age of forty-four, and his wife passed away at Plano, Ill., at the age of sixty years.

Eugene W. Van Norman was reared at Middleton, Dane county. His educational advantages were excellent, as his primary education in the common schools was supplemented by a course in high school, from which he was graduated in 1890, then entering the Wisconsin Academy, at Madison, in which institution he took a two-years course. This was followed by two years in the pharmaceutical department of the State University. In August, 1897, he came to Monticello, Green county, and bought out the drug business of E. J. Fischer, since which time he has been successfully engaged in that line. Mr. Van Norman has a neatly appointed store, carries a large stock of drugs, medicines, toilet articles, paints, and supplies usually found in the establishments of first-class druggists.

Mr. Van Norman is a member of the Green County Retail Druggists Association, also of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association. He is personally popular, and during his sojourn at the university was president of his class, and also captain of the base-ball team. In politics he is a Republican, but does not force his views on any one, being peculiarly fitted for a business life by the possession of that tact which attracts all classes. His energy and ability are recognized, and the citizens of Monticello have complete confidence in him as a pharmacist.

HIRAM L. DAVY. The rule that adversity in youth brings success in manhood, finds a fitting example in the career of Hiram L. Davy, road contractor and farmer of Milton, Rock county. The father died when Hiram was a child, shortly after the family

had moved to Rock county from Canada. The widow and her young children then settled in Milton, and there, through sturdy effort, the boys grew to lives of usefulness and influence.

Our subject was born in Canada Feb. 7, 1858, son of Thaddeus Lewis and Charlotte (Adams) Davy, both natives of Canada. The paternal grandfather, Michael Davy, was a Methodist minister, a Canadian by birth and of English ancestry. He reared a large family and died at Beloit, Wis., in 1881, aged eighty years. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Hiram Adams, was also a native of Canada, of English lineage. He was a lumber merchant, engaged especially in getting out masts for ships under the Queen's orders. He was born in 1800, reared a large family, and died at Chicago in 1880.

Thaddeus L. Davy, the father of our subject, acquired the trade of a carpenter and joiner, which he followed for a number of years in Canada. In the fall of 1864 he came to Rock county, locating south of Janesville, and in 1865 he removed to Rock Prairie, in Harmony township, where he died Aug. 26, 1865, aged thirty-seven years. His widow still survives, making her home with her children. Both were Methodists. Of their eight children, five are now living: Samuel, Orrin, Hiram L., and John and Ezra (twins).

Hiram L. Davy was six years old when brought by his parents to Rock county. Shortly after his father's death the mother moved with her family to Milton, where he has ever since remained. Hiram attended the district and village schools, and when about eighteen he acquired the carpenter's trade, which he followed for eight or ten years, engaging also in contract work. He then followed the livery business for a time, after which he engaged in farming on a tract of forty acres which he purchased in Milton township. This he afterward sold and bought eighty acres in wood, which he still owns. His present residence in Milton he purchased in 1897.

Mr. Davy married Sept. 22, 1886, Miss Mary L. Winch, daughter of Jeremiah and Fannie M. (Montgomery) Winch. Her mother was born in New York State, daughter of John Montgomery, who settled in Rock county in 1849, rearing a large family and living to an advanced age. Jeremiah Winch was born in New Hampshire in 1809, and when

a young man came west as a soldier in the Black Hawk war. He was an early settler in Rock county, where he followed farming until his death, May 30, 1868, aged fifty-eight years and nine months. His wife died on Aug. 17, 1895, having almost attained her seventy-ninth birthday. Both were members of the Methodist Church. They had four children, Wesley, of Milton Junction; George, of Lima township, Rock county; Charles, of Fort Atkinson, Wis.; and Mary L., wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Davy have one daughter, Alice May. They are active members of the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Davy is a Republican. He is one of the enterprising and successful citizens of Milton, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

SAM. P. BROWN, present deputy sheriff of Rock county, has been a resident of Janesville since 1895. He is a man of ready resources, alert in action, and resolute in the performance of his duty. He has won high standing as an officer of justice in southern Wisconsin, and evil doers have learned to dread his name.

Mr. Brown was born in Grant county, Mo., June 28, 1874. His parents, John and Lovina (Cadle) Brown, were natives of Kentucky and Missouri, respectively. They had six children, all but one now living: Sarah, the wife of E. G. Gibson, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Sam. P., whose name introduces this article; Alice, the wife of E. D. Vandewalke, of Creston, Iowa; Albert, of Janesville; and Grace, of Creston, Iowa. John Brown was a farmer nearly all his life. He moved from Kentucky to Grant City, and lived there fourteen years, thence removing to Creston, Iowa, where he has lived for the past eighteen years. For a number of years he kept a hotel in Creston. He is a man of genial manners and upright character. In religion he and his wife are Methodists. His father, Preston Brown, was a native of Kentucky, and died in that State about 1875, at an advanced age. He had seven sons. He was a soldier in the Confederate army, serving throughout the war. The father of Mrs. Lovina (Cadle) Brown was a native of Missouri, a farmer, and died in middle life. He had a family of three daughters and two sons.

Sam. P. Brown had reached the age of nine years before his parents left Grant City. He

attended school in that place and in Creston, where he grew to manhood. When he struck out in life for himself his first move was to go West, and he secured work on a cattle ranch at Hermosa, S. Dak. He had a bold and adventurous spirit, and the active outdoor life pleased him well. Four years later, however, he returned to Creston, taking a position as clerk in a wholesale grocery store, and was in the employ of the firm two years; he was doing well, but the close confinement proved irksome. In February, 1895, he had charge of trotting horses in Janesville, and worked with them for the season. His personal characteristics made him many friends, and Sheriff Appleby made him his deputy that fall. He held the same position with Sheriff Acheson, and is now serving his third term with Sheriff Appleby (who has been re-elected), proving a capable officer.

On April 1, 1899, Mr. Brown married Miss Grace Acheson, a daughter of Theodore L. and Jane (Martin) Acheson, of Janesville. Mr. Brown is a Republican in political sentiment.

OSCAR R. OLSON holds a conspicuous place among the thrifty and prosperous young farmers of Green county, where his good sense, kindly disposition and industrious habits have won him many friends and made him a useful and honored citizen of his county. He was born March 24, 1869, a son of Rollin and Mary (Peterson) Olson, both of whom were born in Norway. They came to this country in 1845, and were married in Lafayette county, Wis., nine years later. By this marriage they became the parents of the following family: Caroline, the widow of Lars O. Grove, of Jordan township, whose sketch is found elsewhere; Morgan is dead; Clara is the wife of E. B. Tollefson, of South Dakota; Oscar R. will be referred to farther on in this sketch; and William and Henry are both farmers in the town of Jordan.

Rollin Olson was born Nov. 10, 1831, and died in the town of Jordan March 31, 1898, and within these limits of almost seventy years lived an exceedingly active and useful life. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E, 15th Wis. V. I., and served throughout the war with honor and distinction, being first lieutenant at the time of his discharge. He took part in some of the severest battles of the war, and

everywhere bore himself gallantly and well. For many years he was one of the leading citizens of the town of Jordan, and at different times was called upon to fill many of the town offices. In 1880 and in 1890 he served as census enumerator, and was always a stanch Republican. In religion he was a member of the Lutheran Church, and his honorable and upright career brought no stain upon his faith. A man of correct and unquestionable character, he was highly esteemed in every relation in which an active and honorable manhood may manifest itself, as citizen, business man, husband and father.

Oscar R. Olson, whose name appears at the introduction of this article, was married to Carrie J. Johnson, Jan. 12, 1897. Mrs. Olson is the daughter of John Johnson, one of the old settlers of the town of York, and has become the mother of two children, Irene (who died in infancy) and Eva (born Jan. 8, 1901). Mrs. Olson was born April 18, 1869, and was one of a family of six children: John, of Green county; Rachel, the wife of John Ordegard, of Buffalo county; Lewis, of Dane county; Carrie; Martin; and Sever, of the town of York.

Mr. Olson was reared on the paternal estate in the town of Jordan, and had his education in the Green county public schools, completing his schooling at the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind. For some years he was a successful school teacher in Green county, and in 1892 was elected register of deeds in Green county, serving for six years. Mr. Olson enlisted in Company H, 1st Regiment, Wisconsin National Guard, in 1893, and served through all the grades, and was made regimental adjutant, with the rank of captain, in 1895. This regiment was mustered into the United States service as the 1st Wis. V. I., on the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, and he retained his position as captain and adjutant of that command. This regiment was stationed at Jacksonville, Fla., during the summer of 1898, and there he was promoted to the position of acting adjutant general of the brigade to which his regiment was attached, and served in that office until he was mustered out of service.

Mr. Olson purchased a part of the old J. C. Ula farm in the spring of 1899. This is one of the desirable farms of this section, and consists of 241 acres in section 17, of the town

of York, twenty-five miles northwest of Monroe, and three miles northeast of Blanchardville. Mr. Olson is one of the prominent men of the community in which his active and useful life is passing. At the present time he is chairman of the town board. Starting in life without a dollar, he went to Dakota, where he earned his first fifty dollars, which he spent in going to school. In politics Mr. Olson is a staunch Republican, and in religion a member of the Lutheran Church. Personally he is a man of high character, and is devoted to the general welfare of his country and to his family. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a past grand of Monroe Lodge, No. 72, and is also a member of the Jerry Rusk Garrison, Knights of the Globe, also of Monroe.

FRANK VAN WART, a leading druggist and pharmacist of Beloit, Rock county, was born in the town of Porter, near Evansville, Rock Co., Wis., May 12, 1865, and is a son of David and Anna (Jones) Van Wart, natives of New York and Ohio, respectively. They were the parents of five sons, Frank, Louis, Charles, Don and David.

David Van Wart was only a small boy when he came with his parents to Wisconsin. He grew to manhood near Evansville, and when a young man twice made the journey overland to California. There he had charge of transporting gold from Marysville to San Francisco for the companies in whose employment he was at that time. He remained in the land of gold some four or five years, then returning to Wisconsin, he settled down for several years as keeper of the old Ball tavern, a well-remembered, old-time road house, three miles east of Evansville. Retiring from the tavern, he engaged in farming in the same neighborhood, buying a farm of 200 acres, and after a time eighty acres more. Here he reared his family, and here he and his wife still abide. It is a beautiful place, and a grand location for five growing lads. His wife is a Methodist, and while he has strong religious convictions he has never united himself with any church. He is a Democrat, and has been supervisor and president of the town board several times. Bishop Van Wart, the father of David, was of Holland-Dutch descent, and came from Chautauqua county, N. Y. He was among the very earliest settlers of Rock county,

and located on a farm near Evansville, and at one time had charge of the county poor-farm. He lived to be eighty-six years old, and was the father of four sons and two daughters. The maternal grandfather of Frank Van Wart was John Jones. He was born in Wales, and emigrated to this country when a young man. He was for a time located in a Welsh settlement in Ohio, but came to Wisconsin in the early days, and went on a farm in Union township, Rock county. There he spent the balance of his life, and died at the age of eighty-two. He was the father of two sons and three daughters.

Frank Van Wart was reared on the paternal homestead near Evansville. He had a thorough schooling in the public school and in the seminary at Evansville. He was a student of the College of Pharmacy at Chicago, graduating in 1886, with a thorough knowledge of his calling. The next year he came to Beloit and entered the drug store of Ed. Smith. He was also a clerk for Mr. Emerson and Mr. Pollock, and in July, 1895, began business for himself. That month he bought out the drug store of Frank Foster, and has since then been incessant in his efforts to please the public, and to secure as large a share of its trade as honest dealing and genuine goods will command.

Mr. Van Wart and Miss Laura Bangs were married Feb. 18, 1887. Mrs. Van Wart is a daughter of Homer and Anna (Mills) Bangs, and is a most estimable lady. She is the mother of two children, Leona and Theron. The family have a fine home at No. 333 West Bridge street. Mr. Van Wart is a Mason of high degree, holding membership in Morning Star Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M., Chapter No. 9, R. A. M., and Beloit Commandery, No. 6, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is a Democrat, and, while not a politician, takes an intelligent interest in the welfare of his party. Mr. Van Wart represents two families who were among the very earliest settlers of the county.

WILLIAM H. CARPENTER. This gentleman belongs to the firm of Carpenter & Ballard, dealers in grain and coal at Evansville, Rock county, and has long been favorably identified with the business interests of this city.

Mr. Carpenter was born in Hamilton coun-

ty, near Northville, N. Y., March 22, 1843, and is a son of Allen D. and Mary Ann (Wadsworth) Carpenter, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. Four sons and three daughters were born to them, of whom all but one are now living: John W., of Janesville; Laura E., wife of Nathaniel Ballard, of Evansville; William H.; Mary Ann, the wife of Alexander McKinney, of Evansville; Josiah, of the town of Union, Rock county; Emma J., the wife of Edwin Winter, of Evansville. The father was a millwright, and came to Wisconsin in the 'fifties, locating in the town of Union, two miles east of Evansville, where he lived until he died in 1860, at the age of forty-seven. His widow survived until 1893, and was seventy-seven at the time of her death. They were both Methodists. The paternal grandfather of William H., Allen D. Carpenter, was a native of England, and came to this country, settling in New York, where he died at the age of eighty; he was the father of four children. Josiah Wadsworth, the father of Mary Ann mentioned above, is supposed to have come from Ireland, and settled in Hamilton county, N. Y., where he followed farming, and died there an old man; he was the father of thirteen children.

William H. Carpenter was reared on the paternal acres in Hamilton county until he was eleven years of age. He came to Rock county that year, and here he attained his manhood. He had his education in the district school, and in 1864 he bought a farm of 120 acres, upon which he made many permanent and substantial improvements, and was engaged in its cultivation until 1882. That year he moved into Evansville, and seventeen years later he sold the farm. He was an active and busy man through all these years, and though there is but little of change and adventure in his career, it has been honorable and creditable throughout.

On Jan. 1, 1865, occurred the marriage of William H. Carpenter and Miss Elizabeth Ballard, daughter of Gailus and Sarah (Felt) Ballard. They became the parents of three children, William, Cora and Grace. William died at the age of seven. Cora is at home, and Grace is a student at the Normal School in Milwaukee. Mr. Carpenter belongs to Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., Evansville Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M., and is a staunch and devoted member of the order. He is a

Republican, and is highly esteemed by many friends. He lives at No. 232 Church street, Evansville, and has been a resident of the county forty-six years.

WILLIAM W. RILEY, for several years the genial and efficient agent of the American Express Co. at Beloit, Wis., was born at Green River, Vt., April 16, 1870. His parents, William H. and Anna A. (Head) Riley, were natives of New York, and had a family of three children: William W., of Beloit; Franklin H., of Milwaukee; and John Wesley, of Appleton. The father was a farmer boy in New York, and at the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted in the 6th N. Y. Vol. Cav. He served four years and three months at the front, and was seriously wounded several times. He had a bullet wound in the center of his forehead, and a saber thrust through his arm into his left side. He was thrown from his horse in front of a cannon at the premature explosion of the latter, and had his face filled with powder, and was otherwise so seriously injured that he was kept in the hospital for a half year or more. He was in the battle of the Wilderness, and many of the other bloody struggles that marked the history of the Army of the Potomac. When he came back from the war Mr. Riley entered the employment of the Boylston Manufacturing Co., at Green River, Vt., and rose to be the head of the blacksmithing department of their extensive factory. That position he held until 1874, when he went into business for himself at South Norwalk, Conn., as a general worker in iron, at carriage making and manufacturing oyster tongs, and had a regular working force of about eighteen hands. He came West to Milwaukee on account of his wife's health, and died three days later, May 5, 1883, at the age of thirty-five. His wife still survives, and has her home in that city. She married Robert C. Higgs for her second husband, and they have two children, Benjamin and Dean. William Riley, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in County Cavan, Ireland. He studied at Oxford for the Episcopal ministry, but his father disowning him, he married an English girl, and emigrated to Ottawa, Canada, with the intention of practicing law. His health failed him, and he turned to farming, locating near Ogdensburg, N. Y., where he died in middle life during the Civil war, from injuries re-

ceived by being thrown from a buggy. He was the father of three sons and three daughters. The maternal grandfather of William W. Riley was James Head. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, and was all his life a farmer. He came to this country in 1833, and served in the Civil war. He retired from farming about 1872, and came West to Milwaukee, investing his money in lead mines in the western part of the State. He died in 1889, and his wife in 1896, the mother of thirteen children. They were both born in 1800, within one day of each other.

William W. Riley received his schooling at South Norwalk, Conn., and at the age of thirteen began his life work in Milwaukee as a cash boy in a dry goods store. He was messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Co., and held successive clerical positions until 1890. That year he started in as second assistant cashier of the Milwaukee office of the American Express Co. He remained in the Milwaukee office until February, 1896, when he was sent to Beloit to take the agency of the company in that city, and he acted as their competent and trusted representative in Beloit.

Mr. Riley and Miss Gertrude Weaver were married July 8, 1896. Mrs. Riley is the daughter of Thomas and Emma (Callear) Weaver. Mr. and Mrs. Riley are members of the Methodist Church, and are regarded as valuable helpers by the church community. They have a comfortable home at No. 122 E street. Mr. Riley belongs to Morning Star Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M., and to Beloit Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M. He is a Republican in political faith.

JOHN LYONS (deceased) was one of the pioneers of southwestern Wisconsin. Born in Manchester, England, on Aug. 15, 1801, his early youth and manhood were spent in the land of his birth, where he was reared to the trade of cotton spinner, and in 1822, selected Mary Johnson, a native of his own city, to be his life companion. In 1832 he came from England to Philadelphia, and it was not until two years later that he came to Grant county, Wisconsin, locating at Potosi or Snake Hollow, as the locality was then named, on account of some local tradition. In 1836 he was joined by the family, consisting of his wife and four daughters, who had remained most of this time in England.

Mr. Lyons engaged in mining and followed this occupation as long as he was able to labor. His death occurred at Potosi, on April 11, 1874, and the wife and mother passed away on Dec. 8, 1873. She was a devoted Christian woman, and in all respects possessed a most lovable character. Like her husband she had been gifted with a most melodious voice, and this has been inherited by several of her children. Three of the four daughters who accompanied her from the English home yet survive, these being: Mrs. Sarah A. Greene, of Potosi; Mrs. Elizabeth L. Davies, of British Hollow, Grant county; and Mrs. Rachel Woodhouse, of Bloomington, Grant county; the eldest, Mrs. Leah Jane Moreing, died in Stockton, Cal., at the home of her son, Cyrus, in 1875. Of the five children born after the family settlement in America Hugh and Abigail died in infancy; Edward and Jervis died in early manhood; while the eldest, John George, who was the first male white child born in Potosi, is still a resident of that place.

John Lyons was a man of much natural ability, and was the possessor of a high sense of honor and of unswerving integrity. In early life he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church but, owing to the position of the local church on the slavery question, he associated himself with the Primitive Methodist Church, and his eloquent voice was often heard against both slavery and intemperance. Not only was he a man of fine presence, but a forceful and fluent orator. Gifted with a tenor voice of remarkable power and sweetness, he used it for the advancement of morality, and in the interests of those who could neither speak nor sing for themselves. Long will his name live in the hearts of the earnest and thoughtful citizens of Grant county.

ASBJORN E. STEENSLAND, a prosperous farmer of the town of Moscow, Iowa county, has been a resident of that town for over forty-seven years, and in that long period has established himself as one of the valuable citizens of this locality.

Mr. Steensland was born in Norway in 1833, son of Erick and Ingeborg Steensland, who brought their family to the United States and to Wisconsin in 1854, settling at once in the town of Moscow, Iowa county, where the family is well represented at this time by our subject and his brother Ole, who is men-

tioned elsewhere. The family took up their home on the farm now owned and occupied by our subject, and there the father engaged in farming until his death, in November, 1868. The mother survived until September, 1887. Of the large family born to this worthy couple eight grew to maturity and still survive.

Asbjorn E. Steensland was reared and educated in his native land, and has engaged in farming all his active life. In February, 1865, he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of Company F, 46th Wis. V. I., which regiment served in Alabama, on detached duty, for the most part engaged in guarding railroads. As a soldier Mr. Steensland faithfully discharged the duties assigned him, and he received an honorable discharge, being mustered out with the rest of his command. He holds membership in G. A. R. Post No. 224, at Blanchardville. He has led an industrious, useful life, and merits the respect in which he is held by his fellow citizens throughout the township, having done his duty in all the relations of life—business, social, public or domestic. He is a staunch Republican in political faith, and takes a deep interest in local affairs; he has served as township treasurer.

Mr. Steensland was married before he entered the army to Miss Melena Storland, like himself a native of Norway, who came to America the same year as he did. Twelve children have blessed their union, five sons and seven daughters: Ingeborg Hegland, wife of a farmer; Ivrene W. Severson, wife of a lumber dealer; Judith; Erik; Iver; Julia; Susan; August; Elmore; Eunice; Mamie; and Ferdinand.

JAMES HUFFMAN is one of the prominent and prosperous farmers of Clarno township, Green county, residing four and one-half miles southwest of Monroe.

Mr. Huffman is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Jones) Huffman, who were natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent, and located in Wisconsin in 1845. They became the parents of eight children: Absalom, deceased; Solomon, deceased; William, deceased; James, our subject, who was born Oct. 19, 1839; Ellen, who married Isaac Miller, and died on the overland route to California in 1862; Christiana, who married John B. Starr,

of Iowa; Elizabeth, who married Andrew Hiserote, of Nebraska; and Jacob, of Clarno township. The mother of these died in 1846, and for his second wife Mr. Huffman married Barbara Mowery, two children being born of this union: Daniel, of Nebraska; and Mary, who married E. Barnes, also of Nebraska.

James Huffman came to Wisconsin with his parents when he was but six years of age, and received his education in the rural free schools, which were then held in log cabins. He was poor in purse, but he possessed energy and hope. On Oct. 21, 1858, he married Mary E. Downs, of Green county, daughter of Jesse and Malinda (De Long) Downs, who were among the early settlers of the county, coming here from Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1845. They died while Mrs. Huffman was a child, she being reared by her grandmother, Mrs. Susanna De Long. For some time after marriage our subject and his wife resided in a log cabin 18x16 feet, floored with slabs, and covered with boards that were held by logs being laid on them, but peace, health and happiness filled the cabin, and now this worthy couple own one of the fine farms and substantial residences of Clarno township. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Huffman: Emma E.; Albert, deceased; James, a resident of Chicago; Anna, deceased; Alva S., a resident of Clarno township; Minnie, who married Arthur Gilmore, and lives in Cadiz township; Jacob C., who married Nellie E. Meachner, now deceased; and Lizzie, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Huffman have six grandchildren, all boys, two of whom have reached manhood. In 1862 Mr. Huffman made the overland trip to California with a team, returning in 1863, and in 1865 migrated to Iowa with his family, in 1871 returning again to Green county, where he has since resided. He is the owner of 160 acres of fine farming land, and also twenty acres of orange land in Florida. Although he has become a successful and prosperous man, Mr. Huffman still enjoys looking after his interests. For seventeen years he conducted a dairy business in connection with his farming, and now takes great pride in his fine Shorthorn cattle.

In politics Mr. Huffman is a staunch Democrat, in which faith he was reared, and he has been called upon to serve in many of the



local town offices, having been school director, clerk and township assessor, which positions he filled to the entire satisfaction of the community. Both he and his wife have been consistent members of the U. B. Church for twenty-five years, living exemplary Christian lives, and esteemed by the whole neighborhood.

JOHN LEGLER, one of the respected and leading business men of Green county, a dealer in live stock, grain, lumber and coal at Juda, has not only made for himself a fine reputation as a business man, but has accumulated a very comfortable competence by the exercise of those natural endowments of a clear-sighted and practical mind, an honest disposition, and industrious habits, that win success anywhere.

Mr. Legler is a son of David and Elizabeth Legler, of Green county, Wis., who came from Switzerland in 1847, and settled in the northern part of Green county, in company with a large colony of their compatriots. The father took up government land, and made a farm in the wilderness, where he lived and died. Of his sixteen children, seven were born to his first marriage, with Barbara Legler. But two of these survive: Andrew, of Green county, Wis.; and David, who is a farmer in Nebraska. The others died in childhood. Of the children by his second wife the following survived to maturity: John, whose name appears above; Jacob, who is clerk in a lumber yard in Green county; Fredolin, a farmer in Iowa; and Elizabeth, wife of Peter Classy, of New Glarus, Wis. The others died in infancy. David Legler died in 1887, at the age of eighty-four.

John Legler was born April 5, 1852, and on March 2, 1871, married Miss Mary Blumer, of Green county, Wis., a daughter of John and Mary Blumer, of that county. They have had four children: Elizabeth, born in 1873, wife of Albert Babler, of Monticello, Wis.; John L., born in 1879, in business with his father; Wilma K., born Feb. 13, 1884, now a student at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis.; and Mary, who died in infancy.

John Legler began life as a farmer's boy, with somewhat limited educational advantages. His entire schooling was not more than a year in all, but he has had the teaching of experience, and is a keen, observant charac-

ter. When he married he started out in life a poor man, and followed farming until he was thirty-five years of age. At that age he gave up farming and came to Juda to engage in his present business. Mr. Legler has become very well-to-do, and is one of the leading men of the village.

Mr. Legler is a staunch Prohibitionist, and attended the national convention of that party which was held in Chicago in July, 1900. He belongs to the Good Templars. He has served as town chairman and school director. Mr. Legler is a man of fine mind, clear views, and takes a strong interest in everything that relates to the general good of the community. His genial nature and accommodating spirit have made him many friends.

PATRICK GRANT, at present (1900) the register of deeds of Iowa county, and a man held in high repute for both ability and integrity, was born in Ireland, but has made his home in southern Wisconsin since his boyhood, in fact for half a century. His father, Thomas Grant, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, about 1815, and emigrated to America in the spring of 1850, bringing with him his wife, Johanna, and his three sons, Patrick, John and David. The objective point of the family was the mining lands of Iowa county, and thither they proceeded immediately after disembarking at Montreal. The voyage across the Atlantic was made in a sailing vessel to Quebec, and thence they proceeded by steamer to the historic city, whence they started on their westward journey. Nearly eight weeks were spent on the sea, and it may be readily believed that when their wanderings ceased, on reaching the village of Highland, the hearts of all were joyful. The elder Grant at once began work in the mines, but the tales of vast wealth, to be had with little labor, in California, allured him to the Pacific coast in 1852. He remained there for three years, when he returned to his home and family in Wisconsin. He died in 1874, at the age of about sixty years, happy in the love of his family and the sincere respect of the community. His widow survived him until Oct. 5, 1889, when she, too, passed away, at the home of her son, Patrick, who, with his faithful wife, had devotedly and tenderly ministered to her in her declining years. Patrick was the first born son.

John, the second, went from Highland to Illinois in 1860, and thence to Missouri, where he began the life of a steamboatman on the lower Mississippi. Being in the Confederacy at the outbreak of the Civil war, he was drafted into the Southern military service much against his wish. He availed himself of the earliest opportunity which offered to escape into the Northern lines, and passed the latter years of his life in the territory of Wyoming, dying there about 1888. David, the youngest of the three sons of Thomas Grant, was a blacksmith by trade, and settled at Dubuque, Iowa, where he died in 1895.

Patrick Grant was a boy of twelve when he crossed the ocean with his parents. He grew to mature years in Highland, and in early manhood married Elizabeth Gunn, whose parents, John and Mary Gunn, were, like his own, emigrants from Ireland. Their earliest homes in America, however, were in the States of New Hampshire and New York, and the family settled in Highland about 1848. Mrs. Grant is the youngest of a family of four children, the others being James, William and Isabel, of whom William died in Idaho in 1899; James served through the war for the Union as captain of Company G, 27th Wis. V. I., and since quitting the service he has resided in various localities, in 1896 being elected to Congress from Idaho, and still has his home in Washington, D. C.; Isabel married William Bambrick, of West Virginia, who subsequently removed to Georgetown, Col., where he died, and her present home is at Haley, Idaho. Mr. Gunn, Sr., died in 1860, and his wife on Sept. 24, 1889. To Mr. Patrick Grant and his wife nine children have been born, five of whom are yet living. Isabel, the eldest, is a stenographer, and is employed in Milwaukee; Delia is her father's deputy in the register's office; Grace and Elmer live at home; William, John and Thomas died in childhood, or early youth.

No public man in Iowa county enjoys a more enviable reputation than does the present register of deeds, who is now serving his second term in that office, his name being a synonym for incorruptible integrity. Prior to his elevation to this post he had held other positions of honor and trust, among them being those of chairman of the board of supervisors, town treasurer and member of the school board. Prior to 1884 Mr. Grant was

a Democrat, but in that year cast his vote for James G. Blaine and the Republican ticket, and since then has affiliated with the Republican party. In religious creed he is a devout Catholic, his life being a practical exemplification of the vital power of the faith which he professes.

DR. CARL STEIGER, physician and surgeon at Monroe, Green county, has a sound and thorough medical education obtained at the best European schools, and is one of the most progressive, cultured and capable practitioners of medicine to be found in the Northwest.

Dr. Steiger was born in Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 12, 1861, and is the only child of John Carl and Amelia (Grohs) Steiger, both natives of Switzerland. The senior Steiger began the study of medicine when he was a young man, but broke off his medical work to take up the business of a tradesman for several years, returning, however, to the practice of medicine. He was a great traveler, and followed his profession in India and in Spain. He served in the regular army in Switzerland. His death occurred in 1886, at the age of fifty-six. His wife died when she was in her nineteenth year, leaving her son then only seven months old. Peter Steiger, the father of John Carl, was in early life a clergyman, being called from the pulpit to enter civil life, and became the governor of the canton of St. Gallen, and for the rest of his years he was a public character, in the service of the republic. He had three sons and one daughter, and lived to be sixty years old. Johann Grohs, the father of Amelia, was a native of Switzerland, and was a hotel-keeper in Zurich, and reached the venerable age of ninety-two. Amelia was his only child.

Dr. Carl Steiger, left a motherless child when a mere infant, was taken into the home of his maternal grandfather, and kept there until he reached the age of six years. At that age he was taken to Marthalen, Switzerland, to another home, and sent to the public school until he reached his twelfth year. Then the young lad, as the custom was, entered the gymnasium at Winterthur, where he studied for seven years. He went to the academy at Lausanne, and took up the study of medicine. He was in the academy three years, and then matriculating at the University of Munich, spent two and a half years in its medi-

cal department, receiving his diploma in 1887. It represented long and laborious years, and his standing in the university secured him the appointment of assistant physician in the Munich city hospital the same year. In 1888 he came to this country, and on June 15, that year, he located in Monroe, Wis., immediately engaging in practice as a general physician. He is an able and careful practitioner, understands his profession as closely as a hard-working and observant student can, and is regarded as a reliable and successful physician. His office is located on East Russell street, half a block from the court-house square.

Dr. Steiger and Miss Belle Linder, the daughter of John and Lydia (George) Linder, were married May 27, 1889. The Doctor has had three children born to him, Carl, Max and Huldah. Carl died when eleven months old. Dr. Steiger belongs to Concordia Lodge, No. 174, of the German Odd Fellows, the Germania Wisconsin G. U. G., a mutual life insurance fraternity, the A. O. U. W., and the Monroe Turnverein. He is a genial and popular gentleman.

WILLIAM CLARNO, who offered himself a willing sacrifice to his country in her hour of peril, is now living retired at his comfortable home in Browntown, Green county. In the dark days of 1862 he volunteered in the Union army, becoming a member of Company C, 3d Wis. V. I., under Capt. Flood, and took part in many of the hard fought battles of the war. His first enlistment dates from March 11, 1862, and was for three years' service, at the end of which time he re-enlisted, and was transferred to the Western Army. He participated in the battles of Winchester, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville, Antietam, Gettysburg, Buzzard Roost, Resaca, Dallas and Lost Mountain. In the last named battle Mr. Clarno saw his last service, as he was wounded by a minie ball June 16, 1864, which caused the amputation of his right leg. He received an honorable discharge, and returned home July 26, 1865, and now draws a disability pension from the government for his gallant service.

Mr. Clarno was born July 6, 1841, in Clarno township, Green county, son of Andrew and Mary (St. John) Clarno, and received his education in the little log school-houses of that day. After his return from

the war he studied dentistry, and followed the practice of that profession some eleven years, but his health had been undermined by his long service in the army, and he was unable to stand the strain of indoor life, so he engaged in the well drilling business, continuing in same for sixteen years. In 1882 he removed to Browntown and has since lived retired. He has taken an active part in politics, and has been a member of the village board. Since 1876 he has supported the Democratic party.

On August 8, 1868, Mr. Clarno was married to Miss Elizabeth Peregoy, who was born in 1849, daughter of John and Susan Peregoy, old settlers of Monroe, Wis. This marriage has been blessed with seven children, of whom the following is a brief record: Emma, born May 5, 1870, married Edward Phillips, who died Jan. 31, 1901, leaving his widow with six children; William, Jr., born Feb. 13, 1872, now residing in South Wayne, Lafayette Co., Wis., married Miss Annie Tyler, of Winslow, Ill.; Stella, born Oct. 10, 1873, is the wife of Carl Larson, of Browntown; Susan, born Sept. 16, 1875, married Charles Tucker, of South Wayne, Wis.; Jeanette, born March 11, 1877, died in infancy; Libbie, born Feb. 20, 1879, died in childhood; and Jessie, born Aug. 30, 1887, is at home.

Mr. Clarno comes of one of the early settled families of Wisconsin. His father, Andrew Clarno, was born in Sangamon county, Ill., in 1813, of German origin, his father, John Clarno, being one of the pioneers of Illinois. Andrew Clarno was married in Stephenson county, Ill., to Mary St. John, and became the father of six children: Mary Jane, Robert (a bachelor of Monroe, Wis.), William (our subject), Valentine (now of Hamilton county, Neb., was a soldier in Company C, 3d Wis. V. I., in the Civil war), Andrew (also a soldier in the 5th Battery, Wis. Light Artillery, and died of illness while in the service), and Augustus. Andrew Clarno, the father of William Clarno, was killed by a runaway team July 10, 1852, in Clarno, and his wife died June 10, 1897.

Anderson St. John, father of Mrs. Mary (St. John) Clarno, and grandfather of William Clarno, was a native of France, who early located in Kentucky, whence he removed to Sangamon county, Ill. He was a typical pioneer, bold, fearless and trustworthy. He had

taken part in the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812, and in the Black Hawk war, besides many of the skirmishes with the red men so common to life on the frontier. He and his wife, Nancy, were the parents of the following children: Martin, of Dane county, Wis.; John, Matthew, William, Charlotte, Melinda, Lucy and Mary. Mr. St. John died near Orangeville, Illinois.

FRED DIVALL, a retired and honored farmer and resident of Lancaster, Grant county, where, with his wife, he has made his home since April 27, 1855, was born on the South Downs, in the county of Sussex, England, Jan. 11, 1830, and is a son of John and Lucy (Haler) Divall, natives of the same county, where they passed their lives on a farm. They were the parents of five sons and five daughters, of whom three of the sons—Fred, Edwin and Alfred—came to the United States. Of these, Edwin settled in Lancaster township, Grant county, and died many years ago. Alfred came in 1862, lived in the same township, but for some time prior to his death, in August, 1899, had made his home with his nephew, George Divall; he left a son, Roy Divall. The family of Edwin, however, never reached America, although they had made every preparation to come when the news of his untimely death caused a change of purpose.

Fred Divall was married Feb. 11, 1855, in England, to Mary Farncombe, born in 1833, a daughter of William and Mary Farncombe, of Sussex county, who were the parents of thirteen children, nine of whom reached maturity and three of whom are still living. The father was born in 1791, and for twenty-eight years served in the British army, and took part in the battle of Waterloo; he died at his home in Sussex, Feb. 21, 1890, his wife, who was born in 1800, having previously passed away. Four of the older of the thirteen children died in the West Indies, where the father was stationed seven years while a soldier; the three surviving members of the family are Mrs. Elizabeth Brown and Thomas, both in England, and Mrs. Divall.

About two weeks after marriage Mr. Divall and wife started for America, and were seven weeks on the voyage from London to New York, whence they came direct to Lancaster, Wis. The first land purchased here

by Mr. Divall was a quarter-section in Lancaster township, to which he added, a little later, a quarter-section adjoining, but situated in the township of Liberty, and still later purchased 185 acres more in Lancaster township, thus becoming one of the largest land owners and most successful farmers and stock growers in that part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Divall lived on this farm for thirty years, and then he sold it to his son-in-law, Reuben Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Divall had born to them ten children, of whom one daughter died in infancy, and the survivors are Mrs. Mary McCormick; Frederick William, who resides in Montfort township; Mrs. Lucy Weir; George A., proprietor of the Lancaster Hotel; James E., of Ellenboro; Mrs. Amelia Austin; John E., in Liberty township; Albert T., also of Liberty township; and Mrs. Orah Kemper, in Nebraska. There are twenty-nine grandchildren, and at Christmas-tide, 1898, the entire family—sons and daughters and their wives and husbands and children—spent the holiday week with the parents and numbered fifty-one persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Divall retired to Lancaster in March, 1892, and have now been residents of Grant county for forty-five years. They have a most pleasant home, where they are passing the evening of life in peace and contentment. They are consistent members of the Episcopal church, and are among the most esteemed old settlers of Grant county, in which all but one of their surviving children reside.

ABRAHAM KEY, one of the defenders of the Union during the Rebellion, and a representative citizen of Patch Grove township, belongs to one of the pioneer families of Grant county, and for many years was a resident of Wyalusing township. He was born in Pike county, Ill., in 1835, his parents being Marshall and Sarah (Schall) Key. The name Key is a historic one, and some of the representatives of this family have attained to national fame. The branch of the family to which Abraham Key belongs is along the same line of descent, though a little remote, as was Francis Scott Key, the famous author of the "Star Spangled Banner." Philip Barton Key, who was slain in Washington many years ago by Gen. Sickles, was descended from the same ancestry. The parents of Abraham Key were

married in Kentucky, and from that State moved to Illinois, coming to the territory of Wisconsin in 1841, and locating near Montfort, Grant county. Subsequently they removed to Lancaster, and still later to Beetown. The father was engaged in lead mining for many years, and in those early days the places above mentioned produced large quantities of lead ore. Later the family took up their residence in Wyalusing township, where the father died in 1879, and the mother passed away some years later. In their family were eight children, three sons and five daughters, all of whom are living at the present writing, in 1900, with the exception of George. The others are Eliza, Amanda, Abraham, Surilda, Nancy, Mary Ann and Benton. The eldest daughter, Eliza, is now a resident of Minnesota.

Abraham Key remained under the parental roof until he entered the service of his country during her hour of peril. He enlisted Sept. 3, 1864, in the 1st Wis. Heavy Artillery, and was in active service until the close of the war. The command nominally belonged to the Army of the Potomac, and a large part of its service was in defense of the national capital, being assigned to the fortifications around the city of Washington. Its duties were arduous, and often called for the exercise of as much skill and bravery as did the more active service at the front. After the war Mr. Key returned to the old homestead in Wyalusing township.

In 1871 Mr. Key was married to Miss Laura Herring, also a native of Illinois, and they have become the parents of eight children, three sons and five daughters, namely: Abraham, Jesse, Lloyd Fitch, Mary, Nellie, Jennie, Wisconsin Belle and Millie. Mr. Key was a faithful soldier in the war for the Union, and as a citizen is highly respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. For more than a quarter of a century he made his home in Wyalusing township, but is now an honored resident of Patch Grove. Fraternally he is a worthy member of the G. A. R. Post of Bloomington.

OLE M. ERICKSON, blacksmith of Browntown, Green county, is a native son of Norway, who has found friends and fortune in the New World. His father, Martin Erickson, located in Wiota township in 1857, and

there bought a small farm, where he made his home until his death, in 1886, when he was aged seventy-four years. He and his wife, Lena, were married in Norway, and became the parents of twelve children: John, a farmer of Wiota township, married Johana Smedstad; Caroline married C. C. Rood, a farmer of Wiota township; Even married Bell Elifson; Lena married Chris Olson; Ole M. is mentioned below; Martin resides in Wiota township; August married Lena Hanson, who is now deceased; Peter wedded a Miss Anderson, who is also deceased; Henry is a farmer; Joseph is deceased; Josephine married George Denare, a farmer; and Oscar M. married Hilda Paulson.

Ole M. Erickson was born in Norway Oct. 14, 1854, and coming to America as he did in childhood, the greater part of his life has been passed in Wisconsin. He was reared on the farm in Wiota township, and received his education in the common schools. As a youth he inclined to the blacksmith's trade, and determined to make it his life work. At the age of twenty-nine he located in Browntown, and has there conducted a general blacksmith shop, and has also engaged in wagon making, and in the implement business. He started out in life as a poor man, and his industry and economy alone are responsible for the substantial position he occupies to-day.

On Sept. 7, 1877, Mr. Erickson was married to Miss Mary Larson, who was born April 27, 1856, daughter of Oto and Anna Larson, natives of Norway, who early settled in Lafayette county. Mr. and Mrs. Larson had a family of nine children, seven of whom are yet living: Louis married a Miss Anderson; Charles married Miss Dora Johnson; Mary (Mrs. Erickson); Sophia married Elef Golicson, of Jordan township; Nettie resides in Browntown; Lena is deceased; Conrad married Estella Clarno, who is deceased; Telah married Dr. Osborn, of Chicago. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Erickson have come two children: Morgan E., born May 28, 1879, married on Feb. 21, 1901, Miss Lottie Binger, who was born Feb. 21, 1877, daughter of Jerry Binger, an early settler of Cadiz township; and Richard Elmer, born Oct. 20, 1885, is at home.

The Republican party finds in Mr. Erickson a staunch adherent, and he has served his town and township as school director and

treasurer, and at present is a member of the village board. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. The family reside in the handsome home he owns in Browntown, and are quite popular among those who know them best.

CALVIN LADD, of Patch Grove, Grant county, is an honored veteran of the Civil war, who enrolled his name among the boys in blue Sept. 16, 1861, becoming a member of Company M, 4th Mo. Vol. Cav. He enlisted for three years or during the war, and served the full time, being honorably discharged on Oct. 19, 1864. He participated in all of the engagements in which his regiment took part, never being off duty except for about six weeks when ill in the hospital. He served in Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee, in fact, generally throughout the Southwest, and took part in the battles of Pea Ridge, and Guntown, under Gen. Sturgis. At Union City, Tenn., he lost the second finger of his left hand by accident. Though much broken down in health, he remained at the front with his regiment until his term of enlistment expired, and returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Mr. Ladd was born in Schenectady, N. Y., in 1842, a son of Lemuel and Amy Ladd, who came to Wisconsin in 1855, and located in the Patch Grove settlement, where the father died in January, 1879. The mother is still living and continues to reside at the old homestead. In their family were eight children, seven of whom are living at this writing, in 1901. One son, Elijah S. Ladd, now a resident of South Dakota, was also a soldier of the Civil war, being a member of the 2d Wis. Vol. Cav.

In 1870 Calvin Ladd was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Quick, a daughter of Winslow and Ruth Quick. Her mother died many years ago, but her father is still living, a resident of Patch Grove township. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd have four children, one son and three daughters, namely: Mariette, wife of Fred J. Arnsburger; Essie; Lemuel; and Leta. The family have a pleasant home in Patch Grove, where they delight to entertain their many friends. Mr. Ladd is an esteemed member of Bloomington Post, G. A. R., and by his ballot is a supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party. He was a good soldier, and as a citizen is well worthy the high regard in which he is held.

BEN. FRYSLIE, one of the enterprising and successful young farmers of Jordan township, Green county, where he carries on general farming, dairying and cheese making, was born April 9, 1865, on the farm which he now conducts and on which his parents settled in 1853.

Andrew and Chestie (Gardalen) Fryslie his parents, were natives of Norway, born about ninety-six miles from Christiania. Concluding to try to better their circumstances in America, they came hither, and after a few years' residence in Wiota township, Lafayette Co., Wis., settled in Jordan township, Green county, taking up land in section 28. At that time they were blessed with very little of this world's goods, but they had health and ambition, and by industry succeeded in establishing themselves comfortably in life. Mr. Fryslie at the time of his death owning a fine farm of 341 acres, with fine barns and a good two-story dwelling. The land was all highly improved and under profitable cultivation, and he ranked among the leading well-to-do farmers of this locality, where he was universally respected. Mr. and Mrs. Fryslie were married in 1849, and nine children were born to their union, seven of whom survive, namely: Ole, of Clark county, Wis.; Inger, of Chicago, Ill.; Henry, living near Chicago; Anton, of South Dakota; Peter, of Colorado; Carrie, who resides with her mother and brother on the old home place; and Ben., our subject. Andrew Fryslie passed away Jan. 6, 1900, at the homestead, where his widow still resides, now aged seventy-seven years. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, and lived an upright life, was a valued citizen and good neighbor, and much missed in the community where he had so long had his home. His political support was given to the Republican party.

Ben. Fryslie, whose name opens this sketch, was reared on the old home place, and received his education in the local public schools. He has always followed farming, and has been remarkably successful, being apparently gifted with unusually good judgment and ability in the management of matters agricultural. He is a hard worker, and his honesty and integrity in all his dealings have won him the unqualified esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens. It is his intention to buy out the heirs to the home farm, in the cultivation of which

he is engaged. Mr. Fryslie has not married. Like his father, he is a Republican in political sentiment.

PETER BELL was a hard-working and upright farmer for many years, and with his farming operations carried on his trade of stone mason. He is now living a quiet and retired life at Albany, Green county, in the enjoyment of a competence that represents industrious years and patient saving.

Mr. Bell was born in Clinton county, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1821, and is a son of John and Effie (Ash) Bell, both natives of New York. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are now living: Margaret, the widow of Jeremiah Burbank, of Castana, Iowa; Peter, of Albany, Wis.; Joseph, of Bassett, Iowa; and Ann, wife of Amos Burbank, of Castana, Iowa. The father was a farmer, and came from New York to Wisconsin in 1848, locating in the town of Magnolia, Rock county, where he lived five years, when he moved to Dane county, where he died in 1863, when nearly eighty-six years of age. His widow survived him some four or five years, and was an esteemed member of the Methodist Church. In his political faith he was a Democrat. The father of John Bell was a native of Holland, and died in old age, leaving a large family. David Ash, the father of Effie mentioned above, was a native farmer of New York, had a large family, and died in old age. John Bell, father of our subject, had been twice married. By his first wife, who was a Miss Van Hining, he became the father of five children: Rowland, Henry, Rebecca, Eva and Cornelius, of whom Rebecca and Eva still live at the age of ninety-five and ninety-seven years, respectively.

Peter Bell was a small child when his parents moved to Herkimer county, N. Y., where they lived seven years. From that county they moved into Wayne county, where his home was had until he came West. He attended district school in Herkimer county, walking two and a half miles. Mr. Bell was married March 1, 1849, to Miss Huldah Miller, daughter of David and Melvina (Wolven) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Bell became the parents of four children, David Ansel, Maggie, Martha and William. David Ansel died at the age of seven months. Maggie married Francis Atkinson, of Albany, and has one child, Francis. Mar-

tha married Seth Hewitt, and lives at Arlington, S. Dak.; they have two children, Effie and Ivan. William is a tinner by trade, and lives at Rolfe, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell have been members of the Methodist Church for fifty years. He has been trustee, class-leader and steward for many years, but the increasing infirmities of old age, and his desire that younger men should take up the work, have led him to resign. He belongs to Erastus Hoyt Post, No. 69, G. A. R. He was a Republican from the organization of the party until 1884, when he became a Prohibitionist, and has continued in that political faith to the present time. He was supervisor in Primrose township, Dane county, one year before the war, and also served as justice of the peace three years.

In 1851 Mr. Bell came to Wisconsin, with his wife, by way of the lakes, and located in Rock county, where he remained one year. He was two years in the town of Sylvester, Green county, when he moved to Dane county, where he and his brother Joseph bought a farm of two hundred acres, which they cultivated until the breaking out of the Civil war. Mr. Bell enlisted Aug. 14, 1862, in Company K, 33d Wis. V. I., and served three years to a day. He was at the siege of Vicksburg from its beginning to the triumphal entry of the conquering troops into the city; under fire for nineteen days in the Red River campaign; participated in the battle of Cane river; and was present at the siege of Spanish Fort. In all, he was in fifteen hard-fought battles and many skirmishes. In one of the skirmishes, in pursuit of Gen. Hood in Tennessee, he lost the sight of one of his eyes. Mr. Bell has followed stone mason and contract work for the past thirty years. For twenty-seven years he has lived in Albany, where he has a good home.

David and Melvina (Wolven) Miller, Mrs. Bell's parents, lived in Ulster county, N. Y., and came west to Wisconsin in the fall of 1854, and located in the town of Mt. Pleasant, Green county, where he died in 1865, at the age of seventy-one. His widow died in 1881, at the age of eighty-six. He served in the war of 1812, and his wife received a pension after his demise. In religious belief they were both Presbyterians. They reared eleven children, six of whom are now living: Eliza, the wife of Franklin Bennett, of Albany, a sketch of whose life appears in this volume; Maria,

wife of Luke Edwards, of the town of Sylvester; Peter, of Albany; Huldah, the wife of Peter Bell; Louis, now in the Rocky Mountains; and George, of Iowa Falls. Mrs. Bell's paternal grandfather was David Miller, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was taken prisoner by the Indians; he was the father of a large family, and lived to be about eighty years old. Mrs. Melvina (Wolven) Miller was a daughter of Zachariah Wolven, a native of New York, who died before the Revolution.

JOHN W. HULBERT, a well-known citizen and veteran soldier of Muscoda, Grant county, occupies a well-cultivated farm on section 11, and is one of the representative men of this community. He is a native of New York, having been born in the Empire State Oct. 6, 1836, son of Ansel and Grisselle Hulbert, the former of whom was a native of Vermont, and the latter of Scotch parentage, and both were sturdy, honest people, good types of the best pioneers, who have made the "wilderness blossom like the rose." In 1850 the family migrated from New York to Wisconsin, settling at Stoughton, Dane county, but afterward removed to Indiana, and finally settled again in Wisconsin, the father dying in 1899, in Richland county, Wis., at the great age of ninety-eight. The mother died many years prior to her husband's death, in Canada, where the family were then residing. They had three children: John W., the subject of this sketch; Ansel, residing in Richland county; and a daughter, who now resides at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

John W. Hulbert enlisted in 1862 in Company C, 87th Ind. V. I., and served in his regiment in the Army of the Cumberland, taking part in some of the most important battles and campaigns of the war, including Perryville, Munfordville, Stone River, etc. After about a year of service Mr. Hulbert was honorably discharged on account of disability, and has never regained his health. Like so many of his comrades-in-arms, he sacrificed his physical well-being for his country, and can not receive too high praise for the years he has patiently endured the suffering thus entailed.

Soon after his return from the army Mr. Hulbert was married to Miss Rosana Fuller, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Curtis and Betsy Fuller. Of the eight children born

of this union, two died in infancy; the others, two sons and four daughters, are as follows: Grant, Elsie, Charles, Maud, Edith and Nina. Mr. Hulbert is a member of the G. A. R. post at Muscoda, and in politics is a Republican. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert are hospitable people, and enjoy the friendship of a large circle of friends. They are numbered among the representative people of Muscoda, and are worthy of the highest esteem.

CHARLES B. FINN (deceased) was a faithful soldier in the war for the Union, and one of the well-known and highly esteemed citizens of Patch Grove township, Grant county. He enlisted on Feb. 9, 1865, in Company G, 47th Wis. V. I., and was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 4, 1865. Mr. Finn was born in the city of New York, Sept. 25, 1835, and was a son of Anthony and Catherine Ann (Shuma) Finn, the former a native of the State of New York, the latter of the city of the same name. In their family were five children, three sons and two daughters, but Charles B. was the only one to enter the army during the Civil war. From New York city the family moved to Erie, Penn., and later Charles B. Finn went to Ontario, Canada, where he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia G. Allen, who was born in the town of Ipswich, England, in 1843, and when two years old was taken by her parents, David and Harriet Allen, to Canada, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Finn was the youngest of the five children who came to America with the parents. All but one are still living, namely: Harriet, a resident of Windsor, Ontario; Edwin, of Missouri; Orlando, of Ontario; and Mrs. Finn. Elizabeth died in Ontario.

In June, 1861, Mr. Finn became a resident of Patch Grove township, Grant Co., Wis. He first located on a farm two miles west of the village of Patch Grove, and some time later purchased the farm on which his widow now resides. His death was an especially sad one, being sudden and unexpected, as he was killed by lightning Oct. 1, 1888. It was not only a severe loss to his family, but a source of deep regret to all who knew him. He was an industrious and enterprising man, upright and honorable in all the relations of life, and highly respected and esteemed in the community where he made his home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Finn were born six chil-



dren, three sons and three daughters, namely: Albert C., who married Laura Colby, the daughter of a soldier; Lucius O.; Olive Mary, wife of R. S. Ryerson, of the State of Washington, where she now resides; Carrie Eliza, wife of Horatio Miller, of Denver, Colo.; Jesse W.; and Florence A. Mrs. Finn is a lady of intelligence and culture, who presides with gracious dignity in her pleasant home, and, like her husband, makes many friends.

**FRANKLIN BENNETT.** Among the older and more venerable agriculturists of Albany, Green county, Mr. Bennett has long been conspicuous by reason of his manly integrity, his upright character, and his life of industry and honesty.

Mr. Bennett was born in the town of Charlotte, Chittenden county, Vt., Dec. 12, 1821, a son of James and Fannie (Hall) Bennett, natives of Long Island, and of Walpole, N. H., respectively. They were the parents of seven children, of whom only two are now living: Franklin; and Caroline, the widow of D. B. Traverse, of Eau Claire, Wis. The father was a wheelwright when a young man, and when he became of age enlisted as a ship carpenter on board the ship "Constitution," and then served in the army during the war of 1812. He located in Vermont after the closing of the war, and married in Williston, that State, carrying on his trade of wheelwright. In later life he moved to Canton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where he continued work at his trade. There he died at the age of seventy-six, his wife dying three years before, at the age of sixty-three. She was a Methodist. The father of James Bennett was a native of New York, of English, Irish and Scotch descent, and was a carriage maker by trade; he was the father of three children, and died in advanced years. Elisha Hall, the father of Fannie Hall mentioned above, was a farmer in his native State, New Hampshire, where he reared a large family, and died when old.

Franklin Bennett was about twelve years old when his parents moved into New York. He grew to manhood and received his schooling in Canton. In 1847 Mr. Bennett came west to Beloit. He had a small farm of about forty acres near Belvidere, Boone Co., Ill., where he lived ten years. He sold that at the expiration of this period, and moved to Wisconsin.

Mr. Bennett married Miss Sarah Rounds,

daughter of Brinton Rounds, in 1837. Seven children were born to this union, three of whom are now living,—Ann, Emma and James. Ann married George Bennett (deceased), and had four children, two of whom are living, Rev. Harry (a preacher in the Christian Church), and Bertha (a teacher); Mrs. Ann Bennett now lives in Monroe. Emma married Edward Bacon, and lives two miles south of Monroe; they were the parents of five children, four of whom are still living, Don, Bert, Ralph and Orrin. James married and lives at Altoona, Wis. Mrs. Sarah (Rounds) Bennett died in Illinois in 1856. Mr. Bennett was married Jan. 29, 1859, to Mrs. Eliza Edwards, widow of Ansel Edwards, and daughter of David Miller. There were no children by the second marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett belong to the Methodist Church.

Mr. Bennett enlisted in August, 1862, in Company F, 31st Wis. V. I., and served three years. He participated in the battles of Atlanta and Bentonville, and in many skirmishes, and was on the celebrated march of Gen. Sherman to the sea. Mr. Bennett returned to his farm in Green county when the war was over, and continued on it until 1880. That year he sold his farm and moved into Albany, where he built a good home, and for a time followed the work of a mason. Lately his advanced age has necessitated a quiet life, and for several years he has lived retired. Mr. Bennett was a Whig in early life, and on the dissolution of that party joined the Republican party, but at the present time he is a Prohibitionist. He is the senior vice-commander of Erastus Hoyt Post, No. 69, G. A. R., and is highly respected by all the old comrades. His present wife was an early settler of Green county, and her parents were natives of New York.

**DR. EDWARD B. OWEN,** a dentist of Brodhead, Green county, widely known as a master of his profession, well versed in all its mechanical niceties, and thoroughly understanding the art of caring for the teeth, has many friends in the community, and is regarded by all who know him as a reliable and trustworthy gentleman.

Dr. Owen was born in Montgomeryshire, Wales, Aug. 20, 1850, a son of Abram and Mary (Jones) Owen. They were the parents of five children, and three of these are living: John E., of Oregon, Wis.; David, of Redfield,

S. Dak.; and Dr. Edward B. The father was a stockman and farmer, and died in Wales at the age of eighty-two, a leading man in his own community. His wife died in 1886, at the age of seventy-three. He was a Methodist, and she a Baptist. His father was a farmer, and died in his native Wales, the father of two sons. John Jones, the father of Mary, was a farmer in Wales, and died in middle life; he had two sons and a daughter.

Dr. Edward B. Owen came to America in 1860, and made his home at Oregon, Wis., where he grew to manhood. He attended the public schools, and was a college student at Madison. Then he entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, at Philadelphia, and was graduated in 1888. After this he took a special course at the college of dental surgery in Chicago. He began the practice of his profession at Oregon, where he remained a little over two years. His health failed at Oregon, and he was obliged to take a rest. When he had partially regained his strength he came to Brodhead and engaged in the practice of his profession. Here he has continued to the present time. Dr. Owen is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is its Sunday-school superintendent. He is a member of Bicknell Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the Monroe Chapter, R. A. M., and of Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, where he has taken the Uniform Rank. Dr. Owen is a Republican, and belongs to the Southern Wisconsin Dental Society, to the Wisconsin State Dental Association, and the National Dental Association. He is a stockholder in the Brodhead telephone exchange, and in everything that relates to the progress of the community he has a keen and persistent interest.

JAMES W. LYMAN, the present clerk of Green county, and one of the most popular official occupants of the court house at Monroe, Wis., is a native of the county he is serving so well, and a fair representative of the new generation that has come to take charge of the State as the "old guard," the early settlers, fall away. He is enterprising and intelligent, not afraid of a little trouble to oblige a stranger, kind and courteous to all, and enjoys a reputation for integrity and manliness that would be creditable to any one.

Mr. Lyman was born in the town of De-

catur, Green Co., Wis., Oct. 3, 1865, a son of George S. and Naomi (Mitchell) Lyman. His father was born on Long Island, and his mother in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are now living, Louise, the wife of T. J. Blackford, of Juda, Green county, Wis., and James W. The father was a tinner by trade; and came to Wisconsin about 1848, making his home in Monroe, where he followed his trade for several years. Then he rented a farm, and cultivated the soil in the town of Decatur until in 1870, when he bought a farm of eighty-five acres in the town of Sylvester, one mile north of Juda, and lived here until his death, in 1897, when sixty-three years old. His wife died in 1878, and he then married Mrs. Eva Andrews, by whom he had one son, Clark, who lives in Monroe, as does also his widowed mother. The paternal grandfather of James W. Lyman bore the name of Ashley Lyman; he was a native of Northampton, N. H., of English descent, and passed his entire life as a farmer, dying in early life, leaving one son, George S.

Abner Mitchell, the father of Mrs. Naomi Lyman, was a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent, and he followed the occupation of farming. He was one of the early settlers of Green county, locating in the town of Spring Grove, where he took up land from the government, and spent his life, dying on the old homestead on his eighty-fourth birthday; he had been a prominent man in his active days, and in 1854 had represented this district in the General Assembly, and from time to time had filled various local offices. He became a thrifty farmer, and owned farming land in the towns of Sylvester, Spring Grove and Decatur. In his family were nine children.

James W. Lyman was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the district school and in the graded schools of Juda, and being a close student, he became very well educated. Leaving school when strength and age counselled the taking up of some life work, he took up the trade of a carpenter, and followed it for some years. His inclination led him to the South, and he spent seven years (1886-1892) farming in Jefferson county, Florida. By this time he had seen enough of the sunny South, and he was ready to come back to his old home in Green county. This he did, and for two years worked in and about

Juda as a carpenter. He lived on the farm, and in 1898 he was elected county clerk, which position he holds at the present time. Since his induction into office he and his family live in Monroe.

On April 22, 1896, Mr. Lyman wedded Miss Louise Mitchell, a daughter of Franklin and Jane (McVean) Mitchell. Two children, Catharine Louise and Naomi Jean, have gladdened their home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lyman are members of the Baptist Church at Juda. He is an active worker in the Sunday-school, and takes a strong interest in everything calculated to help the world onward and upward. He holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Royal Arcanum, and is a strong believer in fraternal insurance. He is a Republican, and served as assessor of Jefferson township two terms.

JOHN Q. HASTINGS, a retired farmer and a veteran of the Civil war, now spending his declining years on his farm two miles southeast of Browntown, Green county, was born in Mercer county, Penn., Jan. 29, 1844, and is a son of Hugh and Saloma (Bearnheard) Hastings, both natives of Pennsylvania. John Hastings, the grandfather of John Q., was born in Ireland, and came to Pennsylvania before the Revolution. In 1777 he settled in Fort Pitt, and became the father of five children, Abel, David, Eliza, Mary and Hugh.

Hugh Hastings was born in 1810, married in 1832, and died in 1857. His wife, Saloma Bearnheard, was born in 1812, and she became the mother of nine children: Harriet; Jane is dead; Elizabeth Martha; Margret, deceased; David; Mary; John Q.; Sarah K.; and Phebe.

John Q. Hastings was married to Miss Barbara Spece, June 2, 1867. Mrs. Hastings was born June 2, 1849, and is the daughter of William and Julia (Youngblood) Spece, who came to Green county from Ohio in 1845. To this marriage have come eight children: (1) Frank O., born in 1868, married Lena Brown, of Martintown. (2) Fred P., born in 1870, married Emma Warner, of Cadiz township. (3) Saloma, born in 1872, is the wife of John Patrick, of Sioux county, Iowa. (4) Wilhelmine, born in 1874, married Oscar D. Curtis, of Browntown, Wis., a justice of the peace, and a student of law, and also a candidate for the position of county clerk in 1900. (5) Phœbe, born in 1876, is the wife of Joseph

Dale, a barber of Browntown. (6) Hugh, Jr., born in 1878, is single and makes his home in Browntown. (7) Ethel, born in 1880, now living in Milwaukee. (8) Maggie, born in 1886, died in childhood.

Mr. Hastings is a Democrat, and a man of fine character and deep religious convictions, though he has never seen fit to unite with any church. During the Civil war he served as a soldier of the Union, enlisting in Company B, in August, 1861, and was a member of the 18th Wis. V. I. until the following year. At that time his enlistment period terminated, and he reenlisted in the 92nd Ill. V. I., and participated in many of the exciting scenes of the great war. He was with Gen. Sherman in his March to the Sea, and had a part in many hard-fought battles. He lost an eye in the service, for which he is drawing a pension. His discharge from the service was given him in 1865, so that practically he served throughout the entire war.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings are spending their declining days on their farm, and have that peace and comfort that should rightly follow their useful and well-spent lives.

THOMAS J. ALSOP, a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of the town of Brooklyn, Green county, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., May 25, 1844, the only child of John and Kezia (Searing) Alsop, both natives of New York.

John Alsop was a farmer and came to Wisconsin in 1854, and settled in the town of Janesville where he engaged in farming. After a time he moved into the village of Brooklyn where he spent his last days, dying at the age of seventy-three; his wife, Kezia, passed away the same year, aged sixty-three years. Both were Quakers in religious faith. John Alsop was a son of Thomas Alsop, a native of New York, of an English ancestry: he was a captain of a whaling vessel, sailing the sea for seventeen years, but after his marriage he settled in Cayuga county, N. Y., where he reared a large family, filled an important place in the community, and died at the age of fifty-five. John Alsop, father of Thomas, and great-grandfather of our subject, was a prominent merchant in the city of New York, and the founder of the Chamber of Commerce. The history of the family in America begins with the year 1624. Kezia (Searing) Alsop was a daughter of John

P. Searing, a native of the city of New York, where he began his business career as a hatter, but in later years took up the occupation of farming; he came West to Vernon county, Wis., in 1857, where he died at the age of sixty-three years. Mr. Searing was a soldier in the war of 1812, reared a large family, and was highly esteemed in his own neighborhood.

Thomas J. Alsop was ten years old when he came with his parents to Wisconsin. Here he attended the public schools, and began his business career as a cultivator of his father's farm. At the death of that gentleman this farm came into his possession, but in 1885 he sold it and bought 330 acres in the town of Brooklyn, which was formerly known as the Melvin farm.

Mr. Alsop was married Feb. 2, 1871, to Miss Frances, a daughter of Jesse and Mary B. (Brooks) Smith, and they have become the parents of the following children: Grace, Mabel, Roscoe, Irving, LeGrand, Irene, and Harold. In politics Mr. Alsop is a Democrat.

Jesse Smith, the father of Mrs. Alsop, was a native of New York, and his wife, Mary B. (Brooks), of Vermont. To them were born three children: Stanley B., of Janesville, Wis.; Frances E., whose name is mentioned above; and Mary K., widow of Warren Richardson, of Leon, Kansas. Mr. Smith came from New York to the village of Union in 1846, and established himself as a merchant. He died in that place in 1873, and his widow died in 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. She was a Baptist. He had been twice married, and by his first wife, Betsy Wilmarth, he had six children, all now deceased. In his early days Mr. Smith was a man of prominence, and in New York was a Colonel in the State Militia. He was next to the youngest in a family of eleven children.

Dr. John Brooks, of Bernardston, Mass., father of Mary B. (Brooks) Smith, was born in Worcester, Jan. 12, 1783, and in spite of limited opportunities acquired a good education and became a teacher. For a time he was a book binder at Walpole, N. H. In 1804 he began his medical studies in Westminster, Vt., in which he spent three years, and for fourteen years was a successful and popular physician, at Newfane, Vt., and was elected the second secretary of the medical Society of Vermont. In 1813 or 1814 he represented his town in the Vermont Legislature. In 1819, on

account of his health, he gave up the practice of medicine and removed to Dummerston, Vt., where he finally began preaching the doctrine of Universal Restoration. It was in his capacity of a clergyman and pastor that he settled in Bernardston, in 1822. He died in 1865 at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He was twice married, and reared a numerous family.

REV. ISAAC S. BUSSING, for several years pastor of the local church of the United Brethren in Christ, is counted one of the strong clergymen of Monroe, Green county. He is a man of great natural gifts, strong character, and deep devotion to the sacred calling in which he is engaged. Well versed in its divine lore, he is a Bible preacher, ever loyal to his Master.

Mr. Bussing was born at Albany, N. Y., May 25, 1855, a son of Harmon and Harriet (Smith) Bussing, natives of New York. They had a son and a daughter, the latter of whom died when twenty-one years of age from the effects of an accident. The father was a dry-goods merchant in Albany, and lived there until a year and a half before his marriage. His first wife died about 1857, and he married Betsey M. Smith, a sister of the first Mrs. Bussing. To this marriage were also born a son and a daughter, Alice B. and Walter. Mr. Bussing died at the home of his daughter in November, 1891, at the age of sixty-three years. Mrs. Betsey M. Bussing died June 30, 1900. They were members of the Reformed Protestant Church of America. The grandfather of Rev. Isaac S. Bussing also bore the name of Harmon Bussing; he was born in Ireland, but was brought to this country when a child, passing the greater part of his life near Albany, N. Y., engaged in farming. He was the father of five children, and lived to be eighty-nine years of age. John Smith, the father of Harriet Smith noted above, was born in New York, and was the descendant of Holland-Dutch ancestors.

Rev. Isaac S. Bussing was reared in the city of Albany, where he attended the public schools, and helped his father in the store in the intervals of his school work. He was an energetic, pushing lad of determined spirit, and has taken entire care of himself since he was fourteen years of age. In later years he pursued his studies by the light of the midnight

oil, so congenial to the scholarly mind. Mr. Bussing is in every sense of the word a self-made man; he has conquered difficulties that would have overwhelmed and crushed a less courageous soul.

Mr. Bussing began life for himself as a shipping clerk with Wood, Lewis & Hawley, well-known collar and cuff manufacturers at Troy, N. Y., and remained with them between eight and nine years. It was while in their employ that his strong religious nature asserted itself, and he became a recognized and powerful worker in the cause of the Master among the young men of that city, at one time having gathered a class of seventy-five young men under his instruction and inspiration. He had been with them about a year when J. R. Pratt, Wisconsin secretary of the Y. M. C. A., induced him to come West, and enter upon the duties of Lumberman's secretary of the association. Mr. Bussing did so, and for several seasons spent the winter season in traveling through the various lumber camps of the northern woods. This was an arduous life, and his health became so undermined that he was called in from the field, and assigned to the office of general secretary at Lake Geneva, Wis. Mr. Bussing remained at this point, and discharged the duties of the position until 1892, when he entered the regular work of the ministry of the Methodist Church, having his first charge at Springville, Wis. He was pastor there two years, and while he was there a sweeping revival greatly advanced the cause of the church. In Springville, to-day, there is standing a beautiful church, which is a lasting memorial to the work of Mr. Bussing in that community. From Springville he was transferred to the church at London, Dane county, in the fall of 1893, where he had a pastorate of twelve months that was fruitful in the strengthening of the church, the material improvement of the property and the lifting of all debt. In 1894 Mr. Bussing was assigned to the church at Dartford, the county seat of Green Lake county, and here his ministry was attended with large revivals and many accessions to the church.

In the winter of 1896 ideas that had long been working in the mind of Mr. Bussing became convictions, and he realized that as a matter of conscience he should do his work as a minister henceforth under the auspices of the religious organization known as the Church

of the United Brethren in Christ. To break away from a ministry that offered such large attractions, and which had been singularly agreeable to him was no slight thing, but with the subject of this article right went before any question of ease or comfort, and he accordingly hastened to identify himself with this body as soon as he had become thoroughly convinced that it was founded on the Gospel. He resigned from the Methodist communion on Easter Sunday, 1896, and entered almost immediately upon his work as pastor of the Church of the United Brethren, at Pickrell, Neb. There his work was particularly noticeable by one hundred three conversions taking place under his effective preaching at that point. He was sent to Julian, Neb., at the next session of the conference, where he remained a year and a half; and from that point he came to Monroe, where he has since resided.

Mr. Bussing and Miss Ella S. Burger, a daughter of William F. and Cornelia E. (Wyant) Burger, were married Nov. 6, 1874. Three sons and three daughters are the fruit of this union, William H., Harriet E., Martin, Benjamin T., Ruth Mary and Esther May. Mr. Bussing is brigade chaplain of the Domain of Wisconsin, Knights of Pythias, holding the rank of major in that order, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is the first vice-president of the Monroe Ministerial Association. Mr. Bussing takes an independent stand in all political affairs, and aims to cast his vote at every election with a view to the general good of his country, rather than the promotion of mere party aims.

GILBERT T. HODGES, whose prominence in the agricultural, financial and political circles of Green county, Wis., easily places him in the front rank of the popular and substantial citizens of the State, was born in Montgomery county, Ind., Jan. 6, 1841.

William Hodges, his father, was born in Kentucky, of English descent, and when he started out in life for himself was empty handed, but he pre-empted eighty acres of land in Montgomery county, Ind., of which he cleared five acres and built a log house, planting his five acres in corn. This tract he traded for another eighty-acre tract which was wholly unimproved, which in turn he cleared and traded for a third, upon which he made his home until 1846, when he sold all off and moved to

Wisconsin, where he purchased 260 acres in Monroe township, Green county, and where he built a good house. As the years passed on he added to his possessions 160 acres three and one-half miles northwest, but this he divided between his two children, David and Rachel, and also gave to Lewis eighty acres off the home farm. He then purchased eighty acres each on the south and the east sides of the original place, and forty acres on the west, and as the last named land was in the corporate limits of the city of Monroe, he sold it off in town lots. While he never had enjoyed the benefits of an education, he was a successful man. He kept no accounts, but after his son Gilbert had attained the age of ten years, he depended upon him to do any necessary figuring. When he started out on stock buying expeditions, he was always accompanied by Gilbert, who looked after the numerical side of the business. Mr. Hodges helped to survey the land in the neighborhood, and it was said he was infallible when called upon to settle boundary disputes. In 1856 he purchased land in Davis county, Mo., and lived there for two and one-half years, but at the end of that time returned to Wisconsin, and passed a year and one-half in straightening up his affairs. He then returned to Missouri, where he remained, however, but a year, the outbreak of the Rebellion making a home in Wisconsin more desirable for a Northern sympathizer. In the spring of 1877 he purchased town property in Winfield, Kans., and went there expecting to make it his future home. In August, 1879, he started back to his old Wisconsin home, but was taken ill on the way, and died the day after his arrival, in his eightieth year. Just after he left his early home in Kentucky and took up his abode in Indiana, he married Sarah Powell, daughter of Lewis Powell, of Montgomery county, Ind., and to their union came eight children, three of whom are now living: Rachel, widow of Thomas Randall, makes her home in Winfield, Kans.; William J., of Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Gilbert T. The mother of these died in 1884. Both were faithful followers of the tenets of the Christian or Disciples Church. Mr. Hodges served for many years as a justice of the peace.

Lewis Powell, father of Mrs. Sarah (Powell) Hodges, and maternal grandfather of Gilbert T. Hodges, was a native of Virginia, where he gained a livelihood chiefly by hunt-

ing. Game of all kinds abounded there, and he was a typical and daring pioneer of those early struggling days of our country. He took part in the Indian war, and was called Capt. Powell. His brother Decader was killed in the battle of Tippecanoe. Lewis Powell was captured many times, but always succeeded in effecting his escape. He moved from Virginia to Tennessee, and thence to Montgomery county, Ind., making his home there until 1844, when he located in Monroe township, Green Co., Wis., and commenced to improve a farm about four miles northeast of the village of Monroe. This he shortly after divided among his children, and lived with them until his death, which took place in 1858, at the home of his youngest daughter, Mary Anne Clark, when he was aged ninety-nine years. He was of Scotch descent, and was very religious, his home having been a meeting place for religious discussions for many years. He also held many minor offices, among them justice of the peace.

Gilbert T. Hodges has passed by far the greater part of his life in Monroe, Green county. He was reared on his father's farm, and received such education as the district schools afforded, later attending a college in Madison. His first essay in life for himself was as a teacher, beginning this work when he was eighteen years of age, by teaching three terms in a school in Missouri. This was followed by four winters' teaching in his home in the district schools of Clarno township. He met with great success in this work, but having been trained to farm work, he returned to that as a life work, farming with his father on shares, and buying stock. His first purchase of land consisted of 105 acres in Clarno township, known as the "Stearns farm," a portion of which he sold in 1865, and the remainder in 1870. In 1868 he bought eighty acres of his father's farm of the heirs, and thirty-four acres of his father's land within the corporation, and of the latter he sold ten acres to the Fair Grounds Association. He has since bought 120 acres in Cadiz township. He continues to buy stock in large quantities, and as he began this business in 1863, he is now the oldest continuous stock buyer in the county, and feeds cattle on a large scale. He has also bought wool for many years. His remarkable ability as a judge of stock has made him an authority in the community, and in the State Agricultural

Society, of which he has been a member many years, and was an officer for about five years, being superintendent of the cattle and dairy departments.

Mr. Hodges has not confined himself entirely to agricultural pursuits, but has become a factor in financial circles, where his foresight and his wisdom have made him an invaluable counselor. He is the largest stockholder and a director in the Citizens Bank, and is a stockholder in the First National Bank. In politics, too, Mr. Hodges has played a prominent and influential part. His ballot is cast in favor of the Democratic party, and he has filled many offices. He was chairman of the county board of supervisors for ten or twelve years, and was chairman of the building committee having in charge the erection of the present handsome court house. He was a candidate for the State Assembly in 1894 and 1896, being defeated the first time by only 160 votes. He was a delegate from Milwaukee to Washington, D. C., Feb. 22, 1900, to secure the location of the national convention of the Democratic party at Milwaukee, but was defeated by the Kansas City committee. That year he went to Kansas City as a delegate, and there assisted in the nomination of William J. Bryan for president of the United States, and in the fall election, being a candidate for Congress, suffered defeat with his chief in the general landslide. Mr. Hodges has served as clerk of the district school board in Clarno township. Socially he belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters, and for ten years he was president of the Green County Agricultural Society, and at present is one of its trustees.

On Feb. 13, 1866, Mr. Hodges was united in marriage with Miss Annie F. Banks, daughter of James A. and Grace Mary (Walker) Banks, and eight children came to bless their union: Isabel and Grace both died in infancy; Lewis A., a graduate of the Monroe high school, has been connected with the Citizens Bank for thirteen years, now holding the position of assistant cashier (he married Cornelia Mack, of Brodhead, and has two children, Constance and Van Antwerp); Emma Frances, who attended the University at Madison two years, then entered Holy Angels' Academy, at Minneapolis, and later attended Conservatory of Music at Chicago, whence she was graduated (she married Elmer Man-

ning, a machinist at Monroe, where they reside, and where she is now president of the Woman's Club); Gilbert T., Jr., a graduate of the literary and legal departments of the University at Madison, is now practicing law in Chicago; Annie died when nearly four years old; James William (who was a member of Company H, 1st Wis. Vols., in the Spanish-American war) and Paul are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

James A. Banks and wife, parents of Mrs. Hodges, are both natives of England, who came to America in 1843, and located in Massachusetts, near Haverhill, whence after seventeen years they came to Monroe. During his residence in England Mr. Banks was a traveling man, and was interested in a woolen and cotton factory there. In Massachusetts he had charge of a cotton factory, later becoming a shoe manufacturer in Haverhill. After locating in Wisconsin, he engaged in business until burned out, and then, as he was advancing in years, he retired. His death occurred in 1886, at the age of eighty-three years, and his wife died in 1881, at the age of seventy-five. They were married in the Episcopal Church, later uniting with the Roman Catholic. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. For a time he was a member of the militia in England. His father had died early and his early training was given him by his grandfather. Mr. and Mrs. Banks were the parents of seven children, five of whom survive: Isabel, wife of Edward Flanders, of Chicago; James, of Jefferson, Wis.; Annie F., Mrs. Hodges; Grace Mary, wife of Robert Graham, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Sarah Alice, wife of Charles A. Lytle, of Monroe, Wis. The two last named were twins. Mr. Banks' grandmother was a cousin of Thomas Jefferson. Mrs. Grace Mary (Walker) Banks was a daughter of Thomas Walker, a farmer and mail carrier in England, where he died at the advanced age of ninety years, the father of thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity.

ELIAS J. HELGESEN, M. D., a prominent practicing physician and surgeon, and a member of the well known drug firm of Helgesen & Godfred, of New Glarus, Green county, is a young man to whom success has come early in life, won by skill and ability in his profes-

sion, and by enterprise and upright methods in the business world.

Dr. Helgesen was born in Moscow township, Iowa county, Feb. 2. 1866, son of John and Ingobar (Docken) Helgesen, natives of Norway. His education was all acquired in the district schools, and he remained at home until he had attained the age of twenty-one. Then he matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa, and was graduated in medicine in 1893. He had formerly studied under a preceptor, and for two years before receiving his diploma he had practiced in Badger, Iowa. He completed his professional training in Keokuk, Iowa, and then practiced two years in Forest City, Iowa. In 1895 he located in New Glarus, where he opened a drug store in connection with his practice. Three years later he associated with him in business, Mr. A. Godfrey, a pharmacist graduate of the University of Chicago. His practice has been constantly on the increase, until at the present time he has all that he can possibly attend to. Nature endowed him with a kindly, sympathetic nature that inspires his patients with confidence, and makes his presence in the sick room most welcome.

On Jan. 26. 1886, Dr. Helgesen was married to Miss Josephine Wise, daughter of John and Susan (Winner) Wise, and four children have come to this union: John S., Walter J. E., Reuben L. and William J. Both the Doctor and his wife are Lutherans in their religious faith, but as the only English speaking church in New Glarus is the Methodist, they attend that, and are active in its work. Dr. Helgesen belongs to the A. O. U. W. and the M. W. A. Through his Alma Mater he is a member of the Alumni Medical Association of Keokuk, Iowa. Politically the Doctor is a staunch Republican, and was delegate to the State convention which nominated Gov. La Follette. At present he is serving as justice of the peace, and this attests the high esteem in which he is held, as he is the first person to hold office in New Glarus outside of the Swiss people. He is progressive and public spirited, and has endeared himself to all classes of people.

John Helgesen, father of Dr. Helgesen, was a remarkably versatile man, being a shoemaker, carpenter and stone mason. In 1861 he left his native Norway for America, and lo-

cated in Moscow township, Iowa Co., Wis., where he bought a farm, and thereafter made its care his life work. His father had accompanied him from their foreign home, and lived until 1862, when he died at the advanced age of ninety years. Mr. Helgesen was twice married, and by his first wife he had four children, as follows: Margaret, wife of Knute Edmonds, of Hollandale, Wis.; Annie, widow of John Cashman, of Manitowoc, Wis.; Hannah, wife of Frank Copeman, of Chicago; and Holver, of Iowa county. He later married Ingobar Docken, daughter of Erick Docken, a native of Norway, who came to America in 1859, locating in Moscow township, where he died in 1867, at the age of fifty-five years. To this second marriage were born ten children: Dr. Elias J.; Dr. Peter A., present mayor of Lake Mills, Ia.; Dr. John M., of Barneveld, Wis.; Thomas, of Moscow township, Iowa Co.; Henry, of the same place; Sever E., of New Glarus; and Albert, Paul, Mary J., and Clara, all of Moscow township. John Helgesen served his adopted country for some time as a soldier in the Civil war, being a private in Co. H, 15th Wis. V. I. He has a brother, Thomas Helgesen, a wealthy ship builder of Liverpool, England.

GEORGE R. STEWART, a popular young grocer at Brodhead, Green county, with a good city and country trade, is rapidly coming to the front as a progressive and successful business man. He is genial and courteous in his manner, honest and reliable in his dealing, and has gained a reputation for unswerving integrity that goes unchallenged in this community.

Mr. Stewart was born in the town of Spring Valley, Rock county, Wis., Feb. 20, 1874, and is a son of Harmon and Kate (Bartlett) Stewart, both of whom were also born in this State. They were the parents of five children, George R., Harriet B., Anna L., Kittie A., and Genie M. The father was a prominent farmer in the town of Spring Valley, where he owned a farm of two hundred and seven acres. He had other real estate holdings that were very valuable, and was one of the solid men of his day. He moved into Brodhead, and there died in 1887, at the early age of thirty-five years. His widow still survives, and she and her family are residents of this city. They were Presbyterians in their faith and sympathy, but were



not identified with any church. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and a Republican. His father Herman B. Stewart, was a native of Vermont, and one of the earlier settlers of Rock county, where he engaged in farming and milling; he had four children, and died at the age of seventy-five. Luke C. Bartlett, the father of Kate Bartlett mentioned above, was a native of New York, following the trade of wagon maker; he came into Wisconsin at an early day, first settling in Rock county, but afterward moving into Green county, where for a time he was in business at Albany; he has lived in Brodhead for a number of years, and is still engaged at his trade. He was the father of seven children, six of whom are now living.

George R. Stewart was only some seven years old when his parents came to Brodhead, and here he has grown to manhood. He obtained his education in the Brodhead schools, and prepared himself for a mercantile life, upon which he entered as soon as he was through school. He was a clerk for a time, and then, forming a partnership with David Gombar, began the grocery business. The partnership was dissolved at the end of two years, Mr. Stewart buying out his partner, since which time he has been alone. He has a growing trade, and needs more help from time to time as his business grows on his hands, but he feels fully competent to manage it alone. He belongs to the Knights of the Globe, and in politics is a Republican.

ABRAHAM V. KNAPP, of Lima township, Grant county, was born in Seneca county, N. Y., June 27, 1832, a son of James D. and Lois (Ingersoll) Knapp, natives of the State of Connecticut, where they were born in 1800 and 1799, respectively. While both were quite young they moved with their parents to western New York, where they were married. They engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years, and later the family moved to Monroe county, Mich., where the father died in 1854. Soon after this sad event the mother and family moved to Wisconsin, settling first at Lancaster, and later at Platteville, where the mother died in 1888. Four children were born to this couple, all in the State of New York: (1) Jerusha G. never married, and died at her home in Platteville in 1898. (2) Spencer crossed the Plains to California

in 1852, and died a short time after reaching that State. (3) Riley J. was a farmer, enlisted in Co. K, 47th Wis. V. I., and at the close of the war returned to his home in Wisconsin, was never married, and died at Platteville in 1900. (4) Abraham V. was the youngest son.

From early boyhood Abraham V. Knapp has been engaged in farming. On the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1861, he enlisted in Co. F, 10th Wis. V. I., served as private, second and first sergeant and second lieutenant, under Generals O. M. Mitchel, Buel, McCook, Rosecrans and Thomas, participated in a number of battles, of which Perrysville and Stone River were the most important. At the latter battle he received an injury (ruptured veins in the leg) that permanently disabled him for military service, and in December, 1863, he resigned his commission, and returned to his home.

The year following his return Mr. Knapp was married to Miss Laura E. Waldorf, of Grant county, a daughter of Jesse and Clarissa (Jones) Waldorf, who were born and reared in Trumbull county, Ohio. They both belonged to old pioneer families of that State, and came West to Grant Co., Wis., in 1840, taking up a tract of land, which they greatly improved. Mr. Waldorf was chairman of the board of supervisors for many years, and served one term in the Legislature. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf, Mrs. Knapp and a sister Mary, now deceased, who married Amanda Miner, a resident of Iowa, and left no family. Mr. Jesse Waldorf died in 1871, and Clarissa Waldorf in 1884.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Knapp settled on the old Waldorf homestead, where they now reside. To them were born ten children: Fred W., of Fennimore, a tinner by trade, married Miss Mary Streeter, of Grant county; Frank S., mentioned below; Sidney D. B.; Clara L.; Charles D.; Jesse E.; Horace H.; Lloyd P.; Edna M.; and Ernest N. Politically Mr. Knapp has always been a Republican, casting his first presidential vote for Fremont in 1856. Both Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have long been members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Knapp superintended the Sunday-school near his home for twelve years, and had the satisfaction of having one hundred scholars, all of whom were members of the M. E. Church.

Frank S. Knapp was born in Grant county,

in February, 1867, and grew to manhood on the home farm, attending the district school. Later he was a student at the State Normal at Platteville, and also at the commercial college in Madison. For a short time he engaged in teaching, and then was engaged for about eighteen months as bookkeeper for the lumber firm of W. U. Taylor & Son, of Platteville. During 1892 and 1893, he was enabled to pursue his chosen study, that of dentistry, at the State University of Iowa. The first location Dr. Knapp made for the practice of his profession was in Alexandria, S. Dak., where he remained a few months; then returned to Platteville, bought Dr. Deffinbacher's office fixtures, and has since resided in this city, where he built up a very desirable practice. During these eight succeeding years Dr. Knapp has become very well known among his brother dentists, was for two years president of the Southern Wisconsin Dental Association, and is also a member of the State Dental Society. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the order of Odd Fellows, and is a charter member of the K. of P. order of this city, of which he has been C. C. Politically he is a Republican and is now serving his second term as alderman. The summer of 1900 Dr. Knapp spent in Europe, visiting England, Scotland, Ireland and France, and attending the Paris Exposition. Dr. Knapp has always attended the M. E. Church, and contributes to its support. Upright in all his dealings, thoroughly understanding his profession, pleasant in manner, Dr. Knapp not only has attained eminence in his work, but is also very popular personally and is a young man of whom Platteville may well be proud.

**NILS KNUDSON.** Among the honorable survivors of the old settlers of Adams township, Green county, is Nils Knudson, who is located on his fine farm, on Section 16, fifteen miles northwest of Monroe, Wis., and is one of the leading and substantial men of this locality.

Mr. Knudson was born in Walders, Norway, on May 5, 1833. His father, Knud Nelson, was born in Norway, in 1804, and came to Adams township, in 1856, and died in 1884, having had a family of nine children: Bessie, deceased; Mary, of Iowa; Nils, of this sketch; Isabella, the wife of Ole O. Syaness, of Wisconsin; Knudt, of Iowa; Ole, deceased; Annie,

the wife of Ole Anderson, of Iowa; Lena, the wife of James Rassmussen, of Iowa; and Thomas, of Iowa.

On March 7, 1861, Nils Knudson was married to Carrie Olson, and three children were born of this union: Knudt; Ole, deceased; and Caroline, the wife of Oliver Brager, of Iowa. Mrs. Knudson died in 1872, and in 1874 Mr. Knudson was married to Miss Carrie Nelson Avok, who was born in Norway on May 16, 1846, and who came to the United States when a girl. Five children were born to this marriage: Nils, born Oct. 26, 1874, at home, single; Martin, born on Feb. 12, 1877, at home, single; Ingeborg, born on Feb. 7, 1879, married Gilbert Jordet, of North Dakota; Minnie, born on Jan. 9, 1884; and Anna, born on June 30, 1888. Although now Mr. Knudson is one of the leading and wealthy men of Green county, when he came to America it was as a poor young man, and naturally the reader would ask how these intervening years have been spent, the question being easily answered by the neighbors of Mr. Knudson, who could tell of his industry, his energy and good judgment, his business ability, and also his honest and upright dealing with all with whom he has been associated in business. Mr. Knudson has a high standing in Adams township, and the family is one of the most highly respected. A prominent member of the Democratic party, he has exerted considerable influence, and has been called upon to serve the township in several positions, notably as school director, member of the school board, and as road supervisor. His means are large, and he has recently purchased a \$16,000 farm in North Dakota. In the Lutheran Church he is a valued and consistent member, and is highly regarded, through the community, as one of the most esteemed of the old settlers.

**SEVER CHESTELSON**, who resides on Section 11, Brigham township, Iowa county, is a well-known citizen of his community, and was a soldier of the war of the Rebellion, having been a member of Company C, 12th Wis. V. I. In January, 1862, he enlisted, and was discharged July 16, 1865, having covered in his experience as a soldier all that period of the war in which systematic and continuous efforts were employed to crush the insurrection. At the time of his enlistment, the Nation was just beginning to realize it had a serious

and terrible war on its hands. With thousands of other brave and loyal men, Mr. Chestelson took up arms against the sea of secession, as soon as he saw the struggle and the principles it involved. He was with his regiment during the greater portion of his service, participating in some of the most important events of the war. He took part in the siege and capture of Vicksburg, followed Gen. Sherman in his famous March to the Sea, and shared in the glory and honor of the Grand Review at Washington. With his regiment Mr. Chestelson was mustered out of the United States service at Louisville, and discharged at Madison.

Sever Chestelson was born in Norway in 1831, and grew to manhood in his native country, coming to America after he had reached the age of twenty-two years. For a time his residence was at Stoughton, Wis., then at Blue Mounds, and finally, in 1854, he settled on the farm where he is found at the present time. To this place he returned at the conclusion of the war, and here presently he brought his wife, Miss Anna Thompson, to whom he was married in 1866. She was born in Norway in 1843, and was brought to this country by her parents when only two years old. Her parents lived many years in Blue Mounds, but long since passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Chestelson have seven children living: Maria, Sarah, Amanda, Randine, Carl, Sophia, and Curtis. Two others passed away in childhood. Mr. Chestelson's health was much impaired by his army experiences, never having recovered from the hardships through which he passed; his heart was seriously injured, and this shuts him out from active and continuous work. A good soldier in the war, he is a good citizen at the present time, and has maintained throughout his life a high standard of character.

Mr. Chestelson had two brothers who died in the war for the Union. Tarjei and Aslak Chestelson, both members of the same company as our subject. They were fine young men, and very reliable and trustworthy soldiers. Aslak died in the rear of Vicksburg, during the progress of the military operations against that rebel stronghold. Tarjei, who was taken ill, was on his way to the hospital, when he died on a steamboat on the Mississippi, while being taken North. Mr. and Mrs. Chestelson have a pleasant and hospitable home, and are held in high esteem in the community in which

their quiet and useful lives are passing. Mr. Chestelson belongs to Gen. Dixon Post, No. 191, G. A. R., at Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.

CASPAR W. KARN, proprietor of the Browntown Mills, in Green county, is one of those German-American citizens who have contributed so much that is good to American citizenship. He was born in Saxony March 15, 1843, a son of George and Mary (Fromholdt) Karn, who were natives of the same country. In their family were five children, three of whom—George, Peter and Margaret—remained in the Fatherland, while Valentine accompanied his brother, Caspar, to the new World in 1867; he soon returned to his native land, however, and remained there.

Caspar W. Karn had as a traveling companion on his journey to America, Miss Catherine Schmidting, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Prouch) Schmidting, of Cologne, Germany, the former of whom died in Germany. The latter started for the New World with her daughter, but the daughter becoming ill at Bremen, returned to her old home, and later came to her mother in Madison, Wis., accompanying Mr. Karn as above stated. On Sept. 8, 1867, Mr. Karn and Miss Schmidting were united in marriage, and to their union have come eleven children: Louis W., born July 13, 1868, is now living in Chicago; William F., born June 8, 1871, now a farmer in Lafayette county, married Edith Michael, and has two children, Leah and Willie; Earnest A., born Dec. 23, 1872, a farmer in Green county, married May Foy, and has two children, Ella and Amelia; Mary M., born July 20, 1874, married Peter J. R. Post, a merchant of Dane county, and has two children, Junita and Leana; Herman Joseph, born Sept. 21, 1876, resides in Iowa; Frank A., born Oct. 1, 1878, resides in Green county; George L., born Jan. 17, 1881, is at home, engaged with his father in the milling business; Edward J., born Oct. 1, 1882, John Henry, born March 29, 1885, Oscar H., born Jan. 28, 1887, and Amelia E., born July 30, 1888, are all at home.

When Mr. Karn came to America he was a very poor man, and his capital consisted chiefly of his trade, that of milling, which he had learned in the old country. He first worked in Madison, Wisconsin, and later in Middleton, and then began a series of

changes which included Iowa county, Columbia county, Mount Vernon, and Milwaukee, whence he returned to Mount Vernon, where he purchased a mill and put in a roller process. In 1895 he sold out there and located in Browntown, where he owns a mill fully equipped with all the latest machinery, and capable of turning out the best grade of work. He also owns a two-story dwelling and sixty-five acres of fine land, all the result of his industry and careful management, assisted by his good wife's clear judgment. In politics Mr. Karn is a staunch Democrat, and has held a number of offices in the various places he has lived, among them being that of school director. In religious faith he is a Lutheran; Mrs. Karn and the children are Catholics, and they all take an interest in all that pertains to the welfare of their churches.

Mrs. Karn has a sister who still makes her home in Germany, and is now the wife of William Brown, who was for a time a captain of a boat on the river Rhine.

**CHRISTOPHER MACABUS JACKSON.** While perhaps most of the sturdy settlers of Wisconsin came originally from the East, or directly from the old country, a few, here and there, may be found who represent the best blood of the South, sons and grandsons of those brave and daring Virginians, who crossed the mountains, and in one of the longest and bloodiest struggles with the savage race, wrested from Indian occupancy and control the fair lands of Kentucky. One of the best specimens of that rare and splendid type of American manhood is Christopher M. Jackson, who is also the oldest surviving pioneer of Potosi, Grant county, and with one exception its oldest citizen.

Mr. Jackson was born in Greenville, Muhlenberg county, Ky., Jan. 17, 1816, one of the thirteen children of Jesse and Hannah (Rhodes) Jackson, who were among the most worthy pioneers of Kentucky, and the grandson of Christopher Jackson, who was probably of English descent, the family having located in Virginia, in Colonial times. Christopher had seven sons, Julius, Christopher, Gabriel, Samuel, George, Leroy and Jesse, one of whom entered the Continental army at the age of sixteen years. Jesse Jackson, father of our subject, was born in Virginia, but migrated to the Kentucky frontier about

1785. The Indians were then very troublesome and the settlers often had to live in a blockhouse, where to avoid surprise by the savages, Jesse took turns with the others in standing guard. He was a farmer and millwright by occupation, and a man of commanding influence. He served as sheriff of Muhlenberg county, and was for many years a justice of the peace. In religious faith he was a member of the Baptist church. He died in 1847, aged seventy-eight years. His wife, Hannah Rhodes, was a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch lineage. She was one of six children, her four brothers and one sister being Solomon, David, Henry, Jacob and Catherine. Of the thirteen children born to Jesse and Hannah Jackson, two died in childhood. The other eleven attained an average age of over eighty years, Nancy being ninety-eight at her death. They were Elisha, Nancy, Samuel, Leroy, Elizabeth, Martha, Mary, Esther, Christopher M., Susan and Harvey. Of these Christopher M. and Harvey are the only known survivors, the latter being a resident of Sac City, Iowa.

Christopher M. Jackson, at the age of nineteen, in 1835, left his native State for the Northwest. He tarried for a short time at Dubuque, Iowa, then came to Wisconsin, which was a part of the territory of Michigan. In 1836 he located at Potosi, and was living there when the territory of Wisconsin was organized. He followed mining for several years, then bought wild land and turned his attention to agriculture. In 1850 he drove team across the Plains to California, spending about fifteen months in that State. While there he discovered the famous "Yankee Jim" mine, which in company with others he developed and for a time worked quite successfully. Upon his return to Wisconsin he sold his interest in the mine. Since 1873 Mr. Jackson has resided in the village of Potosi, where for thirteen years he kept the Banfill House. For some years he was a partner with his son-in-law in the leading store of the town, under the firm name of Hunt & Jackson, though he never gave personal attention to mercantile business.

In 1846 Mr. Jackson married Miss Martha Bonham, a native of Pike Co., Missouri, and the daughter of Captain Francis and Mary (Neavill) Bonham, who were among the prominent pioneers of Grant Co., Wis.

Capt. Bonham was one of a family of five sons and two daughters, namely, James, Joseph, Francis, Harvey, Martin, Isabella and Mahala. He was born in Rye Valley, Wythe county, Va., in 1806, and in 1818 removed to Pike county, Mo., where he served during the pioneer days as a captain of militia. Though he possessed few opportunities for a schooling, he had by extensive reading, aided by a remarkable memory, acquired a broad and useful general education. He died in Grant county in 1892, aged eighty-six years. Among the cherished heirlooms which he left to his posterity was a sword, carried by one of his ancestors, in the days of Cromwell's Roundheads, and which also did service in the American revolution. His wife was a native of Shelby Co., Ky. Their eight children, four sons and four daughters, were Martha (Mrs. C. M. Jackson); Euphemia (Mrs. Ott); William; James, who died in his youth; Calvin; Carlos; Lenora (Mrs. Baldwin, deceased), and Mary Frank (Mrs. Brooks). Mrs. Martha (Bonham) Jackson, the wife of our subject, died Nov. 6, 1880, aged forty-nine years.

To Christopher M. and Martha Jackson were born eleven children, of whom two died in childhood. The others are Anna Eliza, who married M. L. Spaulding, and died in 1890, aged forty-one years; Lura Jane, who married W. H. Hunt, and resides in Platteville, Wis.; Matilda Jeannette, who married Adolph Kinney, and resides in St. Paul, Minn.; Adella May, who died April 25, 1895; Minnie Eva, who died April 15, 1893; Martha Lincoln, of Potosi; Myrtle Belle, who married Herman Ott, of Preston, Minn.; William Christopher, of Wilton, N. D.; and Jessie Frances, who married S. H. Hedges, of Chicago. Mr. Jackson has also fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is spending his declining years in one of the most pleasant homes in the village, where his comfort is carefully looked after by his daughter, Martha L. Mr. Jackson cast his first presidential vote for Zachariah Taylor in 1848. Since the Republican party came into existence he has been one of its staunchest supporters, though never a candidate for any official position. He has always taken a deep interest in the development of Potosi, and he has been a prominent factor in its material advancement. Though for some years past,

physical disabilities have prevented his active participation in business affairs, his mind is still active, and he is by no means indifferent to the progress which is being made in his locality, as well as in the world at large.

ADAM D. SCHMID, the present occupant of the important and responsible position of county treasurer of Green county, has been a resident of Monroe for a number of years, and of the county since he was a small boy. He has been all his life an industrious and hard-working man, moved by laudable ambitions, and exhibiting a spirit of integrity and downright honesty in all business transactions. He has greatly prospered, and is now the owner of a very comfortable portion of this world's goods.

Adam D. Schmid was born in Canton Glarus, Nitfurm, Switzerland, March 4, 1836, and is a son of Mathias and Catharine (Schmid) Schmid, both natives of the mountain republic. They had a family of eight sons and five daughters, of whom six are now living: Mathias, of Beresford, S. Dak.; Henry, of New Glarus; Adam D.; and Thomas; Melchior, and Catherine (the wife of Casper Hauser), all residing in New Glarus, Wis. The senior Schmid, imbued with the love of liberty, and hearing of the possibilities of the New World, early determined to bring his children to the United States, that they might have opportunities to rise which Old-world conditions denied them. He emigrated to America in 1845, where he began a career as a real-estate owner and farmer by purchasing twenty acres. When he had paid for this more was bought, until, at the time of his death, in 1854, he owned a farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres. He was only fifty-two, and his widow survived many years, dying in 1877, when seventy years old. They were both members of the Lutheran Church. His father, Mathias Schmid, was a native of Switzerland, where he died well advanced in years. He had a large family. The father of Catharine Schmid was Henry Schmid, a native of Switzerland, where he followed the life of a shepherd. He died in middle life, being swept down the mountain in a snowslide.

Adam D. Schmid was a sturdy lad of nine years when his parents decided to seek their fortunes in a New World, and he still retains vivid memories of the voyage across the ocean.

It was made in a sailing-vessel, and required forty-eight days for its completion. A severe storm was encountered, and the ship was blown far out of its course. The family left their Swiss home April 15, and it was not until August 16 that they arrived at New Glarus, Wisconsin, then the Mecca of the hopes and ambitions of many of their countrymen. Adam grew to manhood on his father's farm, and attended the New Glarus public schools. When his father's death, in 1854, called for the mutual help and co-operation of all the children, Adam was not found wanting. He gave his time and labor freely to the task of paying the indebtedness yet remaining on the place. This was soon accomplished, and in 1855 the young man dared to contract for a farm of his own. It consisted of one hundred and thirty acres, and was increased by subsequent purchases until at one time Mr. Schmid owned a large and valuable farm of four hundred and sixty-four acres, all in the township of New Glarus. There he made his home until 1896, when he moved into the city of Monroe, feeling that he was entitled to "take it easy" the rest of his life. He has a neat and attractive home on Railroad street, and is amply provided for all the contingencies of life.

Mr. Schmid is a staunch Republican, and has been an earnest party worker for some years. For many years he was a member of the town board, and was town assessor for one year. He was elected treasurer of the county in 1898, and has proved a capable and reliable official.

Adam D. Schmid and Mary Duerst were united in the solemn bonds of matrimony April 29, 1858 and the union has proved in every way a fortunate and happy one. Mrs. Schmid is the daughter of Nickolaus Duerst and his wife Maria (Streiff). They have had five sons and six daughters, Nicholas, Kathrina, Mathias, Adam (deceased), Mary, Theodore, Rosalina, Anna, Bertha, Clara, and Wilhelm Arthur (deceased). Nicholas, a farmer in the town of Monroe, married Anna Babler, and has five children, Mary Palma, Freddie, Nicholas, Alvin, and Alma. Kathrina married Charles Kundert, lives at Beresford, S. Dak., and is the mother of five children, Charles, Walter, Wesley, Gladys and Apal. Mathias lives at home, and is single. Adam died when nineteen years old. Mary married W. F. Leg-

ler; they live at American Falls, Idaho, and have four children,—Nellie Dorothea, Arthur, Adam and Johnnie. Theodore married Mary Schmid, and later Iva Lizer, and lives in the town of Monroe, Green county. Rosalina married Eugene Nonenberg, lives at Catharin, Colo., and has one child, Mabel. Anna married James Budge, lives at Aspen, Colo., and has two children, Russell and Orrin. Bertha married John Voegli; they live in Exeter township, Green county, and have two sons, Adam and Clarence. Clara married Peter Garfield Wells, of Monroe. William Arthur died when four years old. Mr. and Mrs. Schmid are members of the German Evangelical Church, and are valued citizens of the community.

JOHN FRANKLIN LITEL, a retired business man of Albany, Green county, has had a varied and eventful career in the commercial world. He has been active and industrious, and has always believed in hustling to get on in the world. He is highly spoken of by those who remember him as an active business man, and is now taking his ease, which he has richly earned by long and arduous years.

Mr. Litel was born in Bond county, Ill., Oct. 13, 1831, son of John Franklin, Sr., and Lucretia (Dudgeon) Litel, natives of Tennessee. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom five are still living at this distant day. John Franklin, of Albany; Lewellyn A., of Belleville, Ark.; Francis Marion, of Conway, Mo.; Rowena, wife of Mr. Whittier, of Smith Center, Kans.; and Ellen, wife of Henry C. Boone, of Kansas. The father was a farmer, and moved to Illinois in the early days, settling in Bond county. In 1832 he enlisted in the Black Hawk war, and while in the service came to Wisconsin. He was entranced with the country, and in 1833 brought his family to Platteville, where he engaged in lead mining. In 1841 he moved to Buchanan county, Mo., and helped to survey the city of Saint Joseph. Two years later he came back to Platteville, and was engaged in farming for two years. In 1847 he moved to Highland, and was established in farming there until 1867, when he removed to West Bend, Iowa, and ten years later located in Downs, Kansas, where his wife died in 1880, at the age of sixty-eight years. He and his youngest daughter then went to Conway, where he died in 1898, at the age of eighty-eight. He and his wife were

members of the Methodist Church. William Litel, the father of John Franklin, Sr., was a native of Tennessee, and a farmer of Irish descent; he had a small family, and died when old. John Dudgeon, the father of Lucretia, was a native of Alabama, of a French lineage; he was a tanner by trade, and lived to be over ninety years of age.

John Franklin Litel was a child of two years of age when his parents moved from Illinois into Wisconsin, and he attended the public schools at Platteville, and then followed lead mining until 1852. That year he crossed the Plains to California, and was six months on the way. For four years he was a gold miner, and his efforts were crowned with fair success. He came to Wisconsin in 1856, and in the spring of 1857 engaged in the mercantile business at Highland. He was successively in Avoca, in Lone Rock, and in Footville, following the same line. At Afton he built a flour mill, and in 1880 he came to Albany, and went into a general store. In 1892 he retired from active business interests, and, as it is possible for him to do, he is taking pleasure and comfort in the passing years. He has lately made a trip to California, and another into Mississippi.

On August 16, 1860, Mr. Litel was married to Miss Mary A. Mears, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Maher) Mears, and six children have come to bless this union: James Edward, John F., Jr., and Cora May are living; three died in early childhood. James Edward is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; John F., Jr., is a banker in Oregon, Wis.; and Cora May married John Caraway, of Biloxi, Miss. Mrs. Litel was a member of the Catholic church. Mr. Litel was a Democrat in his active years, though he is not taking an active part in politics. He has been supervisor of the town of Albany three terms, and was a member of the village board for several years.

**WASHINGTON F. SELLECK.** Among the brave men who devoted the opening years of their manhood to the defense of our country from the internal foes who sought her dismemberment was this gentleman, now a prominent resident of Millville township, Grant county.

Mr. Selleck was born in Canada in 1842, a son of George J. and Zoa Selleck, who emigrated from Canada and settled at Waukesha,

Wis., several years before Wisconsin became a State. A few years later they located in Wyalusing township, Grant county, and later moved to Ellenboro township. The mother died many years ago, and the father, who long survived her, passed away at the home of his son Washington F., in Millville township, in 1896. In his family were ten children, and three of the sons served in the Union army during the Civil war, namely: Wellington, now a resident of Hasty, Minn.; George, who lives in Beetown, Grant county; and Washington F. On reaching man's estate the last named married Miss Sarah Jane Huston, a daughter of John Huston, and to them have been born seven children, three sons and four daughters: May, Louisa, Charles, George, Ethel, Henry and Katy.

Early in the fall of 1862 Mr. Selleck entered the service of his adopted country as a member of Company M, 4th Missouri Cavalry, which company was organized at Boscebel, Grant Co., Wis., as a part of Fremont's body guard. The command went to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, where they were drilled, and from there accompanied Fremont on an expedition into Missouri, but, as is well known, the General was about this time superseded, and the command to which Mr. Selleck belonged joined in the campaign under Gen. Nathaniel Lyon, taking part in the battle of Springfield, where the gallant Lyon fell. Mr. Selleck fought under Gen. Sigel at Pea Ridge, after which the command was transferred to the 5th Missouri Cavalry, which was consolidated with the 4th and thereafter known as the 4th Missouri Cavalry. It was then in active service in Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi, and for six months was stationed at Vicksburg, thence going South. While at Vicksburg Mr. Selleck performed an important and interesting service, being sent as orderly to the famous stockade at Andersonville for the exchange of prisoners. He had an opportunity of witnessing the horrible condition of the Union prisoners at that infamous prison, and also had the satisfaction of assisting to relieve a small portion of them by exchange, he returning with them to Vicksburg. He continued to serve until June, 1865, when he was mustered out at New Orleans, and returned to his home in Grant county, Wis., with a war record of which

he may justly be proud. He is highly esteemed as an honorable, upright citizen, and as a gallant soldier in the war for the Union.

THOMAS A. LYNCH, a well-known citizen and successful agriculturist, residing three miles south of Browntown, in the township of Cadiz, Green county, is a native of the Buckeye State, born in Coshocton county, March 2, 1849, a son of Simon and Margaret (Divan) Lynch, both natives of Ohio.

Simon Lynch was born June 15, 1824, a son of William Lynch, a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish and German origin, who became one of the pioneers of Ohio. Simon Lynch was married in 1843 to Margaret Divan, and became the father of twelve children, of whom we have the following record: William and Samuel died in childhood; Elizabeth became the wife of Frank Fullis, of Sterling, Ill., who met an accidental death; Thomas A. is mentioned below; Martha J. wedded Frank Ullom; John W. died in 1890; Ellen is a teacher in the public schools of Milwaukee; Annie M. is the wife of John Hove, of Monroe, Wisconsin; Simon P., a farmer of Cadiz township, married Mary M. Tyler, of Martintown, Wisconsin; Hester, the youngest, a music teacher, resides with her mother in Monroe. George W. and Absalom died in 1862. The father of this family passed away April 2, 1901, and the widowed mother makes her home in Monroe, lovingly cared for by her children.

Thomas A. Lynch was early trained to the work of a farmer, and has continued to follow that calling all his life. His education was obtained in the public schools, and the interest in educational work then aroused has made itself felt in later years by his work as a school director. He has ever taken an active interest in public questions, and in politics is a Republican. When there is work to do for his party, he can always be found ready to lay aside any personal interest and devote his time to the public weal. He has held the offices of road master, collector and treasurer of his township, and has given good satisfaction in every office he has held.

On Jan. 8, 1874, Mr. Lynch was married to Miss Mary Bratley, daughter of William and Mary C. (Cain) Bratley, who came from Savannah, Ga., to Green Co., Wis., in 1860. Seven children have been born to Mr. and

Mrs. Lynch; Grace E., wife of Myron Rinehart, of Cadiz township; Elsie A., wife of Frank Tyler, a farmer of Cadiz; Altha V., Raymond D., Ural B., Ethena C. and John W., at home. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch are interested workers in the Methodist Church, with which they united in early life.

William Bratley, father of Mrs. Lynch, was born in England, and came to America when he was twenty-eight years of age, after having passed twelve years as a sailor. He was the father of ten children, eight of whom survive: Melissa, wife of Isaac Denny, of Sylvester township; Silas H., of Cadiz township; Mary A., Mrs. Lynch; Joseph A., who married Eva Wright; Eliza J., wife of Willis Ullom, of Nora, Ill.; Edward F., of Lena, Ill.; Isabelle, wife of A. Bechtol, of Lafayette Co.; Lenora A., who married Harry Morse, of Winslow, Illinois.

GEORGE F. SCHAAL, one of the leading farmers of Waterloo township, Grant county, residing on section 36, is a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, and was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1830, a son of Leonard and Rosana (Weller) Schaal, natives of Germany, who never came to this country, but lived and died in the land of their nativity. Of the family born to this worthy couple, George is the only one who ever crossed the ocean, but he has two brothers still living in Germany, Jacob, six years his junior, and Christian, nine years younger, while two sisters, Rosana and Christina, are also alive. A sister, now deceased, was named Catherine, but she died in Germany.

George F. Schaal was the eldest son, and would have inherited his father's property had he remained in Germany, but preferred to make his own way in life, and landed in New York, on June 7, 1853. Thence he went to Connecticut, where he worked in a rubber factory for eight months, after which he proceeded to Buffalo, N. Y., and remained three months. His next removal was made in the spring of 1854 to Galena, Ill., but went from there, almost immediately to the lumber region a few miles north of Chippewa Falls, where he worked for sixteen months, when he penetrated further north, to a point above Wauson, and remained for four years. After this he went to the southern part of Grant county, and worked for George Geyer for eight months.



About this time Mr. Schaal returned to Germany, but after staying a few months returned to America, in the summer of 1861, after the war had broken out. Although he endeavored to enlist several times, he was refused, as the quota was full, so Mr. Schaal located at Potosi, and later at Barkers Prairie, where he was employed for several seasons. His next location was at Waterloo, and it was while residing here that he was finally accepted, Oct. 1, 1861, as a member of Company K, 6th Wis. V. I., participating in many of the important engagements of his regiment. During the battle of Hatcher's Run, Feb. 6, 1865, Mr. Schaal was severely wounded in the shoulder by a piece of shell, and sent to the hospital at Petersburg. When he had recovered sufficiently, Mr. Schaal was detailed as a nurse, but the duties were so severe for him in his enfeebled condition that he fell sick and did not recover until the close of the war, when he rejoined his regiment, marched with it to Washington, and participated in the Grand Review, after which he was honorably discharged, June 23, 1865. After the war Mr. Schaal purchased a fine farm at Waterloo, where he still makes his home, and through his industry and thrift he has amassed considerable property.

Mr. Schaal was married in 1863 to Miss Adelfena Kemich, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1843, and made the journey to this country alone. Mr. and Mrs. Schaal are the parents of eight sons, of whom seven are living: George F., August, Henry, Albert, William, Edward and Gustave, and one Otto, is deceased. In addition they had four daughters, now deceased: Rosana, Matilda, Lydia and an infant unnamed. Mr. Schaal is a staunch Republican, and he and Mrs. Schaal are consistent members of the M. E. Church. Their home is a pleasant one, and they are highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

JAMES E. LITEL is a prominent and progressive citizen of Albany, Green county, where he was formerly engaged as a general merchant, having kept a good stock of goods, carefully selected for the local needs, and, in his business, won a reputation as a man of honesty and integrity.

Mr. Litel was born in Avoca, Wis., Aug. 29, 1861, and is a son of John F. and Mary A. (Mears) Litel. The father was born in Illinois and the mother in Ireland. Seven

children were born to them, three of whom are now living: James E.; John F., of Oregon, Wis.; and Cora May, wife of John Caraway, of Biloxi, Miss. The father, when seventeen years of age, started to California, and for several years was a gold miner. On his return he engaged as a general merchant at Avoca for several years and then spent a year on a farm. He was in business at Lone Rock again, and from there he went to Afton, where he built a gristmill. He was a general merchant at Footville, after leaving Afton. In 1880 he came to Albany, and continued the same business for several years. In 1885 his son, James E., succeeded to the business.

James E. Litel was three years old when his father left Avoca and he spent his childhood and youth in the various towns where his father was engaged in business. When old enough he was taken into his father's store as a clerk, and had a thorough commercial training under his immediate supervision. As already noted, in 1885 he bought the store, and was engaged in its management until December, 1900, when he sold out and went to California, remaining several months. In August, 1901, James E., in company with his father, John F., and brother, John F., Jr., organized the Bank of Oregon, located at Oregon, Wis., which transacts a general banking business, and is in a prosperous condition.

On Jan. 11, 1880, James E. Litel was married to Miss Ella Beach, daughter of H. P. and Lydia (Rush) Beach. They are the parents of four children, two of whom are living at the present time, Hazel and John B.; Sidney died at the age of five months; and one died in infancy. Mrs. Litel belongs to the Methodist Church. Fraternally Mr. Litel is a member of the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a Democrat, and during the administration of President Cleveland was postmaster of Albany; he was chairman of the Democratic central committee during several campaigns. He has been a member of the board of trustees of Albany several terms, and is a gentleman of character and standing at home and wherever he is known.

W. H. AND B. J. BENNETT are the able and popular proprietors of *The Mineral Point Tribune*, which was established in 1847, the first number appearing as *The Wisconsin Tribune*, on Sept. 4, of that year. George W.

Bliss, the founder, learned the printing trade in the State of New York, for a time being a co-laborer with Horace Greeley. Mr. Bliss came to Mineral Point, with his family and part of the material for his newspaper, in an emigrant wagon. Overcoming many difficulties that have obliterated so many like enterprises, the publication was continued, and not half a dozen weeks have since passed in which the paper did not appear. Mr. Bliss was proprietor and editor continuously for over twenty-one years. From 1851 to 1854 he had a partner, Josiah B. Cheney, and from 1858 to 1860 his son, Edward U. Bliss, was associated with him, but the founder was at all times chief editor and manager. On June 1, 1869, the Blisses sold the plant and business entire to W. H. Bennett and John B. Teasdale. The firm of Bennett & Teasdale continued until 1871, when Mr. Teasdale sold his interest to Mr. Bennett. In 1889 B. J. Bennett, brother of W. H., purchased a half-interest in the business, and in 1891 became sole owner. In 1894 W. H. Bennett repurchased a half-interest, and since then the brothers have conducted it in partnership.

It is a peculiar circumstance that in the fifty-four years since the founding of this venerable paper, only two families have ever had control of its columns, and in every issue since the first, in 1847, the name of Bliss or Bennett has appeared as proprietor. Both of the present proprietors learned the printing trade in the office, W. H. Bennett having begun with the original proprietor, Mr. Bliss, in 1857. B. J. Bennett having entered the office as a boy in 1869.

W. H. BENNETT was born at Platteville, Wis., Dec. 27, 1839, and moved, with his parents in 1841, to Mineral Point, where he resided until Sept. 27, 1861, when he enlisted as a soldier for the Union in Company E, 11th Wis. V. I. He was discharged from the army in October, 1864, and worked as a printer in New Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala., until June, 1866, when he returned to Wisconsin and became foreman of the *Mineral Point Tribune*. On Jan. 1, 1867, at Boscobel, Wis., he established *The Appeal*, and conducted it for two years, and then returned to Mineral Point, where, the following year, he became a proprietor of the *Tribune*, on which he began work as an apprentice in 1857.

Mr. Bennett has held a number of important

positions; among those may be mentioned deputy revenue collector, 1874-1876, and State superintendent of public property, under the popular Governor Rusk, 1882-1888. He is an active and prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was assistant adjutant-general for the Department of Wisconsin from June 1, 1897, to June 1, 1898.

B. J. BENNETT, the junior member of the firm, was born in Mineral Point March 6, 1854. At the age of fifteen he began working with his brother, W. H., on *The Tribune*, and has been constantly with it for the thirty-one years succeeding, as printer, foreman, editor and proprietor. He early developed taste and skill as a printer, especially in the job and advertising departments, and for years has been recognized as the best workman in that line in southwestern Wisconsin.

These brothers are sons of Matthew and Grace Bennett who emigrated from England and settled in Wisconsin in 1836. The father followed mining generally. He early became thoroughly American in sentiment, and familiarized himself with her system of government. He served several terms as assessor and treasurer of his town, and for several years as deputy county treasurer.

W. H. Bennett was married, in 1867, to Miss Louisa Andrews. Four sons have been born to them: Edgar Powell, Alex. George, William Bryant and Vivian Andrews.

B. J. Bennett was married, in 1877, to Miss Hattie Hosking. Their family consists of one daughter, Veta L.

DANIEL WICHSER, senior member of the firm of Wichser & Babler, somewhat extensively engaged in business in Monticello, where they handle all kinds of agricultural implements, windmills, pumps, tanks, heaters, pipes, fittings, gas engines and almost anything a modern and well-conducted farm may need, is a hustling and energetic young man with a host of friends throughout this section.

Mr. Wichser was born in Canton Glarus, Switzerland, Oct. 8, 1869, and is a son of Casper and Sarah (Blumer) Wichser, both natives of the canton just mentioned. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom nine are now living: Magdalena (the wife of Franz Hefty), Sarah (who married Jacob Kundert), Elsbeth (who married Melchior Zwicky), all three still making their homes

in Switzerland; Jacob (who lives in Italy), Fred (of Switzerland). Melchior (who remained in Switzerland until 1883, when he, too, came to America), Rosa (the widow of Jacob Schindler, of Switzerland). Daniel (who came to Wisconsin), and Balz (who is located in Beloit). The father worked in a cotton factory in the city of Betschwanden, where he died in 1894, at the age of sixty-four years. His widow still has her home in that city. They were both members of the Swiss Reformed Church. The paternal grandfather of Daniel Wichser was Melchior Wichser, who was killed by a fall in the mountains in middle life; he was the father of four children, and was engaged in various occupations. The maternal grandfather of Daniel Wichser was Jacob Blumer; he died in Switzerland at the age of seventy years, and left a small family.

Daniel Wichser was reared in Canton Glarus, where he received the benefit of the very excellent common school system that prevails in the Mountain Republic. After his school days were ended he entered a cotton factory, where he was engaged for three years. He worked a year in a sawmill, and another on a railroad. This terminated his career in his native land, as he came to America, making his home in Monticello, Wis., where he has lived to the present time. He crossed the ocean in 1888, and his successful career in this country is but another illustration of the value of pluck and determination, which the lives of thousands of his compatriots have already given to the world. For the first three years after his arrival in this country Mr. Wichser worked on a farm, and was then employed in the town of Monticello as a machinist. By this time he felt competent to engage in business for himself, and, forming a partnership with James E. Moore, they operated together for a year in the windmill and pump business. For two years he carried on this business alone, and uniting with Ezra L. Babler, under the firm name of Wichser & Babler, the two have carried on business together up to the present time. They are doing well, as they are both capable and reliable workmen, understand their business thoroughly and have the confidence of their patrons to a marked degree.

Mr. Wichser was married March 8, 1897, to Miss Sarah Zweifel, a daughter of Fred and Sarah (Voegeli) Zweifel. To this union have come two children, Wilbert Lincoln and

Nina. Mr. and Mrs. Wichser are members of the Swiss Reformed Church. Politically he is an active Republican, and his standing in the community is attested by his election to the village board. He owns his own home in the village and has built a very complete shop. While still a young man, he is regarded as one of the leading business men of this section.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BULFINCH, of the town of Sylvester, is well known among the pioneers of Green county. He occupies a well-improved farm about four miles northwest of Juda.

William and Mary (Sherman) Bulfinch, his parents, came of old Massachusetts stock. They were married Feb. 19, 1821, and became the parents of nine children: Oscar C., born Dec. 3, 1821, died an infant; Joseph, born Nov. 14, 1822; William S., born Sept. 13, 1823, died April 21, 1850; John A., born Sept. 5, 1826; Marshall L., April 12, 1828, a resident of Grant City, Mo., where he has followed the tailoring trade; George Washington, our subject; Mary O., born Aug. 25, 1832, died July 15, 1837; Edward E., born March 28, 1835; and Eunice, born May 28, 1836. This family have all passed away except George W. and Marshall L.

George W. Bulfinch was born June 11, 1830, and came West with his parents in 1844. They subsequently spent some time in Illinois, remaining there until 1847, when they made their home on Section 22, town of Sylvester, all of this land being now included in the farm on which Mr. Bulfinch is living. Mr. Bulfinch was married, May 14, 1861, to Alice, a daughter of George and Agnes (Atkinson) Fletcher, from Cumberland, England. Mrs. Bulfinch came to Green county with her parents when she was ten years old. In 1856 her parents removed to Kansas, where her father died. Mr. and Mrs. Bulfinch have had three children: (1) Erwin Marshall, born March 16, 1862, is a civil engineer, and has his home in Guatemala, Central America. (2) Mary A., born Oct. 2, 1870, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and is a school teacher. (3) Arthur F., born Jan. 5, 1872, is also a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Bulfinch was reared on the farm, and obtained his education in the local schools. In 1853 he took a trip to Oregon and California, making the journey overland with six yoke of

oxen and trail wagons. He returned to Wisconsin in 1856, by the Isthmus route and steamer to New York City, from which point he came back to his home. This journey covered about twelve thousand miles. Later Mr. Bulfinch made a trip to Montana, and still later a second trip to California. In 1867 he was again in Montana, and once more returned to Wisconsin in 1869. Mr. Bulfinch remained on the home farm until 1875, when he went to the Black Hills, and in 1876 he again made the journey, coming back late in the same year. He has also been in Arizona and New Mexico. Since 1876, however, he has devoted himself steadily to home farming, and has been very successful. Mr. Bulfinch is an honorable and upright man, a patriotic citizen, and well informed on everything that relates to farming.

JOHN HARTWIG, JR., a progressive and prosperous agriculturist of Jordan township, Green county, resides on his farm of 220 acres, improved land, located on Jordan creek, four miles north of Browntown, and some eight miles northwest of the city of Monroe.

Mr. Hartwig was born Dec. 28, 1859, in Ohio, a son of George Hartwig, who was born in Berlin, Germany, a son of John Hartwig, who died in Germany, the father of six children, viz.: George; John, Andrew and Maggie, all three living in Canada; Eliza, in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Christena, in Germany. George Hartwig was married in Ohio to Elizabeth Hunsberger, a native of Switzerland, and of their children we have the following record: (1) John is mentioned farther on. (2) George is in Minnesota. (3) Louis, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. (4) Matilda is the wife of Frank Keil, of Martintown, Wis. (5) William is on the old home place in Green Co., Wis.; he married Helen Stark. (6) Henry, of Jordan township, married Lena Starkie. (7) Andrew, a farmer in Jordan township, married Amelia Stark. (8) Lizzie is at home in Monroe. (9) Mary is the wife of Thomas Swievel, of Pittsburg, Penn. In 1856 the father of this family came to the United States, locating first in Ohio, thence, in 1862, removing to Jordan township, Green Co., Wis. He and his wife now reside in the city of Monroe.

John Hartwig, the subject proper of these lines, was reared on the home farm in Jordan township, Green county, receiving his educa-

tion at the public schools of the neighborhood. A lifelong farmer, he has made a success, and now owns, as already related, 220 acres of first-class land, doing general farming, including stock raising and dairying, his herd now numbering sixty head.

On March 13, 1885, John Hartwig was married to Miss Lizzie Schneider, of Monroe, Wis., born Nov. 28, 1866, a daughter of Rudy and Elizabeth (Beller) Schneider, natives of Switzerland, who were among the early settlers of Green county, Wis. They had a family of thirteen children: Lizzie, Emil, John, Rudy, George, Martha, Louis, Otto, Lena, Edward, William, Freida and Samuel (who died at the age of ten years). To Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig have been born five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Emma, Oct. 23, 1886; Samuel, June 15, 1888; Lena, Feb. 8, 1890; William, Sept. 16, 1891; and Lizzie, May 10, 1893. In politics Mr. Hartwig is a Democrat, and he has served as school director and road overseer. In religious faith he is a member of the German Lutheran Church, while, socially, he and his wife enjoy the esteem and regard of the community at large.

DE WITT C. CULVER, of the town of Wyoming, Iowa county, is a son of Alvah Culver, one of the pioneers of that part of Wisconsin.

Alvah Culver was a native of New York, where he was born in 1811, and there he grew to manhood. He married Catherine Foster, and in 1837 the young couple emigrated to Green Bay, Wis., thence, in 1839, to Iowa county, and were long residents of what is now known as Old Helena. He engaged in hotel keeping and farming, and also worked some at carpentering, and operated the ferry at Helena. His death occurred Feb. 28, 1885. The wife and mother survived but a short time, passing away on May 1 the same year. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, six of whom are living at this time.

De Witt C. Culver was born at Green Bay, Wis., March 19, 1838, having been but a small child when he came with his parents to Iowa county. With the exception of two years in Missouri, he has constantly been a resident of Iowa county since 1839, a period of over sixty years. Mrs. Culver was formerly Mrs. Mary Ann (Donnelly) Hogan, and she was born in

Prince Edward Island in 1836. As her father died when she was a child, she came to Iowa county with relatives, and in 1864 wedded Mr. Culver. They have five children, four daughters and one son; Sophrona M., wife of Ole Olson; Mrs. Mary Catherine Overland, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Jane Eliza, wife of Edward Mitchell, of Dodgeville, and Anna and George. Mrs. Culver has a son by her first husband, Thomas Hogan. Mr. and Mrs. Culver have a pleasant home, and are numbered among the respected people of Wyoming.

**BARTHOLOMEUS A. KUNDERT**, of the firm of Hefty & Kundert, general merchants of New Glarus, Green county, is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of Swiss descent, who have done so much toward the upbuilding of Green county, Wis., from both moral and material standpoints. Broad-minded, liberal and upright, he belongs to that class of men who command respect wherever they go. He was born in New Glarus township Oct. 13, 1858, son of Paul Kundert, and grandson of John Thomas Kundert, the latter known as "Baumeister."

John Thomas Kundert was born in Switzerland, a son of Oswald Kundert, and followed various occupations there until 1853, when he came to America and located in New Glarus township, Green Co., Wis., where he purchased 140 acres of land and engaged in farming. He continued in this for several years, and then sold out to his sons, Paul and Balz, and passed the rest of his life among his children. He died in 1893, aged ninety-three years. He married Elizabeth Voegeli, daughter of Balthasar Voegeli, who passed his entire life in Switzerland. Seven children were born to John Thomas Kundert and wife, but three of whom survive: Rosina, widow of John Hess, of Monroe, Wis.; Paul; and Barbara, wife of Bernhard Zweifel, of New Glarus. The entire family belonged to the Swiss Reformed Church. John Thomas Kundert had belonged to the regular army in his native country, and for a time was a soldier in Holland.

Paul Kundert was raised in Switzerland, and earned his livelihood by whatever honest labor he could find to do. He accompanied his father to America in 1853, and as they landed here without money Paul again was willing to

work at almost anything. He worked on farms and on the railroad, and his first purchase of land was, as stated above, in connection with his brother. After some time they sold this and purchased 530 acres in New Glarus, four miles west of the village. Mr. Kundert lived there many years, and in July, 1888, divided his land between his sons, Paul and Jacob, and moved into the village, where he has since lived retired.

On April 26, 1857, Paul Kundert was united in marriage with Mrs. Sybilla (Knobel) Kundert, daughter of Bartholomew and Sybilla (Kundert) Knobel, and widow of Thomas Kundert. To this union were born nine children: Bartholomeus A. is mentioned below; Elizabeth married T. C. Hefty, and has four children, Lillian S., Esther, Clarence and Paul; Sybilla married John Babler, now of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and has four children, Henry, Herman, Esther and Clara; Paulus married Barbara Legler, and lives on the old homestead; Jacob married Dora Legler, and has six children, Lydia, Lillie, Bertha, Paul, John and Gilbert; Barbara married Peter Legler, of Argyle, and has four children, John, Paul, Felma and Victor; Balthasar married Annie Legler, and lives in Monticello, Wis.; John married Emma Sweeney, and has one child, Una; Anna Katharine is the deceased wife of J. U. Babler, and had three children, Alice Marie, Katharina Anna, and Esther Sybilla (the last two being twins, and the last named deceased). The family are members of the Evangelical Church Association. Politically Mr. Kundert is a Republican.

Bartholomeus A. Kundert has passed his entire life in New Glarus township. His boyhood and youth were passed on his father's farm, and his education acquired in the common schools near his home. In 1882 he started out in life for himself, locating in New Glarus, and entering into partnership with T. C. Hefty in a general merchandise establishment, which they have together conducted ever since. They are among the leading business men of the place, and their store has been enlarged from time to time, as their increasing trade demanded. The stock now consists of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, wall paper and notions. They are careful in the selection of their goods, always aiming to carry the best goods on the market, and ever seeking to please the good taste of the best class

of trade. In 1893 Mr. Kundert, in connection with his partner, Mr. Hefty, was instrumental in organizing the Bank of New Glarus, in which they are both largely interested, and of which Mr. Hefty is at present the cashier, Mr. Kundert being identified therewith as a director and depositor.

On Jan. 21, 1886, Mr. Kundert was united in marriage with Anna Maria Elmer, daughter of Werner Elmer and his wife Barbara Durst, and one daughter, Alma Sybilla, has been born to them. They take an active interest in the work of the Swiss Reformed Church, Mr. Kundert belonging to the choir, called the "Liederkrantz," and their hospitable home is always open to the entertainment of their friends. Socially Mr. Kundert belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America; politically he is a Republican, and on May 6, 1898, was appointed postmaster of New Glarus, which office he still holds. He has also served as town clerk, proving a most acceptable official.

Werner Elmer and his wife, Barbara (born Durst), parents of Mrs. Kundert, were both natives of Switzerland, and early settlers of Green county, where the former engaged in farming for many years. Mr. Elmer is now living retired from active work, but still takes an important place in the life of the community, and has served several terms as supervisor, and is an active member of the Swiss Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer were the parents of six children, namely: Anna Maria, Mrs. Kundert; Werner, of Dane county, Wis.; Barbara, wife of Dietrick Stauffacher, of New Glarus; Nicholas, now business clerk of Hefty & Kundert, of New Glarus; Verana, wife of J. Fred Legler, of Primrose township, Dane county; and Jacob Herman, now remaining on his father's farm. Nicholas Durst, father of Mrs. Elmer, was a farmer in Switzerland, and early located in Green county, Wis.; his wife, Maria Streiff, is still alive, and is now ninety-one years old.

DAVID MANI, a retired farmer and cheese maker of Browntown, Green county, is one of the typical self-made men who have found home and fortune in an adopted country.

Mr. Mani was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, a son of Jacob and Susanna (Knitti) Mani, natives of that country, where they passed their entire lives. The former,

born in 1815, died in 1888; and the latter, born in 1824, died in 1889. They were the parents of fifteen children, seven of whom lived to maturity: David, our subject; Rosa, who married Jacob Carlen, of Ohio; Susanna, Lena and Margaret, in Switzerland; Jacob, who married Miss Annie Swefel, and is a farmer at Farmers Grove, Wis.; and Mary Ann, who died in Switzerland. Jacob Mani was a son of Rudolph Mani, a native of Switzerland, who was the father of seven children, as follows: John, Jacob, Rudolph, David, Elizabeth, Rosa and Catherine, all now deceased, and all of whom except David remained in Switzerland. David, son of Rudolph, came to America, and passed the remainder of his life in New York State.

On March 1, 1872, David Mani, subject of this sketch, sailed from Hamburg, Germany, for America, and after a very stormy voyage landed in New York April 1, 1872. When he landed he was immediately confronted with a serious financial question, as his available capital consisted of exactly one dollar, but a pair of willing hands soon found employment, and the increase of capital followed as a natural sequence. He remained in New York State four years, engaged in cheese making. Good management and close attention to business brought prosperity in sight, and in 1876 Mr. Mani sought a new field of labor, locating in Wisconsin, where he continued to follow cheese making until 1890, when he purchased a farm of eighty acres of land, one-half of which is in the village of Browntown. He improved this with a good cheese factory and other buildings, and ten years later sold out for \$4,800, and removed to the village, where he is the owner of a fine two-story dwelling and considerable other real estate. During his parents' lifetime he regularly contributed to their support, paying the rent for their home in Switzerland and about \$20 annually besides, which to them was a large sum.

On Feb. 7, 1878, Mr. Mani was united in marriage with Miss Lisetta Teuscher, of Monroe, who accompanied her parents, Christ and Rosa (Mani) Teuscher, from Canton Berne, Switzerland, in 1871. Mrs. Teuscher is deceased, but Mr. Teuscher is still living at his home in Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Mani have become the parents of nine children, namely: David and Lisetta, both deceased; Mary, born

Nov. 26, 1881, now makes her home in Monroe; Jacob, born May 1, 1884; David J., born May 17, 1886; Lillie, born April 26, 1888; Rudolph, deceased; Rosa, born April 23, 1892; Ernest, born May 7, 1899. In his political preferences Mr. Mani is a staunch Democrat, and in religious faith, while a member of no church, inclines to the teachings of Luther.

ROBERT HULL, one of the early pioneers of Grant county, has been prominently identified with the growth of Platteville, which he has seen advance from a small village to its present proportions. Many are the entertaining accounts he can give of the days when the great commonwealth of Wisconsin was principally a vast tract of unbroken land, covered with the virgin forest; when the voice of man was not heard; when journeys were made with teams, and only the barest necessities of life obtainable. Such days as these developed the character of the pioneers, and laid the foundations of a mighty State, whose sons and daughters are a credit to it, and whose voice is heard among the great ones of the nation.

Robert Hull was born in Northumberland county, England, in November, 1821, and was the son of John and Jane (Graham) Hull, natives of England, where they lived and died. Of their large family of eleven children, but two now remain, our subject and a brother, Jesse, who resides in England, the former being the only one who ever left his native land. Growing to manhood in good old England, Mr. Hull became convinced that there was more opportunity in America for his advancement, and in 1854 he made the passage, via New York, to Galena, Ill., where he resided a short time, then removed to what was then known as the "New Diggings," in Grant county, and here remained eight years. The next change was made to Platteville, where Mr. Hull purchased a comfortable and pleasant home on the corner of Third and Cedar streets, and has since resided there. By occupation Mr. Hull is a miner, but since coming to Platteville he has been engaged on city contracts.

Just before embarking for America Mr. Hull was united in marriage with Mrs. Jane (Lee) Philipson, a daughter of George Lee, who died in his native land, England. Mrs. Hull was born in Northumberland county,

England, in May, 1821, and was a lady of unusual graces of mind and character. Gentle, loving and charitable, she made her home a heaven upon earth, and endeared herself to a large circle of appreciative friends. On March 20, 1894, occurred the tragedy of Mr. Hull's life, for on that day death claimed the deeply loved wife, and since her decease Mr. Hull has felt sadly bereft. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hull, but Mrs. Hull's son, Matthew Philipson, was reared by Mr. Hull as his own, but, just as the young man was emerging into a happy, useful life, he died, Nov. 26, 1868, aged nineteen.

Politically Mr. Hull is a staunch Republican, always voting the ticket of that party, and is also a consistent member of the Congregational Church, with which Mrs. Hull was also identified. Mr. Hull is a man who brings his religion into his daily life, and by his example teaches the great lessons of Christianity and morality.

COL. CHARLES MAPPES (deceased) was one of the most prominent men in business in his day to be found in Lafayette county, Wis., and for many years was a resident of the city of Belmont. He had extensive experience in various commercial enterprises, was well versed in human nature, and was moved by large ambitions.

Charles Mappes was born in Prussia, Aug. 4, 1826, and grew to manhood in his native country, receiving, after the custom of his people, a solid and durable education. In 1846 he went to Mexico, where he served in the Mexican war seven months. After that he accompanied Gen. Harney to Florida, and assisted in the operations against the hostile Indians. In the fall of 1848 the adventurous young German made his way to California, and, taking a hand in the gold mining of the time won out a large fortune and brought back to the East with him on his return, in 1851, a very considerable sum of money. With this Mr. Mappes built a hotel in Indianapolis, and kept hotel for several years in the capital city of Indiana. In 1855 he moved to Terre Haute, in the same State, where he followed the same business. In 1860 he came west to Dubuque, Iowa, and kept hotel for two years in that stirring city. Mr. Mappes was then a year at Mineral Point, Wis., and following that he made a journey into Idaho. There he

discovered the first gold found in the territory, and was instrumental in the formation of a police and military force known as the Idaho Rangers, of which he was elected colonel and commander. His family now holds a deed for 8,200 feet of quartz ledges, and they have been offered \$40,000 for 600 feet.

Col. Mappes and Miss Minnie Faust were united in marriage in 1855. Mrs. Mappes was born in 1824 in Germany, daughter of John and Irene Faust, who came to this country at an early day and located on a farm in Indiana, where they died. She grew to womanhood in the State of Indiana, where she was married. In 1864 the young couple came to Belmont, which was their home as long as he lived. When the village was in its infancy he embarked in business, and was a hotel-keeper for several years, owning his own establishment. In 1884 Col. Mappes put up the St. Charles Hotel on the site of his first building, which had been destroyed by fire, and conducted it with marked success until his retirement from business, in 1891. During his residence in Belmont he made and spent a fortune, and had he realized on some of his mining investments, in which he was an extensive dealer, as he had reason to expect, he would have become one of the wealthiest men of the day. He was always open-handed and enterprising, ready to take hold of anything that had a promise of results in it, and was one of the most popular men of the county, with many friends. He died in February, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Mappes were the parents of six sons, and two daughters: (1) Lewis, born in Indianapolis, married Miss Mollie Garden, and resides in Sioux City, Iowa, where he is in business; he has three children, Rudolph, Nellie and Marie. (2) Frederick, born in Dubuque, married Miss Millie Wood, of Georgetown, Wis., and is a conductor on the Union Pacific Railroad; he lives at Grand Island, Neb., and has two children, Daisy and Frederick. (3) Nettie, born in Illinois, is now the wife of Edward Schriter, of Darlington, Wis., and is the mother of five children, Charles, Lewis, Bertha, Mamie and Bay. (4) Charles, born in Menominee, Wis., was educated in the normal school at Platteville, and is now a railroad man at Rawlins, Wyoming. (5) Minnie, born at Belmont, is now the wife of Frank Webb, of this city, and is the mother

of four children, Hazel, Roy, Edith and Frankie. (6) George, born in Belmont in July, 1873, attended the Belmont school until he was fourteen years old, when he secured a position as brakeman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad; he is now a brakeman on a main line passenger, and is a popular and capable young man with a bright future before him. (7) William, born in Belmont in 1875, grew up in his native town, where he learned telegraphy; he followed this occupation some few years, and then went to Philadelphia, where he had secured a desirable position in a grocery store, remaining three years, but on the outbreak of the Spanish-American war left to enlist in the heavy artillery, and is now in Manila, fighting the insurgents in the wilds of that country. (8) Otto, a bright and promising young man of eighteen years of age, was drowned in the Pecatonica river in Lafayette county.

Col. Mappes was a Democrat, and during his life held a number of local offices in the town of Belmont. He was one of the stockholders of the water works, and a member of its board of management a number of years. He and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran Church.

LOUIS HARTWIG, one of the thrifty and successful young farmers of Jordan township, Green county, is a native of that township, born Jan. 6, 1864, on the old George Hartwig homestead.

George Hartwig, his father, was born in Berlin, Germany, a son of John Hartwig, who died in Germany, the father of six children: John, Andrew and Martha, all three living in Canada; George; Eliza, in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Christena, in Germany. George Hartwig was married in Ohio to Elizabeth Hunsberger, a native of Switzerland, and of their children we have the following record: (1) John, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. (2) George, in Minnesota. (3) Louis, of whom more extended mention is made farther on. (4) Matilda, wife of Frank Kiehl, of Martintown, Wis. (5) William, a farmer of Jordan township, Green Co., Wis.; he married Helen Stark. (6) Henry, of Jordan township, married to Lena Starkie. (7) Andrew, on the old home place in Jordan township, married to Amelia Stark. (8) Lizzie, at home in Monroe. (9) Mary, wife of Thomas Sweivel,



of Pennsylvania. In 1856 the father of this family came to the United States, locating first in Ohio, thence, in 1862, removing to Jordan township, Green Co., Wisconsin.

Louis Hartwig was reared on the home farm in Jordan township, and received a good common-school education. Choosing the occupation of farming, he at the age of twenty-one commenced his life work on his own account, and from that time forth prospered, until now he owns a fine farm of 167 acres, all under a good state of cultivation, and equipped with a commodious dwelling and first-class barns. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, besides dairying.

On April 11, 1889, Louis Hartwig married Miss Mary Butts, of Jordan township, Green Co., Wis., born July 20, 1870, a daughter of George Butts, of Jordan, who had the following family of children: William; Herman; Minnie, wife of Samuel Blumer; Augusta married, and is living in Monticello, Wis.; Mary, wife of Louis Hartwig, our subject; Annie, wife of Charles Patterson; Lena, now Mrs. Stauffacher, of Iowa; and Dora.

To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hartwig have been born five children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Rossie, in January, 1890; John G., in October, 1891; Frederick M., in July, 1894; Dewey H., March 29, 1898; and Elda, in January, 1901. Mr. Hartwig enjoys the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and is highly popular in the community in which he lives.

THOMAS LONGBOTHAM is numbered among the leading business men of Platteville, Grant county, where he owns and operates finely equipped livery and boarding stables.

Mr. Longbotham was born in Fidlers Green in July, 1846, a son of Thomas and Hannah Longbotham, who were born in England in 1807 and 1822, respectively. After their marriage the parents came to Grant county, Wis., in 1841, selecting Potosi as a place of residence. Here the father pursued his trade of weaver for several years, and then engaged in smelting ore, owning smelting works at Potosi. After some years he sold the smelting works, purchased a farm at Fidlers Green, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1895, his wife having passed

away several years previously. These two good people were earnest members of the M. E. Church, and very devout Christians. Of their children we have the following record: William, born at Potosi, is now a farmer in Nebraska; Elijah, born in Potosi, married Miss Taylor, of Grant county, settled on his farm at Rockford, Iowa, where he died in 1888, leaving a wife and two children, Ellen (wife of Fred Tibets, of Iowa) and Thomas L. (of Rockford, Iowa); Rebecka, a graduate of the State Normal, has been a teacher for a number of years in Grant and Iowa counties; John, born in Grant county, is now a prominent banker of Cuba City, and is also interested in the bank of Stevens Point; Joseph, born in Grant county, was educated at the State Normal and a business college, is now cashier of the Cuba City bank, married to Sarah K. Mathews, of Dickeyville, by whom he has three children, Leslie, Pearl and Mary H., now students of the State Normal, and all residents of Platteville; Hannah E.; George, who died in childhood; and our subject.

Thomas Longbotham worked upon his father's farm, attending the district school during the winter months, until he attained to mature years, when he purchased a farm in Floyd county, Iowa, on which he erected buildings and made many improvements, remaining there for eight years. At that time Mr. Longbotham sold his property, located in Nebraska, where he engaged in farming. He returned to Grant county in 1896, and the following year removed to Platteville, where he purchased and now operates one of the finest livery stables in Grant county, known as the Brick Livery Stables. A full line of modern and stylish carriages, barouches, carts, sleighs, etc., is carried, and the horses are of excellent stock. Mr. Longbotham personally superintends his business, and every detail is carried out under his direction, while his corps of assistants is carefully selected.

In April, 1896, Thomas Longbotham married Alvira L. Gilmore, daughter of Lysander and Julia Gilmore, of Georgetown, Grant county. The Gilmore family is among the oldest in the State, and originated in America in Virginia. Mrs. Longbotham was born and educated in Grant county, and is a very pleasant and estimable lady. To this union one son has been born, Thomas G. Mr. and Mrs. Longbotham reside in a comfortable home on

Water street, where they receive their many friends. A Republican to the core, Mr. Longbotham takes a deep interest in the workings of that party, and socially is connected with the I. O. O. F. Although not a member of any religious denomination, Mr. Longbotham has always contributed of his means to the support of church work, and is public spirited, kind hearted and liberal. Commencing the struggle of life poor in purse, but rich in pluck and energy, he has attained his present solid position, although still a young man, by his own unaided efforts, and can not be too highly commended for his industry, thrift and perseverance.

MALACHI SIMONS, of the town of Fennimore, Grant county, represents one of the old pioneer families of the community. He was born in Cornwall, England, Feb. 9, 1833, a son of Nicholas and Christina Simons. In 1848 the father and his eldest son, Nicholas Simons, crossed the ocean, and came to Wisconsin, and went to work in the mines at Hazel Green. The next year he sent for the mother and the remaining four children, and about two years later they all settled on a farm in the town of Jamestown. In 1856 the father pre-empted land in the town of Mount Ida, and there made a homestead, residing there until his death, Dec. 30, 1879, at the age of eighty-three. In his early life he was a steward for a lord of a manor, and at a later period was overseer of mines. When he came to this country he naturally turned to the mines for an immediate living. His wife died July 30, 1873, at the age of seventy years. Their children were: Nicholas, who died Jan. 10, 1871, at the age of forty-three, leaving a wife and six children; Malachi was the second; Frederick died Dec. 12, 1864, at the age of twenty-seven, leaving a wife and one child; William resides on the old homestead in the town of Mount Ida; Jane married Elijah Rogers, and died in 1874, leaving a husband and five children. Malachi and William are the only members of the family living at the present writing.

Malachi Simons was about sixteen years old when he came to the United States, and has lived in Grant county since that time, having been a resident of Mount Ida for more than half a century. For many years he followed mining. Mr. Simons purchased a farm in

the town of Mount Ida April 4, 1857, and here he lived for four years, when he moved to Fennimore, where his home has been to the present time.

On May 11, 1852, Mr. Simons wedded Mary Elizabeth Semmens, a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Semmens. She was born in Cornwall, England, in 1827, where her parents lived and died. Mrs. Simons was married in England to William Row, in 1848; soon after their marriage they came to this country and located in Maryland, remaining nearly three years, and then settled in Dubuque, Iowa, where Mr. Row died in 1851, during the cholera epidemic. Mr. and Mrs. Simons have two children, a son and a daughter, Richard, on the home farm; and Katie, the wife of Adam Hill, of the town of Mount Ida. A daughter, Grace, died Sept. 14, 1863, when ten years old. Mrs. Simons had two children by her first husband, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Dempsy, of Fennimore, and Mrs. Mary Jane Rogers, of South Dakota.

THEODORE L. ACHESON, whose home is at No. 262 South Bluff street, Janesville, is one of the leading citizens of Rock county, and exerts a strong influence in its political and business affairs. He has filled various public positions in the county, discharging every duty with the utmost fidelity, is an honorable and upright man, and has a multitude of friends.

Mr. Acheson was born in the town of Newburgh, Orange Co., N. Y., Oct. 3, 1849. His parents, William B. and Margaret (Elliott) Acheson, natives of the same county, had a family of ten children: David A.; Robert B.; Alexander; William E.; James C.; Theodore L.; Alfred S.; Mary Ann, wife of Thomas Harper, of Magnolia township; Hannah J., wife of Robert B. Harper, of Spring Valley; and Sarah Margaret, wife of Wallach Cochran, of Janesville. The father served an apprenticeship as a tanner with an uncle. After he had grown to manhood and married he became a farmer. He made his first appearance in Janesville in 1861, and, liking the country, purchased a farm of 240 acres in Magnolia township, Rock county. He did not long survive his change of location, dying in September, 1863, when fifty-one years old. His wife attained the age of seventy-four, and died in July, 1891. In early life they

were identified with the old Covenanters, in later years attending the Presbyterian Church. His father, Robert Acheson, came from the North of Ireland, where he was born of Scottish parentage, and settled in the city of New York, where he died. He had a family of five daughters and two sons. Her father, William Elliott, was born of Scottish descent in the North of Ireland, and was a farmer all his life. He died in Orange county, N. Y., well advanced in years.

Theodore L. Acheson came to Wisconsin in 1861, and to Janesville in 1883. At the date first mentioned he was a well grown lad, and had been a student in the public schools of his native county. In his Wisconsin home he went to a district school in Magnolia township, and continued to live on the paternal homestead until 1883. That year he became deputy sheriff under R. B. Harper, and served two years with that gentleman. Sheriff Hanthorn continued him in the same capacity in 1885 and 1886. The city council of Janesville then appointed him constable of the Third ward, and retained him in that position until 1891. In 1889 and 1890 he was under-sheriff for G. C. Babcock. In 1891 he was chosen city marshal, and served the public very efficiently in that office for six years. In the fall of 1896 he was elected sheriff, and held that responsible office one term.

The wedding ceremonies of Mr. Acheson and Miss Jane Martin, daughter of Hugh and Jane Martin, were celebrated March 12, 1881. They have had three children, Grace, Nina and Arthur L. Grace married Samuel P. Brown, deputy sheriff of Rock county. Mrs. Acheson is a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Acheson belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Home Forum. He is a Republican, and a man of strong convictions. His home on South Bluff street was purchased by him in July, 1899.

**THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN HART**, a prominent veteran of the war of the Rebellion now residing in Wyalusing township, Grant county, was born in Dupont, Jefferson Co., Ind., Nov. 15, 1843, a son of Orrin L. and Eveline (Houghton) Hart. His father, who was of strong Whig proclivities, named him for Frelinghuysen, a well-

known statesman of that day, and who, the following year (1844), was the candidate for vice-president on the ticket with Henry Clay. Mr. Hart's maternal grandfather, Joab Houghton, was a native of the highlands of Scotland, and in early life came to America. He was a soldier in the second war with England, known in history as the war of 1812, and fought with Gen. Jackson in the famous battle of New Orleans.

Orrin L. Hart, father of Theodore F., was born in Massachusetts, but when a small boy was taken by his parents to Pennsylvania. His mother belonged to one of the early Mohawk Dutch families of eastern New York, and was one of the few that was spared in the famous Indian massacre in the Mohawk Valley. She lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, passing away in 1863. In October, 1852, Orrin L. Hart and family emigrated from Indiana to Wisconsin, and located in the town of Millville, Grant county, where the wife and mother died in 1864. The father is still living but has been an invalid for a number of years. Of their children we have record of Theodore F., of this review; Wallace, who was named for the well-known clergyman, Rev. William Wallace, and is now a resident of Chicago; Abigail, wife of George H. Foster, of Millville; Mrs. Adeline Day; and Josephine, wife of Michael Gillon, of Ontario, Vernon Co., Wisconsin.

Theodore F. Hart was a lad of about nine years when he came with his parents to Grant county, which has since been his home. On Aug. 11, 1862, he donned the blue, becoming a member of Company C, 25th Wis. V. I., and was discharged from the service for disability in March of the following year. A severe rupture received in the service was the chief cause of his discharge. However, he had not yet seen enough of army life to satisfy him, and he determined if possible again to enter the service. But not having yet recovered, it was necessary for him to use considerable strategy in order to pass the required examination. In this he was successful, and he was a second time enrolled as one of Uncle Sam's soldier boys. He expected to be assigned to his old company in the 25th, but in this he was disappointed, and was enrolled as a member of Company C, 18th Wis. V. I., in July, 1863. His regiment formed a part of the 15th Army Corps. He took part

in some of the most important events of the last two years of the war, fighting under Gen. Corse at Allatoona Pass—one of the most thrilling engagements of the whole struggle. He was one of the 143 who were on the skirmish line when the battle began, and of whom only thirty-one succeeded in getting back to the fort. It was on this occasion that Gen. Sherman signaled from Kenesaw Mountain "Hold the Fort for I am coming," which has given rise to the famous religious song with that title. Mr. Hart with his regiment marched with Sherman to the sea and thence to Washington, D. C., taking part in the Grand Review in that city. He was finally discharged July 13, 1865.

After the war Mr. Hart was variously engaged for some time, working for a time in the pineries near Grand Rapids, Wis. In September, 1866, he erected a shingle mill at Wyalusing, which he operated for some time.

Mr. Hart was married, in March, 1867, to Miss Nancy Scarf, a daughter of Samuel Scarf, one of the pioneers of southwestern Wisconsin and a soldier of the Black Hawk war. He was a well-known early settler of Prairie du Chien. Mr. and Mrs. Hart have five children: Willard, Caroline, Maud, Mabel and Euphemia. Mr. Hart is an influential citizen of his community, and very prominent in Grand Army circles. He is a member of W. K. Forshey Post, No. 23, of which he was commander four years, and has been twice appointed assistant inspector of district 17, and was one year on the staff of Col. A. E. Watters. Mr. Hart is a man of extensive and varied reading, and is well informed on the general issues of the day. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church, and are quite prominent socially.

GEORGE MILLER (deceased) is remembered in Hazel Green, Grant county, as an honorable and upright citizen, and was born in Baden, France, in 1817. In 1840 he came to Wisconsin, and for a time worked in Jo Daviess county, Ill. In 1848 he married Miss Katherine Keiser, a lady born in France, in March, 1830, the daughter of Nicholas and Christine Keiser, both born in that country. In 1833 they came to America and settled in Jo Daviess county, Ill., where he lived until a short time before his death, in 1862, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Miller. Mrs.

Keiser died in 1897, being 108 years old at the time of her death. Mrs. Miller is the only representative of this family now living.

Mr. Miller was a shoemaker by trade, and worked for a time in Hazel Green. In 1849 he bought forty acres of wild land in the town of Hazel Green. To this he added by purchase from time to time, until at his death he was the owner of 190 acres of fine farming land. A good house and ample barns were erected by him, the land cleared and brought under high cultivation, and the entire property made one of the most valuable in this part of the State. To Mr. Miller and his wife were born eleven children, of whom four are now living: (1) Catherine, born in 1855, is the wife of John Kuntz, who resides near the Miller homestead. Mrs. Kuntz was married to Joseph Yorkshire before her present marriage, and to him she bore four children, George, John, Joseph and August. By Mr. Kuntz she has four children, Leo, Mary, Charles and Agnes. (2) Peter, born in 1858, married Miss Christina Nalice, of Galena, Ill., and is now living on his mother's old homestead. (3) Christina, born in 1873, is now the wife of Henry Schnowdenberg, and has her home in Jo Daviess county; there are three children in this family: Orvil, Gladys, and Adele. (4) Clara, born in 1875, is now the wife of Peter Cabanas, of Hazel Green. They have one daughter, Lea. Mr. Miller, like his wife and family, was a member of the Catholic church, and all have been liberal supporters of same. In his political affiliations Mr. Miller was a Democrat.

JOHN BECKER enjoys an enviable standing among the older and most respected farmers of Green county, both on account of his years and his high character. He is making his home on a large farm four miles southeast of Monroe, which has become, thanks to his industry and management, one of the most desirable country residences in the southwestern part of the State.

Mr. Becker is a son of Casper and Annie (Elmer) Becker, both of whom were born in Switzerland, and were emigrants to this country about 1848. They came to Wisconsin, and were among the earlier settlers of Green county. To them were born children as follows: Jacob, who is a farmer in the town of Washington; Casper, who died in

1891; Peter, a farmer in the town of Washington; John, born Jan. 18, 1854; Annie, the wife of John Bloom, of Monticello, Wis.; Rosa, wife of Jacob Marty, a farmer in the town of York; and Fannie, wife of D. Zimmerman, of New Glarus, Wisconsin.

John Becker grew to manhood under the parental roof, and was married to Miss Mary Ann Karlen in 1880, who was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 27, 1863, and was brought to this country while still a child. Jacob and Mary Ann (Zwahlen) Karlen, her parents, came from Switzerland, now reside in Monroe, where Mr. Karlen is engaged in business as a cheese-maker. They are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. John Becker became the parents of the following children: Mary Ann, born Oct. 15, 1880; John S., born Nov. 8, 1884, is attending school; Jacob E., born Feb. 15, 1888; Emma S., born Oct. 2, 1893; and Herman W., born Nov. 17, 1897, all living at home.

John Becker was reared on the home farm, and received his education at the hands of the teachers of the public schools of the town of Washington. When he married the united resources of his wife and himself, save their youth and strength, were small indeed. But their hearts were light, and they were willing to work hard, endure poverty and practice self-denial, that by and by they might come to affluence. They now own a fine farm of 268 acres, all highly improved, and in a fine state of cultivation. In 1901 he built a large barn, 32x70 feet with basement, and 20-foot posts. In politics Mr. Becker is a Democrat. He is an honorable and upright man, and believes in the Golden Rule, and the law of honesty and fair play, as the essential part of all creeds and churches. He is a man with a warm heart, is a good neighbor, and a genial, companionable citizen.

NICHOLAS ANDERSON, who ranks high in Jordan township, Green county, as an all-round farmer, dairyman and cheese manufacturer, is a native of Krydsherets, Christiania, Norway, born April 15, 1849.

Anders Narveson, his father, was born Aug. 18, 1825, near Christiania, Norway, a son of Narve Narveson, who died in Norway at the age of ninety-six. Maria Ellingson, wife of Anders Narveson, was born in 1818, and died in 1897, in Cottonwood Co., Minn. They

had four children: Nicholas, who will be more fully spoken of farther on; Julia, wife of Anders C. Anderson, of the town of Ann, Cottonwood Co., Minn.; Mary, wife of John Svenson, living in Minnesota; and Jennie, deceased in childhood. Anders Narveson still lives in the town of Ann, Cottonwood Co., Minnesota.

Nicholas Anderson, whose name introduces these lines, when twenty-one years old, in 1870, came to the United States, settling in Wisconsin, where, in Green county, he took up farming pursuits. In 1875 he and his entire family removed to Cottonwood county, Minn., but in 1884 they returned to Green county and settled on the old Erickson homestead, where he has since made his home. He owns a fine farm of 160 acres, under excellent cultivation, and supplied with a comfortable dwelling, also commodious barns and other outbuildings.

On Jan. 28, 1872, Nicholas Anderson married Miss Julia Erickson, of Jordan township, Green county, born Sept. 18, 1851, a daughter of Thore and Annie (Olson) Erickson, the former of whom came from Norway to Green county, Wis., in 1848. They were married Feb. 5, 1850, and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. They had seven children, five of whom are yet living: Julia, wife of Nicholas Anderson; Erick Erickson, in Rockford, Ill.; Ole, in North Dakota; Mary, the wife of Ole Johnson, of Cottonwood county, Minn.; and Andrew, a farmer of Wiot township, Lafayette county. The father of these died on the old home place in Jordan township, Green county, in 1885, the mother passing away in 1893. To Nicholas Anderson and his wife have been born fourteen children, eleven of whom are still living: (1) Albert, born Jan. 20, 1873, married Clara Jacobson, and they reside in Argyle, Lafayette county. (2) Thomas, born Aug. 8, 1874, lives in Montana. (3) Edward, born Jan. 7, 1876, married Amelia Jackson, of Jordan township, Green county. (4) Carl J., born Jan. 1, 1878, is at home. (5) Olaf N., was born Sept. 5, 1879. (6) Nettie G., Oct. 7, 1881. (7) Emma A., May 6, 1884. (8) Gena Maria, Aug. 14, 1885. (9) Alma Laura, Jan. 20, 1889. (10) Otto L., Feb. 26, 1890; and (11) Clara M., Nov. 6, 1893. Among those deceased was Anna Lenora, a twin sister of Alma Laura. Mr. Anderson is a firm believer in practical education for his children. Thomas and Ed-

ward attended the short course of Agriculture, at Madison, Wis., in 1895-1896; and Olaf N. attended the Toland's Business University, at Monroe, Wis., in the year of 1899-1900.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the Lutheran Church. He is a Republican in politics, and has served in Jordan as school director, road overseer and in other offices with ability and fidelity. While living in Cottonwood county, Minn., he served as chairman of the town of Ann, supervisor, and justice of the peace. He has participated in many political conventions, including the State Republican convention of 1900, at which he was one of the sturdy supporters of Gov. R. M. La Follette, and has always exerted a marked influence in the local affairs of his community.

JOHN MCBRIDE, a retired farmer residing in Platteville, Grant county, was born in Elk Grove, Lafayette county, Wis., April 13, 1837. His parents, John and Rosa (McCartin) McBride, were natives of Ireland, who in 1820 settled on wild land in Lafayette county, where the father cleared up a large farm, on which he and wife passed the remainder of their lives, both dying in the faith of the Primitive Methodist Church. In politics the father was a staunch Republican. Of their children, ten in number, seven died young; of those who lived to mature years, Mary, now deceased, was married to William Robinson, of Grant county, where several of her children still live; Robert, also deceased, retired from his farm in Lafayette county, and died in Platteville in 1899, leaving a widow and four children; John, whose name opens this sketch.

John McBride was educated in the district schools of his native village and at the Platteville Academy. He grew to manhood on the home farm, and in October, 1865, married Miss Mary E., daughter of Lorenzo and Roxie (McCumber) McNett, of Elk Grove, Lafayette county. Mr. and Mrs. McNett were born in New York State, and came to Wisconsin in 1835, settled on a farm and reared four children, two of whom are still living, Mrs. E. B. Barnes, in Platteville, and Mrs. John McBride, the latter of whom was graduated from the high school of Hazel Green and was for some time a very successful school teacher.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. McBride lived on the McBride homestead until 1894, when they came to Platteville, where Mr. Mc-

Bride erected a fine dwelling, but still owns the old farm in Lafayette county. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. McBride have been born three children, viz.: (1) W. L., born in 1866, in Lafayette county, was educated in the State Normal School of Platteville; in 1894 he married Miss Lucy Churchill, of Platteville, a cultured lady who had been a school teacher for several years. One daughter, Helen, blessed this union. The family reside on their own property on Pine street, adjoining that of the father, John McBride. (2) Rosanna M., daughter of John McBride, was born in Lafayette county in November, 1868, and was a student in the State Normal school until her marriage in 1889 to Elmer E. Herron, the present deputy sheriff of Le Mars, Plymouth county, Iowa, where they reside and have a family of four children, viz.: Clay, Lloyd, Lenna, and John. (3) Elsie A., born in Lafayette county in September, 1883, is a well-advanced student in the State Normal school of Platteville. Mr. McBride and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he is a Republican. While a resident of Lafayette county he served as treasurer of his township, as chairman of the town board, and also filled several other local offices with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the public. A descendant of one of the old pioneer families of the State, he enjoys the respect of all the inhabitants of Platteville and Grant county, and he and his wife are still fondly cherished in the memory of their old friends in Lafayette county.

ABEL C. FOWLER, a well-known carriage maker of North Andover, Grant county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born in Westchester county, N. Y., in 1820, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Monte) Fowler. The father, who was a native of England and a carpenter by occupation, moved his family from New York to Connecticut, and there died. The mother's death occurred when Abel was a small child. He is the third in order of birth in a family of four children, the others being Thomas, Isaiah and Mary, and is the only survivor so far as known. Isaiah was also in the Union army, being a member of the same company and regiment as Abel C., and died at the Soldiers Home in Togus, Maine.

In May, 1861, Abel C. Fowler enlisted in

the 4th Conn. V. I., which was afterward changed to the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery, and was commanded by Col. R. O. Tyler. Mr. Fowler's service covered a period of three years, and he took part in the seven days' fight in the Peninsular campaign under Gen. McClellan, and the battle of the Wilderness under Gen. Grant.

While Mr. Fowler was in the service his wife, whose maiden name was Mary L. Boothe, came to Potosi, Grant Co., Wis., with their three children, and upon receiving his discharge he rejoined his family here. His first wife died many years ago, leaving two children, who still survive, namely: Henry W., a resident of Coles, Neb.; and Mrs. Ella Bannock, of Denver, Colo. Since the death of his first wife Mr. Fowler has been twice married. He has a pleasant home in North Andover, and is successfully engaged in carriage making. He is widely and favorably known throughout the community, and has a host of friends in Grant county.

LEWIS W. SHULL, now doubtless the oldest native born resident of Lafayette county, Wis., is a son of one of the earliest pioneers of the Territory of Wisconsin, and has himself played no insignificant part in the development of the country.

Jesse Shull, his father, left an ineffaceable imprint in the early history of the Northwest. He was born in Pennsylvania April 1, 1785, and passed his early life at his home in Centre county, that State. The first important break which occurred in his life was the war of 1812, in which he participated. He had been trained to the trade of a hatter, but when the war was over he came immediately to St. Louis, Mo., and began buying furs for the American Fur Co. This business required him to go up the Mississippi river to trade with the Indians, and he finally located at Dubuque, Iowa, soon after going to Galena, Ill. In the fall of 1818 he severed his connection with the fur company, and, removing to what is now Shullsburg, in Lafayette county, he engaged in business on his own account, buying furs, and also in investigating the mining lands. It was through his discovery of the valuable mineral ore in Wisconsin that the mines were so early developed. The little animal known as the badger, so numerous that Wisconsin is yet known as the "Badger State,"

was everywhere to be found then, and in digging holes in the ground threw out pieces of mineral ore. This led Mr. Shull to investigate, with the result of the discovery of priceless mining interests. He at once gave up the fur trade and devoted himself exclusively to mining, becoming so successful that he soon added smelting to his work, thus becoming the first miner and smelter in the State. The news of the rich mineral fields discovered by Mr. Shull in southwestern Wisconsin soon spread abroad, and in a short time the miners began to come from all over the country.

Among the many who came to engage in mining was A. P. Van Matre, who was accompanied by his sister, Melissa. They were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Van Matre, of Highland county, Ohio, and arrived early in the spring of 1826. On Aug. 20, following, occurred the marriage of Jesse Shull and Miss Melissa Van Matre, whose brother (also a hatter by trade) had become a partner of Mr. Shull's. This partnership lasted until 1835, and they devoted themselves to mining and smelting. After the dissolution Mr. Shull removed to what is now the town of Cadiz, in Green county, there to engage in farming during the remainder of his life. The only change of occupation he had permitted himself had been to do what he regarded as the paramount duty of every citizen, of sound body and suitable age—to enlist in his country's service when needed. In 1828 he had gone forth as a soldier in the war with the Winnebagoes, and in 1832 in the Black Hawk war.

For his services in the war of 1812 Mr. Shull received a land warrant from the government, which he sold to a Mr. Malone, who with it located land in Black Hawk county, Iowa, on a part of which now stands the city of Waterloo. When he moved to Cadiz township, Green county, Mr. Shull purchased 400 acres of land, which he had nearly all improved when his death occurred, Feb. 12, 1864. Mr. Shull was a typical pioneer, rugged, honest and industrious, strong in his convictions and fearless in their expression. In politics he was a Whig of the old school, in religion an earnest Christian, identified with the Christian Church. The town of Shullsburg was named in his honor, and well it might be, inasmuch as he was the first miner and smelter in the region, and his was the first marriage celebrated in what is now Lafayette county.

Mrs. Melissa (Van Matre) Shull was born Aug. 11, 1811, and passed away July 3, 1893. She bore her husband nine children; those yet living are as follows: Lewis W. is the oldest; Morgan is a resident of Clay county, Iowa; John resides in Oregon; Mrs. Sadie Martin lives in Nebraska; and Mrs. Elizabeth Kodaugh makes her home in Indianapolis, Ind. Those who have passed away are as follows: Andrew P., Jesse, Mrs. Nancy Edwards, and Marietta, the last named dying at the age of thirteen.

Lewis W. Shull, the only one of the family now residing in Wisconsin, was born in Shullsburg, Aug. 12, 1831, and has always made his home in Lafayette county. His general occupation has always been farming, though at present he is engaged in keeping the Hotel Watson, at South Wayne.

In April, 1863, Mr. Shull enlisted in Company K, 16th Wis. V. I., and served until the close of the war. His regiment was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 3d Division, 17th Army Corps, and he took part in the battles of Resaca, Marietta, Kennesaw Mountain, siege of Atlanta, the march to the sea, and then, after all was over, took part in the grand review in Washington. He was discharged from service at Madison. At the battle before Atlanta he was wounded by a minie ball, which, just as he was reloading, cut the bayonet of his gun entirely off, struck the star on the strap of his cartridge box, passed through it, and cut a rib on his left side partly off. There it lodged until it poisoned the wound, and erysipelas followed, which caused his confinement in the hospital for some time, and in fact he has never fully recovered from the effects.

In 1869 Mr. Shull was united in marriage with Miss Mary Buchanan, who was born in the town of Cadiz, Green Co., Wis., daughter of Benjamin and Isabel (Robb) Buchanan. Five children have come of this union: Mrs. Melissa Bell Gearhart, of Amber, Iowa; Minnie; Mrs. Sadie Stites, of Winslow, Ill.; Edna; and Thomas. The family are honored members of society, and have proven themselves worthy of the respected name they bear.

R. S. JACOBS, one of the enterprising business men of Clifton township, Grant county, is the proprietor of a flourishing harness and saddlery establishment, and was born in Canton, Fulton Co., Ill., in 1833, a son of

George and Elizabeth (Johnston) Jacobs, natives of Franklin county, Penn., who came to Illinois in 1828, and settled at Canton, but in 1844 removed to Linden, Iowa county, and opened up a farm. Here the father died in 1876, aged seventy-six. The family were among the first settlers of the township. Of their children, we have record of John, who died young; Cyrus and George, both deceased; R. S., our subject; Sarah Ann and Mamie, both deceased; Susan, now Mrs. Marsden; Eliza; Nathan, a resident of Linden, served three years in the 30th Wis. V. I., during the Civil war.

Our subject was reared and educated in Linden, and engaged in farming for several years, then, in 1881, came to Livingston and learned the trade of saddler and engaged in business for himself. At the first call, in April, 1861, Mr. Jacobs responded, enlisting at Mineral Point, Wis., in Co. I, 2d Wis. V. I., for ninety days, and then re-enlisted at Madison, Wis., for three years or during the war, being in the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 1st Army Corps, participating in the battles of Bull Run, South Mountain, White Sulphur Springs, Gainesville, and was honorably discharged in 1863. After this he returned to Linden and took up his ordinary pursuits.

In 1865 Mr. Jacobs married Miss Nancy Vickerman, born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Job and Rebecca (Tyler) Vickerman, natives of Pennsylvania and pioneers of Linden, both of whom are now deceased. Six children have been born of this union: Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Andrews, of Clifton township; Mary Lois, now Mrs. Prior; George, a teacher; John; Amy; and Rex. Mr. Jacobs is a member of George F. Legate Post, G. A. R., at Mineral Point. Steadfast in his support of the Prohibitionist party, Mr. Jacobs has been honored by appointment to the school board; he is a justice of the peace, and in every walk of life proves that he is an honest man and a loyal citizen.

A. C. ULA, who was born in the town of York, Green county, May 12, 1865, is a son of J. C. and Thora (Anderson) Ula, and belongs to those Wisconsin farmers whose work is so much an expression of character and pronounced integrity that it gives a name to the State as the home of a bright and progressive class of agriculturists. Among these A. C.



Ula has a distinctive right to be reckoned. His home is on a farm of 120 acres in section 15, of York township, five miles east of Blanchardville, and about twenty-five miles northwest of Monroe.

J. C. Ula, his father, was one of the leading citizens of his time, and was born in Norway Aug. 31, 1840, and was a son of Christen and Olaus (Olson) Ula, who came to Green county, Wis., in 1852. They made their home in Albany township, that county, and the following year they took up government land in the town of York, making it their home as long as they lived. Christen and Olaus Ula were the parents of five children: (1) J. C., mentioned above as the father of A. C. Ula; (2) Julia, who married E. L. Soper, of the town of York; (3) Hans, of the town of York; (4) Ole, of Buffalo county, Wis.; and (5) Inger, deceased. Christen Ula died in 1888, and his widow in 1891. Both were laid to rest in the Ula cemetery, on the old homestead. They were among the very early settlers of the town of York, and are remembered by the old settlers as people of good hearts and kind spirit.

J. C. Ula was married to Miss Thora Anderson, of the town of York, June 27, 1864, by whom he became the father of the following children: A. C., whose name introduces this article; Andrew, born July 17, 1866, died in September, 1889; Lena, born Dec. 7, 1867, married Edward Iverson, of Emmet county, Iowa; Gertrude, born April 10, 1869, married Melvin Eidsmore, of the town of Moscow, Iowa Co., Wis.; Nettie, born Dec. 17, 1870, died in 1886; Olie, born May 2, 1872, is the widow of John Elstad, and the mother of one son, Norman J., being now an inmate of the home of her mother, on the old farm; Hannah, born March 19, 1874, is the wife of A. O. Burger, of North Dakota; Peter O., born Feb. 5, 1876, is unmarried, and is engaged in cultivating the old farm; John, born Feb. 1, 1878, is at home; Tena, born Dec. 5, 1879, is unmarried, lives at home, and is in charge of the postoffice at Ula; Clara, born Jan. 30, 1884, is at home; Anton, born Feb. 27, 1886; Oscar F., born Dec. 9, 1888; Alma, born Feb. 17, 1893, is the youngest of this interesting family of sixteen children, two of whom died in infancy. J. C. Ula was a leading man in his time in the community in which he lived. For many years he served at different times as

justice of the peace, and chairman of the town, assessor, school director and constable of the town. In the course of his active and busy life he was called upon to administer many estates.

Mr. Ula was a member of the 46th Wis. V. I., entering the service in 1865, and serving until the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge. Mr. Ula was a staunch Republican, and a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. His death occurred Jan. 24, 1898, and his remains are resting in Ula cemetery, on the home farm. Mr. Ula came to Green county, and began his struggle for success here under very depressing circumstances, but rose from poverty to own a fine farm of 400 acres, well supplied with creditable dwelling house, farm buildings, and all the requisites for intelligent and profitable farming. His loss was deeply felt by his family and by the community in which he lived, for he was a good citizen, a courteous and obliging neighbor, and a loving husband and father.

A. C. Ula was married Oct. 2, 1887, to Miss Jennie E. Davis, a daughter of David and Agnes (Olson) Davis, of Argyle, Wis., and has become the father of three children, two of whom are living: John D., born Feb. 18, 1889; and Ada, born April 10, 1892. Mr. Ula has remained on the farm, and had his education in the public schools. When he became a young man he engaged in the mercantile business, and was located in Argyle for eight years. Leaving the store at the end of that period, he resumed the work to which he was reared, and is now engaged in general and stock farming, devoting much attention to the dairy business, and has become one of the foremost young farmers of the town.

Like his father, Mr. Ula is a staunch Republican, and has served his town as school clerk and treasurer, justice of the peace, and for the last three years has been township assessor. He is a devout follower of the teachings of Luther. Mr. Ula is one of the most respected and useful men of the town, and both he and his wife are counted good neighbors and kind friends.

JACOB HOOSER (deceased) was for many years a resident of Grant county, Wis., and played a man's part in the giant endeavor his generation was making to reclaim the wilderness for the home for a happy and prosperous people.

Mr. Hooser was born in Sumner county, Tenn., Oct. 25, 1807, and was a son of Jacob and Catherine Hooser, who came from Germany and made their home in Tennessee for a time. They moved to Philadelphia, when somewhat advanced in life, where he worked at his trade, that of a blacksmith, for some years. In 1820 he transferred himself and his family to Sangamon county, Illinois, where they lived until both husband and wife had passed away. Six children were born to them: Ambrose, their eldest son, came to Grant county, and followed farming in the town of Platteville until he died; Jacob; Polly married a Mr. Hass, and died near Dubuque; Rolina married and died in Illinois; John died in Illinois; Katie is Mrs. John Finley, of Nebraska.

Jacob Hooser came to Galena previous to the Black Hawk war in 1832. He was engaged in that uprising, was in many fights with the Indians, and had several narrow escapes for his life. He married Elizabeth Knox, of Illinois, who died at his home in Platteville in 1867, the mother of four children. Justice, John and Amanda are dead, and Jacob is living in Oklahoma. Mr. Hooser purchased from the government a section of land in Platteville township, and in 1848 built a stone house, which is in good preservation at the present time. He also built a stone house for one of his sons on the same property. This is now owned by Fred Klinger. Mr. Hooser made many improvements on these houses during his life. He dealt largely in real estate, and owned considerable land in different parts of Grant county. He was a Republican during his life, and filled a number of local offices, and was a prominent man in the affairs of the township. He was brought up a Baptist, but never united with the church. At the age of ninety-two he passed away, dying in March, 1899.

In 1875 Mr. Hooser and Miss May Bennett were united in marriage. She is the daughter of Levi and Mary (Jacobs) Bennett, and was born in Lafayette county April 11, 1847. To this union four children were born: Mary E., born in 1875 at their present home-stand, was educated in the high school at Platteville, and is a young lady of culture and refinement, an inmate of her mother's home; Archie B., born in 1879, educated in the Platteville high school, and for some time a student of the State Normal, is the manager of the fam-

ily estate, and is a young man of much ability, highly spoken of in the community; Sarah B., born in Platteville, in September, 1882, is now a student in the Platteville school; Lester W., born Feb. 4, 1877, was a promising young man and had many friends, and died July 22, 1894. Archie, the only surviving son, is a staunch Republican; he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the K. of P., of Platteville. The members of this family are very much respected, as was their father before them, and are useful citizens of the community.

STEPHEN SWAN, who has a pleasant country home on Section 19, in the town of Brooklyn, Green county, was born in Cheshire, Eng., Aug. 11, 1825, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Barber) Swan, both of whom were natives of England. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters and three of their children are now living: Taylor, of the town of Spring Valley, Rock county; Stephen; and James, of Maryville, Missouri.

Samuel Swan was a hatter, and owned a farm, where his children were reared, ten miles from Manchester. In 1846 he came to this country, and settled on a farm in the town of Spring Valley, Rock Co., Wis., where he died about 1860, aged seventy-five years; his wife had died in England twenty years before. In religious faith they were Methodists. He became prominent in local affairs, and had served as supervisor in Rock county for the town of Spring Valley. Taylor Swan, the father of Samuel, and the grandfather of Stephen, was an English farmer, and was born and died in Cheshire; he lived to be eighty years of age, and was the father of four children.

The maternal grandfather of Stephen Swan, Mr. Barber, was a small farmer, and died in England about seventy-five years of age, the father of two daughters and one son.

Stephen Swan, whose name appears above, was reared and educated in England, and in 1845 came to Wisconsin, where he bought land in Rock county. This he afterward sold to his father and brother, and eight years later bought a 200-acre tract in Green county, about 1860, aged seventy-five years; his wife acres, and now owns a farm of 280 acres, which he has improved in accordance with the most modern ideas of progressive farming.

On Dec. 14, 1852, Mr. Swan was married

to Miss Isabel Taylor, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Smith) Taylor. To this union were born twelve children: Robert, Frances, Mary, Eliza, William, John, Archibald, Ralph, Armina, Sarah, Walter and James. Robert, who is engaged in farming in Minnesota, married Helen Nye, and has three children: Sarah, Jessie and Robert. Frances married Edward Farnsworth, of Dayton, Wis., and has five children, Dollie, Eliza, William, John and Roy; Mary died when twenty-eight years old; Eliza is the deceased wife of Henry Kingdom, by whom she had four children. Isabel, William, Henry and Robert; William is single and lives at home; John, who lives in the town of Brooklyn, married Kate Noonan and now has two sons, Roy and Arthur; Archibald married Catherine Deremer, now deceased, and has three children, Raymond, Archie and Rosa; Ralph of the town of Brooklyn, married Myrtle Bartlett, and they have two children, Isabel and Marion; Armina married William Thomas, of the town of Exeter, and has two children, Esther and Wilner; Sarah is the wife of James McKinney, by whom she has two children, Burdette and Isabel; Walter married May McGee and lives in Exeter; and James married Fannie Watkins, and makes his home in Brooklyn. Mr. and Mrs. Swan have two great-grandchildren, Gladys Greetsinger and Bernice.

Stephen Swan was formerly not identified with the Republican party, but voted for Mr. McKinley in 1900. For four terms he was chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and was called on the grand jury a number of terms. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Robert Taylor and wife, Mary (Smith), parents of Mrs. Swan, were natives of Scotland. In 1840 they came to America and located in the town of Spring Valley. They were the parents of seven children, of whom four are now living: Isabel; William and Peter, of Brodhead; Mary, who is the wife of Charles White, of the town of Porter, Rock county. Mrs. Swan's father died May 10, 1885, in the town of Spring Valley, when nearly seventy-eight years of age. His wife died in 1890, at the age of eighty-five. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church. John Taylor, father of Robert, died in Roxburghshire, Scotland, when he had be-

come old. Archibald Smith, father of Mary, died in Spring Valley, at the age of seventy-five.

SAMUEL B. VANNATTA was for many years prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Grant county, but is now living a retired life in the city of Platteville. A native of New Jersey, he was born in Warren county, Oct. 29, 1834, a son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Kishpaugh) Vannatta, who were also born in that county. In 1846 the father removed with his family to Virginia, and ten years later came to Grant county, Wis., locating in Harrison township, where he transformed a tract of wild land into a good farm, making it his home until his death, in 1880. Throughout life he followed agricultural pursuits. His wife died in the same township in 1889. They were the parents of ten children, nine of whom are still living, namely: Mrs. Jane Massy, of Virginia; Samuel B., of this review; Mrs. Travis, of Nebraska; Mrs. Channing, of Dubuque, Iowa; Morgan, who was a member of the 25th W. V. I., during the Civil war and died at Helena, Ark., in 1864, his remains being brought back to Grant county for interment; Silas, a farmer of Harrison township; Mrs. Otera Wilson, of Platteville; Ann, wife of E. J. Marvel, of Platteville; H. L., a farmer, of Platteville township; and Mrs. Allie Kies, of Lafayette county, Wisconsin.

The first twelve years of his life Samuel B. Vannatta passed in his native State, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Virginia. In 1856 he came to Grant county, Wis., and opened up and improved a good farm in Harrison township. He successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1884, when he removed to Platteville, and is now living in ease, retired from active labor.

During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Vannatta responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting at Platteville, in 1862, for three years or during the war. He became a member of Company E., 25th Wis. V. I., which was assigned to the Western Army, and was under the command of General Sherman in the siege of Atlanta, the battle of Decatur, Ga., and on the March to the Sea, as well as the Carolina campaign. Mr. Vannatta participated in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., at the

close of the war, and was honorably discharged from the service at Madison, Wis., in 1865.

In 1862 Mr. Vannatta was married in Grant county to Miss Mary Luce, a native of Wisconsin, daughter of Perry and Nancy Luce. By this union there was born a son, S. B., now a resident of Harrison township. The wife and mother died in 1863, and in 1866 Mr. Vannatta was again married, in Grant county, his second wife being Miss Cynthia Kies, who was born in this county, a daughter of David Kies, one of the first settlers of Grant county, where he took up government land and continued to make his home here until death. Mrs. Cynthia Vannatta died in Harrison township, in 1877, leaving four children: Elias, now a resident of Grand Rapids, Wis.; Arena, also of Grand Rapids; Alma, at home; and Daniel, who lives on his father's farm. In 1880 Mr. Vannatta wedded Miss Jane Sprague, a native of England, and a daughter of Thomas Sprague, a pioneer of Grant county, where he died in 1853. This wife died in Platteville, June 23, 1898, leaving one child, Bessie.

Mr. Vannatta is an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is also connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and W. T. Sherman Post, No. 66, G. A. R. He is an earnest advocate of Republican principles, and, while a resident of Harrison township, filled the offices of township treasurer and assessor to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. His sterling integrity and honorable, upright manhood fully entitle him to the position which he holds in the estimation of the people of his community.

GEORGE ECK, one of the well known and prominent veteran soldiers and pioneers of Liberty township, Grant county, is a man well known in his section of the country, as one deserving of praise for his industry and thrift, and as a good representative of our German-American citizens. Mr. Eck was born at Havre, Germany, in 1826, being a son of George and Wilhelmina (Calder) Eck, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they lived and died. A brother of our subject, Fred Eck, came to America, and during the Civil war served in the 43d Wis. V. I. and died in service.

George Eck came to Grant county in 1854,

and engaged in plastering and painting, and later purchased a fine farm of forty acres, near Stitzer, Liberty township, where he now resides. Since coming into possession of this property, Mr. Eck has improved it greatly, erecting new buildings and keeps everything in excellent condition, and as a result his crops show the effect of his labors.

In 1865, Mr. Eck enlisted at Hazel Green, Grant county, in the 44th Wis. V. I., for one year, or until the close of the war, and was stationed at Nashville, Tenn. Here the climate so affected Mr. Eck that he was taken sick, and was honorably discharged, after which he returned to Lafayette county, and on account of the injury to his health, from which he has never recovered, he now receives a pension of \$16 a month.

Before coming to America, Mr. Eck was married to Wilhelmina Kalder, born in Germany, and to this union eight children have been born: William, a farmer of Liberty township; Hannah Rowena, who died in 1899; Margaret; George Frederick Wilhelm; Mary Wilhelmina; Katie; Henry Ludwig; and Emma. Socially, Mr. Eck is a prominent member of the G. A. R. Post, and politically adheres to the teachings of the Republican party. Having been a resident of Liberty township since 1862, Mr. Eck is one of the oldest inhabitants, and enjoys the esteem of his neighbors, as well as a wide circle of friends outside the immediate vicinity of his home.

W. D. BURR, merchant and postmaster at the village of Ellenboro, Grant county, was born in Rock county, Wis., Dec. 9, 1852, son of B. F. and Nancy A. (Barnard) Burr.

Mr. Burr's parents were both natives of the state of New York, the father born July 20, 1816, and the mother June 18, 1820. Both grew to maturity in New York, where they were married in April, 1846, and where they continued to make their home for some five years. Mr. Burr was educated for the ministry and followed that profession in connection with farming all his life. In 1850 he and his wife came West to Rock county, where he purchased a farm, which he cultivated when not engaged in clerical labors. There our subject was born. In about 1856 Mr. Burr bought a farm in Jefferson county, Wis., which became the family home some nine years. At the expiration of that time the

family removed to a farm in the town of Lima, Grant county, which was their home until 1869, when Mr. Burr bought a farm in the town of Ellenboro, one mile east of the village. He cultivated this place until 1879, in the intervals of his preaching, and in the year named it was sold to W. D. Burr, the father removing to South Dakota, where he followed farming and preaching until his death, in 1894. His noble and beautiful-spirited wife, who had shared with him all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, died May 4, 1888, at the home of her son, W. D. Burr. To Mr. and Mrs. Burr came a family of seven children: (1) Irving, born in New York in April, 1847, died at the age of fifteen years. (2) Frank, born in New York in 1848, married Miss Katie Richards, of Atlantic, Iowa, and is a boot and shoe merchant of that city. There are eight children in their family. (3) P. A., born in New York in January, 1850, married Miss Lizzie Landon, and they live on his ranch in Lincoln county, S. Dak., with their two children, Minnie and Orla. (4) W. D. is our subject. (5) Sophia, born in Rock county, Wis., in November, 1855, was educated in the Normal School, and died Dec. 9, 1873. She was much thought of by those who knew her. (6) Catherine O., born in Jefferson county, Wis., in November, 1857, was educated in the State Normal at Platteville, and was for some time a teacher. She died in 1875, a bright and charming young woman. (7) Helen D., born in Jefferson county, in June, 1860, married O. J. Anderson, and moved to South Dakota, where she died in March, 1897, leaving a family of four children. She obtained her education at the State Normal, and was a teacher for several years in Grant county and Iowa.

W. D. Burr remained with his parents in their various locations until he was grown, and received a district-school education. In 1879 he came into the ownership of his father's farm in the town of Ellenboro, on which he made his home for two years. In May, 1883, he married Miss Ida Nichols, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Bell) Nichols, old pioneers in Grant county. Her father, Leonard Nichols, was superintendent of the Rand & Laflin Powder Mills at Platteville for some years, and was killed in the explosion at the mills in 1870. Mrs. Nichols died in Iowa, and four of her children are living: (1) Carrie is the wife

of James Lynn, of Dubuque, Iowa; (2) Ida is the wife of W. D. Burr; (3) George is a resident of Buffalo Gap, S. Dak.; and (4) Lillie is the wife of O. E. Clubb, of St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Ida Burr was born in Ulster county, N. Y., in 1861, received a good education in the State Normal at Platteville, and was a successful teacher in Grant county for some five years. For about two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Burr lived on the farm, and then moved to Montgomery county, Iowa, where he farmed for about the same length of time. In 1886 they came back to Ellenboro, where Mr. Burr went into business as a merchant, continuing thus to the present time. In 1887 he was appointed postmaster under President Cleveland and has held this office ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr are the parents of eight children: Mabel, born Feb. 10, 1884; Lillie, in October, 1885; Walter D., in January, 1888; Harry, in January, 1890; Florence, in February, 1892; Eva, in June, 1894; Vera, in August, 1896; and Catherine, in November, 1898. Mabel is a student at the State Normal in Platteville.

Mr. Burr is a Republican, has been assessor, and is now treasurer of the town. He has been one of the delegates to the county convention on several occasions. He belongs to the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Ellenboro, and to the Knights of the Maccabees. In religion this family are all identified with the Baptist Church. Mr. Burr is a leading and enterprising business man, and has the respect of the community.

**PETER SAMBROOK.** This active and enterprising tradesman has been in business in Belmont, Lafayette county, some thirty-five years, and has largely contributed to the general prosperity of this portion of Wisconsin by the character of his relation to his patrons. He is an honorable and upright merchant, carries a stock of honest and reliable goods, and has a habit of making personal friends of his patrons.

Mr. Sambrook was born in Birmingham, England, in January, 1827, and is a son of James and Sarah (Millard) Sambrook, who were born, reared and died in England, leaving a family of six children: Jane and Paul still remain in their native country; Philip went to Australia, where he is now living; Joseph en-

listed in the English army, and died some years ago; Sarah came to Chicago in 1870, and died there twenty-two years later, having never married.

Peter Sambrook had his education from the local schools of his native land, and their work at that time was neither very broad nor deep. In 1855 he emigrated to America, a strong and sturdy young man of nearly thirty years of age, and entered a plow factory at Platteville, Wis., and put in some five years at that laborious but useful trade. He had learned the milling trade in his own country, but somehow the opportunity never seemed right to take it up after arriving in Wisconsin. Mr. Sambrook left the factory in 1860, and made investments in a store, and very soon decided that he had found his life work. He discovered natural aptitude for trade, and devoted himself to it with energy and success. The business was maintained in Platteville five years, and was then sold, that the enterprising young merchant might transfer himself and all his interests to the new town of Belmont. This was a new trade center that had just been started, as a result of the completion of plans for certain railroad construction. The Milwaukee railroad did not penetrate this section of the county, however, until 1869, and the growth of Belmont, rapid and substantial, lagged and halted before the advent of the iron horse. Mr. Sambrook was on the ground, and patiently waited improved conditions which he was sure would follow the completion of the railroad, and he was quick to take advantage of the change for the better, and has held the situation to this time, a success both in trade and in character and standing in the community.

In 1850 Mr. Sambrook wedded Miss Eliza Woodward, daughter of Thomas and Anne Woodward, who lived and died in England. Mrs. Sambrook was born in England in 1828, and received her education in her native town. No children have come to them. Mr. Sambrook purchased considerable real estate after his arrival in Belmont, where he has erected a store and a dwelling house, and is the proprietor of one of the leading commercial establishments in this part of the State. He has always been a Democrat, and has served on the town board a number of years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sambrook have been consistent members of the Episcopal Church from youth, and

are highly esteemed by all who know them personally. Mr. Sambrook came to this country without means, and by his own industry and thrift has accumulated a handsome competence. He has been identified with the growth of Belmont, and he and his wife are counted among its best people.

NELSON OLSON (deceased), late of the town of Fennimore, Grant county, was a soldier of the war for the Union, Scandinavian blood being ever loyal to the cause of liberty and the progress of men.

Mr. Olson was born in Norway Dec. 3, 1825, and grew to manhood in his native country. He came to America in 1847, landing at New Orleans, and traveling up the river to Jefferson City, Mo., where he found work a short time. He soon went to Chicago, and from there to the pineries of Michigan, where he spent two years. On July 15, 1851, Mr. Olson was married at Racine, Wis., to Miss Betsy E. Hogle, who was born in Middlebury, Genesee Co., N. Y., June 3, 1825, a daughter of Andrew and Hannah (Reed) Hogle. Andrew Hogle came to Grant county, Wis., in 1837, and was one of the very earliest settlers of Potosi; he returned to New York, and in 1843 brought his family to this State. In 1864 he and his wife removed to Fennimore, and in 1878 to Le Mars, Iowa, where he died Nov. 20, 1893, at the venerable age of ninety-eight; his wife died in 1894, at the age of ninety. They were the parents of six daughters and one son, the latter dying in California many years ago. All the daughters are living but one: Mrs. Susan Fetter is deceased; Mrs. Patience Powel lives in New York; Mrs. Betsy E. Olson; Mrs. Amanda N. A. Crouch, of Le Mars, Iowa; Mrs. Mehitable Crow, of the same place; and Mrs. Jane Duncan, of Marshalltown, Iowa.

Mr. Olson worked in the pineries the winter following his marriage, and the following spring he and his wife came to La Crosse, and soon after settled in Houston county, Minn. He enlisted in August, 1864, in Company K, 11th Minn. V. I., and served until about the time the war closed, when he was discharged. His health was badly undermined by his army experiences, and he never fully recovered his former strength and vigor. In 1865, soon after the termination of the war, Mr. and Mrs. Olson removed to Grant county, Wis., and set-

tled in the town of Lancaster, later moving to their Fennimore home. Three of the four sons born to them are living: Andrew J., William H. and Charles W. One son, Frank N., died at the age of twenty-six. They were very worthy people, highly respected in the community for genuine worth and unassuming goodness. The death of Mr. Olson was a cause for genuine sorrow in the community.

HENRY MARTENS, a well-known furniture dealer of Platteville, Grant county, was born in Hanover, Germany, Dec. 9, 1847, and is the eldest of the seven children that constituted the family of Henry and Helena Martens, who came to this country in 1854.

Henry Martens, the father, was a carpenter, landed in the city of New Orleans, came up the Mississippi river to Galena, Ill., and thence across the prairie by wagon to Platteville, then a small village, and the ground on which the house of Henry Martens, the younger, now stands, was then heavily timbered with hard wood; it was situated near the site of the present high school building. Although his property was slightly improved when he bought it, Mr. Martens erected a new dwelling and other buildings, and on this property he and his wife passed the remainder of their days, devout in the faith of the Lutheran Church, of which they were the first members in Platteville. Of their seven children, Ida and Frederick died young; Catherine was born and educated in Germany, and after coming to Wisconsin was married to John Shambo, a wagon-maker in Platteville, and is the mother of two children, Henry and Frank; William, born in Germany, is a cabinet-maker, is married, and has an adopted child, Lillie (they reside in Platteville); John, born in Platteville, married a Miss Peterson, and has four children, Clarence, Sophia, Laura and Lillie (he works in the store of his brother Henry); August, also born in Platteville, and working at cabinet-making for his brother Henry, is married to a Miss Shepherd, and has five children.

Henry Martens received a good German education, and after coming to America acquired the English language, making a specialty of its study, though he did not attend school, as his father required his services as a manufacturer of furniture in his shop. In 1870 Henry went into business on his own ac-

count, adding the manufacture of organs and other musical instruments to that of furniture, and now has the largest establishment in his line in the city.

In 1873 Henry Martens married Miss Bertha Hillman, a highly educated lady who came from Germany to America in 1870, and was for many years her husband's book-keeper. After the death of her parents Mr. Martens purchased the old family residence, in which Mrs. Martens died, in January, 1887, leaving her husband with one daughter, Helena, born in 1879, who graduated from the Platteville high school, and is well educated in music. Mrs. Martens was a sincere Christian, a devoted wife and loving mother, and was greatly missed in the community in which she had lived. On Sept. 12, 1900, Mr. Martens was married to Miss Charlotte Wilke, of Platteville, daughter of Gottlieb Wilke.

Mr. Martens continued to reside in the old homestead until 1898, when he sold his dwelling and purchased a very fine residence on Virgin avenue, where he and his family are surrounded with every comfort in life. They are all members of the Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Martens has been an officer for thirteen years, and a member of the choir for over twenty years, and to the support of which he has ever been a most liberal contributor. In politics Mr. Martens has been an ardent Republican ever since he was entitled to a vote, has been a member of the city council, and has been largely instrumental in adding to the improvement and general progress of the city. Although but a poor boy when he began life in Platteville, he has risen to a place of distinction and financial prosperity, and has won the unfeigned esteem of his fellow citizens in all stations of life. As a business man his name is beyond reproach, and his musical instruments, in the construction of which he exercises the most conscientious care, have secured him an enviable celebrity, and are in general use throughout the West.

GEORGE KIELER, a retired merchant of the village of Kieler, in the town of Jamestown, Grant county, was born in Prussia, Germany, Sept. 20, 1845.

Mr. Kieler's parents, John and Catherine (Hube) Kieler, were both also born in Prussia, he in 1800, and she in 1806. There they ob-

tained their education, and there they were married. Mr. Kieler was a stone mason and contractor in his own country. In August, 1855, they came to this country, making the voyage across the ocean in a sailing vessel, and landing at Quebec. They came to Wisconsin by way of the lakes, and settled in Jamestown, Grant county, where he bought a tract of land and made a home near what is now known as Kieler, named after the family. This was the home of this honest and worthy couple as long as they lived. The husband and father died in 1882, and the mother in 1888. Both were devout members of the Catholic Church, and he was instrumental in the establishment of the first Catholic church built in Kieler, in 1856. A new rock edifice has taken its place, the old building being now used for a school house. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kieler: (1) Gertrude, born in Prussia, married John Richter, of Germany, and came to this country three years previous to the arrival of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Richter settled near Kieler, where she died, leaving five children, Joseph, John, Annie (wife of Bernard Dubie, of Potosi), Mary (Mrs. John Kelly, of Potosi), and Dorathea (wife of Charles Jacobs, of Iowa). (2) Dorathea was born in Germany, married Joseph Richards, and settled near Kieler, Grant county, afterward moving to Paris, same county, where he died, leaving four children, John, Henry, Lawrence, and Catherine (wife of Frank Ludwig). Mrs. Richards lives at Kieler. (3) Barbara, born in Germany, became the wife of Frank Uthe, of Germany. They made their home at Paris for a time, while Mr. Uthe went to California in search of gold. They made a permanent home at Dickeysville, where he died, the father of eight children, Henry, Frank, John, Joseph (deceased), Charles, Matilda (deceased wife of George Schumacher, of East Dubuque), Elizabeth (who married Joseph Witherhold), and Catherine (wife of Martin Houser, of Harrison, Grant county). (4) Lawrence, born in Germany, received his schooling in the old country. He married Miss Elizabeth Collogan, of Grant county, and for some years he lived on a farm in the town of Jamestown, and is now a farmer in the State of Iowa. His children are John, Thomas, Frank, Joseph, George, Benno, Rosie (Mrs. Thomas Lenstra, of Iowa), Louisa, Dora (wife of John Flanagan, of Iowa) and Bar-

bara (at home). (5) Frank, born in Germany, acquired his education in the old country. He married Miss Margaret Kothe, of Jamestown, and their home is now in Paris. Their children are Lawrence, Matilda, Louisa, Dora, Annie, Edward, Charles, and Arthur, all unmarried and at home. (6) George is our subject. (7) Louisa, born in Germany, is the youngest of the family, and received her education in this country. She married Henry Schumacher, of East Dubuque, and has a family of children—Henry, Katie (wife of Thomas Hicken, of Minneapolis), Annie and Angeline.

George Kieler was partly educated in Germany, and had a few years' instruction in the district school in Jamestown. He learned the trade of shoemaker in East Dubuque, and worked at it while he was a young man. Mr. Kieler married Miss Dorathea Montage, a lady of Grant county, and the daughter of Karl and Mary Montage, natives of Prussia, who were long settled in Grant county. They died in Dickeysville. Mrs. Kieler was born in Germany in 1849, and grew to womanhood in Grant county.

George Kieler first settled in the town of Paris, where he worked at his trade some two years in the town of Dickeysville, and then went to Iowa, where he bought a farm, cultivating it some two years, until driven out by the grasshopper plague. Coming back to Jamestown, he followed his trade for some years. In 1882 he purchased real estate, put up a store building, and handled general merchandise in connection with his shoe trade for many years, becoming very prosperous. In 1883 he established the first postoffice, under the administration of Arthur, holding it until 1899. Mr. Kieler has been a notary public for some fourteen years. In 1890 Mr. Kieler bought a farm, which he still owns. In 1899 Mr. Kieler sold his store, and purchased the "Jamestown Hotel," at Louisburg, which he is now conducting, though in October, 1900, he sold the hotel, expecting to move shortly to his farm in Kieler. There are eight children in his family: (1) Katie, born in Dickeysville, in 1872, was educated in the school at Kieler, and is a young lady of more than ordinary ability, being her father's assistant in the store and postoffice for a number of years. (2) George W., born in Jamestown in 1874, is now employed as manager of a creamery at Lebanon, Ohio, having graduated from the



Dairymen's Association at Madison, Wis. (3) John H. was born in Sac county, Iowa, in 1876; (4) Lawrence, in Jamestown, in 1878; (5) Carl, in Jamestown, in 1880; (6) Louisa, in 1886; (7) Agatha, in 1892; (8) Matilda, in 1894.

Mr. Kieler is a Democrat, and has held the office of town treasurer and school clerk for a number of terms. He has been one of the leading business men of his community, and has made his mark for honesty and uprightness. All the family belong to the Catholic Church, and our subject has given liberally to its support. He is a member of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin.

**NORMAN CHURCHILL**, now retired from active business, was born in Troy, Madison Co., Ill., Jan. 17, 1827, a son of William B. and Almira (Humes) Churchill, both natives of the East. They were the parents of two sons and three daughters: Caroline E., the widow of Judge Bingham; Norman; George; Lucina Ann, the widow of William Sykes; and Maria.

William B. Churchill was a farmer, and one of the early settlers of Madison county, Illinois. With his brother George, he was active in keeping Illinois from becoming a slave State. Mr. Churchill lived a few years near Alton, but spent his last years in Madison county, where he died at the age of sixty years. His widow survived many years, and came to Monroe, where she died when about eighty-six years old. He was a Methodist, and his widow a Universalist. Living in Alton at the time the Lovejoy printing press and materials were thrown into the street, his influence and sympathy were given to the Abolitionists. These were stormy times, and it required strength and courage to resist the enemies of human liberty. Mr. Churchill served in the war of 1812, and in the last years of his life drew a pension for his services. His brother was a member of the Illinois Legislature several times, in 1817 and 1818, when the Capitol was at Vandalia, and afterward when it was at Springfield. Jesse Norman Churchill, father of William B., was a native of New York, and came of English stock. A Congregational minister, he was twice married, and died in the East.

Norman Churchill was reared on the farm in Madison county, Ill., until he was fourteen

years old. His education was acquired in the old-fashioned subscription schools. After spending some two years in Alton, he came with his parents to Green county, Wis., and has lived in Monroe since the spring of 1840. At that time there were but one or two log cabins and one frame house erected in what is now a handsome and beautiful city. The frame house passed into his possession, and he continued to own it until 1888, when he tore it down and rebuilt. For thirty-two years he was engaged in the manufacture of sash and doors, and the preparation of all kinds of cut lumber, running a saw and planing mill in connection for general custom business.

Mr. Churchill was married Feb. 27, 1854, to Miss Ann E. Sherman, a daughter of Dr. Weaver O. and Amy (Terry) Sherman, natives of New York. To this union were born six children: Charles B., Dolly and Kittie (twins), William W., Minnie Beatrice and Erni N. Charles B., a plumber and steam fitter, and also a brick maker in Monroe, was married to Amelia Wood, and is the father of four children: Ethel, Lottie, Helen and Norma. The twins died in early childhood. William W., a consulting engineer for Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Company, of New York, married Pearl Dadman, of Boston, now dead. Minnie Beatrice married Dr. William G. Cole, lives in Guerneville, Cal., and is the mother of one child, Margaret. Erni N., a plumber and a steam fitter, was married to Miss Edith D. Harris, of Postville, Iowa, and lives in Monroe.

Mr. Churchill is a Unitarian, but has given his support to the Monroe Universalist Church, as did also his wife, assisting in the building of the edifice used by that church before the war. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1853, and is the only charter member of Monroe Lodge, No. 72, now living. Always a strong temperance man, he was for many years an active worker in the Good Templar order, and for thirty-six terms was Worthy Chief of the local lodge. He was the first chief of the Monroe fire department, having been a member of that organization for more than twenty years. Always a Whig, when that party gave way to the newly formed Republican party, he became as active in the latter, and has been a Republican since the organization of the party in Wisconsin, in 1854. For two terms he was a member of the board

of supervisors, and served as chairman of the board one term. Mr. Churchill was a millwright in his young manhood, and built a brick flouringmill in Monroe, with a capacity of one hundred barrels of flour a day, which he operated as long as this was a wheat-growing district. He owns a good home and five acres of land in the city of Monroe, where he has lived for thirty-two years, and has owned the land for over fifty years. He owns the hardware store building now occupied by Capt. Kundert, and has a half interest in the Perine Farm. He is a well-to-do and highly respected citizen, and has always taken a leading part in local affairs. Mrs. Norman Churchill was the only child of Dr. Sherman, who practiced medicine in Monroe from 1849 until his death in 1884, at the age of eighty-two. His wife, Amy (Terry) Sherman, died in 1872, at the age of seventy. Mrs. Churchill began reading medicine under her father when about fourteen years of age, and was graduated from Hahnemann Medical College. She practiced medicine until her death July 26, 1896, at the age of sixty-four.

JEFFERSON CRAWFORD is president of the Crawford Mining Co., of Hazel Green, and one of the stirring, energetic, business men of Grant county.

Our subject was born in Hazel Green Oct. 14, 1851, a son of Jefferson and Catherine (Harper) Crawford. The father was born at Carmichaels, Greene Co., Penn., in 1809, and the mother in the same county in July, 1816. Their earlier years were passed in the East, and they came to Wisconsin previous to their marriage, which took place in 1841. The father was a farmer and a miner, a keen and pushing business man, and he was a member of the mining firm of Hewlet & Crawford, which became one of the most important mining and smelting firms in Hazel Green and Galena, Ill. In later years Mr. Crawford was connected with other mining enterprises, owned large tracts of land, and carried on farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. In 1854 he built a large store, and, as a member of the firm of J. L. Crawford & Co., embarked in general merchandising, in which he was remarkably successful. His sales for one year amounted to over one hundred thousand dollars. In 1862 the business was merged into the new firm of Crawford, Mills & Co., which

soon became the Crawford & Mills Mining Co. The business was continued until the death of Mr. Crawford, in 1868. The career of this honored and successful gentleman invites scrutiny and suggests thought. Coming into the county without means, he first made a living as a day laborer, but by thrift, economy and wise business management gradually became wealthy, and left his family a large estate acquired by clean methods, without a taint of dishonesty. In early life Mr. Crawford was a Whig, later became a Republican, and was nominated by that party for the position of State treasurer, but he was impelled to decline the proffered honor in consideration of his extensive business interests, which demanded his closest attention. Mr. Crawford was a warm friend of Gen. Grant, who came to his home a number of times during our subject's last sickness. Mr. Crawford was one of the founders and warm friends of the Presbyterian Church in Hazel Green, of which his wife was a devout member. He died leaving his wife with four children: (1) Salome died when four years old. (2) Mildred L., born in Grant county in 1845, obtained her higher education at Clinton, N. Y., becoming highly accomplished in both music and the classical studies. She makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Jennings, in Pittsburg. (3) Catherine died when four months old. (4) Alice R., born in 1847, was educated in Chicago, and at Jacksonville, Ill., and is now the wife of W. K. Jennings, a prominent lawyer and wealthy citizen of Pittsburg. They have a family of three children, Clara C., Florence C., Dale C., the last named a graduate of Yale College. (5) John J., born in 1856, acquired his education in the Cumberland Presbyterian College at Lincoln, Ill., and in 1876 engaged with his brother in the management of the home business. In 1882 he became engrossing clerk of the Legislature, serving two terms. In 1884 he secured a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., holding same about two years, and he now lives at Randolph, Mass., where he is the manager of an extensive banking institution. In 1884 he married Miss Josephine Turner, a daughter of Seth Turner, a wealthy banker of Boston, and there are three children in their family, Turner, John and Judith. (6) Jefferson is our subject.

Jefferson Crawford received his early education in the private schools of Hazel Green,

his father preferring that method of instruction. When the father died the management of the extensive estate fell upon him and his brother John, as noted above. Since the fall of 1883 he has had sole management of the mining interests, which have developed into immense proportions. On 558 acres Mr. Crawford has at least 450 ore-bearing crevices and in addition he is working a large amount of leased land.

Mr. Crawford and Miss Bessie N. Crowle were married in 1883. Mrs. Crawford is a daughter of James R. and Elizabeth Crowle, who, in 1871, came from England, where she was born, to Grant county. Mrs. Crawford is a lady of much culture, and before her marriage was a teacher in the city of Lancaster for one year, and in Hazel Green and vicinity for several years. Mr. Crawford and his wife settled at the old homestead, which is one of the fine residences in this part of the county, and which has been much improved, and made thoroughly modern in all its appointments since Mr. Crawford's marriage. They have two children: Ellen J., born in 1885, attended the high school in Hazel Green, being a member of the class of 1901. John J., born in 1890, is a student in the home schools.

Mr. Crawford is one of the stalwart Republicans of his county, and has taken an active part in political work for the last quarter of a century. He has served as a member of the village board, though never an aspirant for political honors. Mr. Crawford belongs to the Masonic fraternity. He is a popular and successful man, of a genial and kindly spirit, and has a host of friends. Mrs. Crawford is a worthy companion to such a husband, and is a lady of many gifts of mind and heart, and most attractive personality.

JAMES W. MURPHY, an eminent attorney at law of Platteville, Grant county, is a native of this city, was born in April, 1858, and is the only survivor of the six children born to William and Catherine (O'Sullivan) Murphy, the former of whom was born in Adrigole, county Cork, Ireland, January 15, 1824, and the latter in Kenmare, county Kerry.

Dennis Murphy, father of William Murphy, and grandfather of James W., came to the United States in 1839, accompanied by his daughter Mary, the eldest of his children, his destination being Dubuque, Iowa, where a mar-

ried sister had resided since 1834. On arriving at the port of New Orleans, Dennis and his daughter were attacked with yellow fever, to which the former succumbed, but the daughter recovered and reached Dubuque in safety, but later came to Platteville, Wis., where she was married to the late David Gardner, whom she survived several years, expiring in 1894, at the age of seventy-two years.

The principal occupation of William Murphy in Ireland was farming, but for a time he was employed as bookkeeper and clerk on the board of public works at his native town, where he married Miss O'Sullivan in 1849. In 1853 he and wife came to America, tarried a few months in Ulster county, N. Y., and the same year came to Platteville, Wis., arriving at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Gardner, on what was then known as "Irish Hill." A brother, James, had preceded him to Platteville, and was mining here when the Mexican war opened, for which he at once enlisted, serving until its close and dying shortly afterward.

William Murphy first went to housekeeping in Platteville in a house that had been previously used for hotel purposes and was known as the "Braly House," now occupied by N. Henning. For a short time he worked in Mr. Avery's brickyard and next at various employments, principally mining, and it may be said that in this he was very successful, having taken out, with sundry partners, nearly one and a half million pounds of lead ore; in company with Mr. Henning he discovered and worked the lead bearing their names, on the lands of Dr. Davis, south of town, taking out nearly 700,000 pounds. In company with John Stephens Mr. Murphy discovered and worked the lead bearing their names, on land owned by himself adjoining that of the former. In 1857, accompanied by a miner from Potosi, he went on a prospecting tour through the townships of Mount Hope and Woodman, Grant county, and discovered lead ore at different points, but the country was sparsely settled and transportation difficult, and they abandoned the intention of developing their "finds." Mr. Murphy is still of opinion that valuable mines will yet be developed in that region, and in this opinion he is sustained by many old mines and by the legend of the last mine worked in the territory by Spaniards, and which is now known positively to be sit-

uated there, the secret of its location being guarded by parties who are awaiting a favorable opportunity to develop it.

In 1859 Mr. Murphy purchased the lot at the corner of Elm and Cedar streets, on which the residence of H. M. Gribbee now stands, the lot being then covered with heavy timber. Cedar street was then practically the north line of the village, there being but few houses beyond it in that direction. Mr. Murphy had lived for a short time in the old frame house now called the Shoneback place, near the Roundtree branch, on the Cheever Mill road, but on acquiring the corner lot mentioned, he cleared off the timber, with which he erected the log house which was his home until 1866.

Since coming to Platteville Mr. Murphy has made it his constant home, with the exception of ten years, which period he spent on a farm one mile south. Twice has he visited his native land, each time resting at his old homestead, which was erected in the early part of the eighteenth century.

James W. Murphy was graduated from the State Normal School of Platteville with the class of 1873, and holds the record to-day as the youngest graduate of the State Normal School in Wisconsin. For five years he was a teacher in Grant county. He studied law with A. W. Bell, of Platteville, was admitted to the Bar in 1879, and then attended the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated with the class of 1880. In 1886 he was elected district attorney of Grant county, and filled the position for four years. He has practiced law at Platteville since April, 1880. In January, 1881, he formed a copartnership with A. W. Bell, under the firm name of Bell & Murphy, which continued until July, 1882. From this time until January, 1887, he practiced alone, and then formed a copartnership with D. J. Gardner, under the firm name of Murphy & Gardner, this relationship continuing until 1895, since which time he has practiced alone.

In 1881 Mr. Murphy was joined in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Jones, daughter of John W. and Catharine Jones, prominent residents of Lafayette county, Wis., where she was born in 1860. To this marriage have been born five children, four of whom are living: Catharine M., Lyola, John W., and Bessie. Mary Agnes, the youngest child, died in infancy. The family are all members of the

Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Murphy was identified with the Republican party until 1896, when his views of the financial issues of the day brought him into the William J. Bryan fold.

**PAUL RUDOLPH.** This name will be readily recognized by those familiar with the local affairs and business personnel of Janesville, Rock county, as that of the proprietor of the well-known grocery house at the corner of Center street and Western avenue, in that city. Generations of German tradesmen and artisans have transmitted commercial instincts to him, and he has developed business habits that insure success. He is a thorough workman, everything he does is reliable, and his integrity and worth are conceded.

Mr. Rudolph was born in Germany Feb. 6, 1855. His parents, Herman and Sophia (Stein) Rudolph, were both born and reared in Germany. They had two children: Paul, our subject; and Adelheid, wife of John Kohler, of Janesville. The father was a merchant in Germany, where he died in 1878, at the early age of forty-nine, and three years later his widow came to this country; she is now living in Janesville. They were Lutherans, and of excellent standing in every relation of life. His father, who was a goldsmith, died in middle life, leaving seven children. Johann Stein, the father of Mrs. Sophia (Stein) Rudolph, held a government position, that of district overseer. His family consisted of two children.

Paul Rudolph was educated in Germany after the thorough-going old-country fashion, and when fourteen began clerking in a grocery store. Upon the attainment of his majority he emigrated to the United States, seeking that large success in life which invincible conditions made doubtful if not impossible in his native land. Landing here in 1876, he made Monroe, Wis., his first stopping place, securing a position as clerk in a grocery store in that city, and remaining there until 1878. He then journeyed West to Pottawatomie county, Kans. The next year he came back to Wisconsin, opening a grocery store in Janesville, which has proved a decided success, and he is still at the old stand, doing business in the same honorable and upright fashion that has been a characteristic of the family. In 1894 he embarked in

the leaf tobacco business, and ships to all parts of the United States, also exporting to Europe.

Paul Rudolph and Miss Amelia Blasing, daughter of Carl Blasing, were united in matrimony July 1, 1878, and she has proved in every way a capable and worthy helpmeet to her husband. They are the parents of six children: Otto, Alfred, Ella, Ethel, Edwin and Gertrude. In politics Mr. Rudolph has taken an independent attitude, and at every election judges for himself what is best for the times.

**DAVID THOMPSON.** Among the prominent, progressive and influential citizens of Belmont township, Lafayette county, is David Thompson, who commands the esteem and respect of the whole surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Thompson was born in Knoxville, Tenn., July 26, 1822, a son of Daniel and Rosie (Cathcart) Thompson, both of whom were born in North Carolina, where they grew to maturity and married. Daniel Thompson was a soldier in the war of 1812, taking part in the battle of New Orleans.

Daniel Thompson was of Scottish ancestry, and his father, James Thompson, served in the Revolutionary war, under Gen. Washington. Daniel settled in Tennessee after his marriage, and the family remained there until our subject was nine years old, removing then to near Lexington, Ky. When sectional feeling ran high, about the time of the opening of the Civil war, Mr. Thompson, being a Union man, returned to the old home in Tennessee, where he and his wife died, but a few days apart, in 1863. The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson consisted of nine children: Polly married Nicholas Felker, of Pennsylvania, who moved to Iowa, where his wife died, leaving four children. Isaac married and settled in Illinois, dying in 1858, leaving a family. Joseph was born in Tennessee, married Eliza Cathcart, and moved to Sanborn, Iowa, where he died. Jane married John Goings, of Tennessee, and settled in Kentucky. William married and settled at Edwardsville, Ill., where he became a wealthy stock dealer, later buying 1,400 acres of land in Jackson county, Mo., where he spent the last years of his life. Sarah married Alex Goings, and died in Tennessee. Our subject is next in the family. James, born in 1826, was a soldier, connected with the 33d Wis. V. I., and served through the Civil war; he married Annie Gooden, of Nashville, Tenn.,

and came West to Grant county, where they lived at the time of the Civil war, but later moved to East Missouri, where he lives retired, he and our subject being the only survivors of this fine old family (two daughters of James are living, one in California, the other in Montana). Rhoda married in Tennessee, and died soon after.

Our subject received his early education in the district schools of Tennessee and Kentucky, and in 1840, with his brothers Isaac and William, removed to Edwardsville, Ill., where he engaged in farming. In 1844 he was married to Miss Sarah A. Scoggie, a native of Tennessee, the daughter of Lemuel and Sarah (Webb) Scoggie, natives of North Carolina, who resided in Tennessee until 1832, when they moved to Madison county, Ill., and later purchased a farm in Bond county, remaining thereon until the time of their death. Of their family of twelve children Mrs. Thompson is the only one surviving.

In 1851 Mr. Thompson, with his wife and two children, moved from Illinois to Lafayette county, Wis., where he purchased a tract of land and settled down to make a home. At that time the country was totally unsettled—nothing but unbroken prairie from Hazel Green, Wis., to the Iowa line. With limited means, Mr. Thompson, like many another pioneer, had come to the new country to make there a permanent dwelling place, and was willing to endure the burdens of its exacting life, facing droughts, hot winds, Indians and floods, with an equanimity which told of indomitable spirit. At the outbreak of the war, however, our subject left his personal affairs in the hands of his capable wife, bravely shouldered his musket, and marched away in defense of his country. Under Col. Moore, of the 33d Wis. V. I., he went first to Memphis, Tenn., and soon was initiated into the dangers of the soldier's life. His first engagement was at Cold Water, Tenn., in 1862, the others of the year being Hollow Springs, Yockney Station, and Moscow, fighting a path through to Meridian on the line of Georgia and thence marching to Plum river. After giving the enemy a lesson, the regiment marched back to Memphis and then fought their way to Vicksburg, taking part in the famous battles there. At Jackson, Miss., they captured the city, went thence to the mouth of the Red river, capturing Fort DeRussy, thence to Yellow Bayou, and later

marched to meet Gen. Banks at Alexandria. For the following two weeks they fought until the enemy surrendered, and then went after Gen. Hood's army, which surrendered at Nashville. Our subject was wounded in the foot, at Memphis, while on detached duty, and was sent to the hospital at Nashville, where he was kept until his discharge, at the close of the war. Returning to his home in Lafayette county, he recommenced his life of farming, making improvements and erecting comfortable and substantial buildings upon his land. In the meantime the development of the country had advanced, neighbors were more plentiful, and the conditions of life had grown much more easy. A man of intelligence, he was called upon to fill many of the local offices, and soon became identified with the most important interests of the town.

Of the children born to our subject and wife, some died in childhood. Nancy J., born in Illinois in 1857, married David Ashmore, who was a member of the 7th Wisconsin, part of the Iron Brigade, during four years of the Civil war; they now live in Iowa, on his farm, with a family of twelve children, Judson, Annie, Dora, Robert, Augusta, Manny, Ollie, Edward, Ben Butler, James, Lavina and Grace. John W., born in Illinois in 1859, died when a young man, much lamented. Mary, born in the present home, married William Enlow, a prosperous farmer of Belmont, and has a family of seven children, Elmer, Stephen, Fern, Wilda, Jess, Raymond, and Robert M. Charles, born in Belmont, married Abbie Eyslica, of Grant county, and they live in Pocahontas county, Iowa, where he is a stock farmer; they have the following family, Ora, Mabel, Justin, David, Ira, Eugene, Bernice, Ruby and Mary. Emma and Eva, twins, were born in Lafayette county; the former married Watt Enlow, and lives in Iowa, with two children, Owen and Claud. Eva married Thomas C. Davis, of Platteville, and has three children, Myrtle, Clyde and Merlin. Eugene married Nellie Robinson, a daughter of Rev. Joseph Robinson, of Platteville, one of the old-time ministers of Grant county, and they are residing in Plover, Iowa, with their two children, Millford and Leonie. These children and grandchildren make up a family in which Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have reason to take pride.

Politically Mr. Thompson has always been identified with the Republican party, has been

a member of the town board, and has held various local offices, efficiently performing each duty. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the M. E. Church, where they have worshipped for sixty years, and have taken an active part in church work during their whole lives. His ideal for the progress of his town is high, and he has shown a hearty interest in all that has promised to be of benefit to it. Our subject and his family enjoy the esteem of the community in the highest degree.

JOHN McLIMANS, who passed away in Sherburne, Minn., June 21, 1899, was a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, and a settler of Grant county in the early days. He was born in Mercer county, Penn., May 26, 1831, and was a son of John McLimans, Sr., who was born Dec. 12, 1799, and died Dec. 18, 1848. His mother was Nancy (Mitchell) McLimans, who was born Nov. 12, 1800, and died in Fenimore township, April 10, 1852. The grandfather of John McLimans was a youth when the war of the Revolution was being waged, and took part in it as a teamster, and did other duty such as a boy could render; several of his brothers were active soldiers in that great struggle. John McLimans, Sr., and wife were the parents of fourteen children. All these children came to Grant county, but only two sons, Henry and Robert, and two daughters, Elizabeth, a resident of Washington, and Mrs. Harriet Kinney, are living. John McLimans came to Grant county in 1849 in the company of two brothers, William and Patterson. John Mitchell, an uncle, was established here, and at his invitation the brothers came. They were so pleased with the prospect, they went back to bring the other members of the family out the following spring. The mother died in 1852. John McLimans settled on government land in the town of Liberty, and immediately began a series of extensive improvements. On April 15, 1856, he was married to Miss Sophronia A. McGhan, who was born in Erie county, Penn., March 14, 1837, daughter of Silas and Mary (Potter) McGhan, who came to Grant county in 1847. They began house-keeping in the home Mr. McLimans had already prepared on his farm. Mr. McGhan took up government land, and made a farm which was his home until his death, April 30, 1863; his widow survived many years, and died Oct. 23, 1889, at the age of eighty-three. They

were the parents of six children: George, a resident of Colorado; William, of Sherburne, Minn.; Owen, a resident of Cedarville, Minn.; Merritt, of Colorado. These brothers were all members of Company H, 7th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and completed full three years of enlistment. Mrs. McLimans had a sister, Mrs. Jane Groshong, of Montana, who died August 4, 1898.

John McLimans enlisted in the Union service Sept. 4, 1862, as a member of Company H, 7th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, which formed a part of the "Iron Brigade," and was mustered out May 31, 1865. He was with his regiment in all its engagements down to the battle of Gettysburg, where he was taken prisoner on the first day of that famous battle. He was confined in Libby prison and at Belle Isle, but was paroled after a month, and rejoined his regiment at Fredericksburg. He passed through the campaign of the Wilderness and the siege of Petersburg, where he was taken sick and sent to Whitehall hospital at Philadelphia. There his wife helped to care for him. She secured a furlough for him and took him home with her, where he remained a month, and then came back to his regiment. From that time he continued in active service until his time expired.

Coming back to peaceful life, our subject resumed his farming occupations as soon as his health would permit, and was on the farm for many years. In 1891 he moved into Fennimore, where he lived, until he passed away. He died in Minnesota, where he and his wife had gone to visit their children who were settled there. He was a great sufferer from diseases that had followed him from the army, though he was a man who made little complaint. He was a gallant soldier, making a record that was without spot or stain, a good citizen and a kind and faithful husband and father. His wife and ten children survive, Mrs. McLimans and two of her sons now living in the pleasant residence in Fennimore. Mrs. McLimans is a most estimable lady, and is greatly respected by all who know her. Of the children, Silas married Christina Kramer. John R. married Lena Whaler, and they have had seven children. Sophronia, Riley, Lena, Thomas, Glenn, Blanch and Ethel. Nellie L. married Philip Keller, of Liberty, Grant county, and has six children. John, Ray, Harrie, Edgar, Cora and Mabel. George O. lives

with his mother. Marv J. married William Latham, and has three daughters, Fern, Hattie and Lula. Huldah S. married William Ellis, and has five children, Orin, Martha, Carrie, Oscar and one not yet named. James I. married Adda Hannan, and they have four children, Ira, May, Fern and Adda. Hattie E. is the wife of Norval Walker, and has one son, Tanner. Irene was married May 30, 1900, to Tanner Walker, of Preston, Wis., where he is engaged in farming (he and Norval Walker are brothers and their father, Thomas Walker, was in the same company as John McLimans during the Civil war). Robert M. lives with his mother. Nancy died in infancy.

GEORGE S. WHITCHER (deceased), for many years a prosperous and successful dairy farmer, was born in New Hampshire May 4, 1830, and was a son of John and Annie (Culver) Whitcher. The father was born in Maine, and the mother in Vermont.

For a time after their marriage our subject's parents lived in New Hampshire, and then moved to Michigan, where they lived some years. They moved to Ohio, and spent some years there before coming in 1844 to Wisconsin, where they settled on land afterward owned by their son, George S. They reared a family of well-educated sons and daughters, the older daughters teaching school in Ohio, and for a number of years being prominent in the educational work of Grant county. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcher both died in Grant county.

George S. Whitcher crossed the Plains to California when only eighteen years old, and was very successful in the gold mines of that distant land. Returning with ample funds, he purchased the property where he lived and died. In 1859 he married Miss Rhoda L. Cooley, of Belmont, Lafayette county, a daughter of Sherman and Diana (Day) Cooley, and from a prominent old New England family. The father was born in Hartford county, Conn., in 1806, and the mother in Vermont in 1811. Mr. Cooley was a man of good education, and was a school teacher in his native State, where he learned surveying. Moving to Ohio in 1833, he was often called upon to do surveying in that State. Mr. Cooley married before locating in Ohio, and in 1856 moved to Wisconsin, where he bought a farm near Belmont, Lafayette county, engaging in its cultivation

until 1869. That year he bought a farm in the town of Lima, and made his home thereon until his death, in 1887. Mrs. Cooley died in 1897. She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living: (1) Mary is Mrs. Nathan J. Everett, of Cortland, Ohio. (2) Frank B. died in 1893. (3) Rhoda L., Mrs. Whitcher, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1836, and obtained her education in that State where she taught school several years. (4) Roswell, born in Ohio, is now a resident of Waverly, Neb. (5) Richard, born in Ohio, spent three years as a soldier in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war, and is now a farmer at Waverly, Neb. (6) Alfred S. lives at Eagle, Neb. (7) Timothy, born in Ohio, lives at Brainard, Neb. (8) Edward L. born in Ohio, graduated from the Platteville State Normal, and is now principal of a high school in Oklahoma.

After his marriage George S. Whitcher settled on the quarter-section he had purchased from the government, and gradually added to it from time to time until he owned over six hundred acres, the greater part well cultivated land. Here he had a fine home, barns, and other outbuildings needed for farm work. In 1880 he built a large cheese factory on the farm, and a stone creamery building in the town of Lima. As superintendent of this he kept close watch of its operations until his death, July 31, 1898. Mrs. Whitcher was left a widow with five children: (1) John F., born in Lima, in September, 1860, was educated in the State Normal at Platteville, and was a teacher some three years. His father had purchased him a farm in Nebraska, and he spent several years in its cultivation. When his father died he returned to the home, and is assisting his mother in the management of their extensive business interests. (2) Fannie L., born in 1863, had a normal school training, and was a successful teacher previous to her marriage to Peter J. Conner. They live in Lincoln, Neb., and have four children, George W., Clay, Blanche and William McKinley. (3) Lee, born in 1866, married Miss Mercy Lymburger, of Nebraska, and they now reside on a portion of his father's estate, with their three children, Frank, Oris, and Walter. (4) Nora, born in 1872, married John Kenny, a farmer in the town of Lima, and is the mother of two children, Ira G. and Catherine. (5) George S., born

in 1876, prepared for teaching at the Platteville State Normal, and for several terms was engaged in the school room. At the present time he is assisting his mother in the management of their extensive estate.

George S. Whitcher was always a Democrat, and frequently took a prominent part in political gatherings. He was interested in the work of the local churches, and freely contributed to their support. For many years he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and took an active interest in its work. Mrs. Whitcher is a lady of character and ability, and, though she mourns the loss of her kind and indulgent husband, finds comfort in her honorable and industrious family of children, trained in the ways of right and truth. They have an extensive estate, and give its management much care and thought.

PHIL. MCGOVERN, a retired farmer, is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Grant county, a gentleman of benevolent actions, genial in disposition, and numbering friends by legions. The birth of this good man occurred in the North of Ireland, in March, 1823, and he was the son of Thomas and Bridget McGovern, who died in Ireland some years before our subject crossed the ocean. Prior to his making the journey two of his brothers, James and Patrick, had emigrated, the former purchasing land near Milwaukee, where he resided until his death, in 1894. Patrick was among the brave pioneers who braved untold dangers in the gold fields of California, was successful, married in that State, and died there some years ago.

Phil. McGovern was educated in his native country, and hearing such glowing accounts of the opportunities offered by the New World, he came to New York in 1840, thence traveled to Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, and later located at Lancaster, that State, where a cousin, Edward McGovern, was living. The next removal was via Buffalo to Platteville, Wis., where he engaged in mining for eight years. In 1851, fired with stories of the discovery of gold in California, Phil. McGovern crossed the Plains to that State, and worked very successfully for four years. He then returned to Platteville, purchased prairie land east of town, and improved a large farm which he still owns. In 1895, Mr. McGovern retired from active farming, and, purchasing a fine



building site, erected his pleasant home, which is supplied with all modern improvements, and finished throughout with hard wood.

In July, 1857, Mr. McGovern was married to Miss Margaret McGovern, born in Ireland in 1837, a daughter of John and Margaret (Morrow) McGovern. John McGovern came from Ireland in 1847, settling on a farm in Grant county, where he died. To himself and wife were born five children, whom he brought to America with him, their mother having died prior to leaving Ireland. Of this family the wife of our subject and two brothers alone survive: John McGovern, Jr., of Lacrosse, Wis., and Thomas, of California. Those now deceased are: Katie was the wife of a Mr. McMaran, of Dubuque, Iowa; Ellen was the wife of Thomas Mont Clair, of St. Paul. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McGovern, of whom three died in infancy: (1) Henry, born in Grant county, in 1859, is a resident of Whittemore, Iowa, where he is engaged in conducting a nursery. (2) Thomas F., born in Grant county, attended the State Normal for several years, and assisted his father on his farm in Iowa, and now resides in Whittemore, Iowa, engaging in a real estate and loan business, and is also a notary public, is also vice president of the Boyce Land, Loan & Live Stock Co., of Whittemore. He married Miss Kate Cullen, of Iowa, and has three children, Alice, Lloyd and Meda. (3) Philip C., born in February, 1864, was educated in the State Normal, and now resides in Omaha, Neb., where he is engaged in the tobacco and cigar trade; he is married, but has no family. Benjamin, born in Grant county, was educated in the State Normal, and resides on the home farm. (5) Maggie, born in Grant county, was well educated in the State Normal, and is now residing at home; she is one of the most cultivated and accomplished young ladies of Platteville, and a great comfort to her parents. (6) John, born in Grant county, is now a student in the State Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. McGovern and family are all devout members of the Catholic Church, and have always been liberal contributors to it. Not only did Mr. McGovern subscribe very generously to the erection of the old church, but also towards the new one, built a few years ago. Politically, Mr. McGovern has always identified himself with the Democratic party, and loyally supports its candidates. Few

men deserve success more than Mr. McGovern, and his prosperity is but the just reward of his years of effort. Never has he turned a deaf ear to the needy, but gives liberally, not only of his means, but also of his time and sympathy. The family Mr. and Mrs. McGovern have reared, is one that does credit to their care and good example, and each member of it is entitled to high esteem.

JOHN A. SMITH. Among the necessary adjuncts to a progressive town is the newspaper, and since 1888 Monticello, Green county, has had in *The Monticello News* one of the most complete and satisfactory sheets published in the county. This enterprise was established, and has been ably conducted, by John A. Smith, who was born in Jefferson county, Wis., on Oct. 3, 1864, a son of John M. and Eva (Summers) Smith, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. A family of one son and five daughters was born to them: Nora, who married Hullett Hutson, of Edgerton, Wis.; Susie, who married John Bowen, of Edgerton, Wis.; Ella, who is the widow of J. D. Hoffman, of Rockford, Ill.; Christie, who married Robert McGill, of Oregon, Wis.; John A., our subject; and Ketta, who married Newton F. Wells, of Whitewater, Wisconsin.

The paternal grandfather was an old resident of Pennsylvania, as was also the maternal, both of them living to advanced age. The father, John M. Smith, was a carpenter and builder in early life, and after locating at Helenville, Jefferson Co., Wis., continued to be occupied in the same way, but has now retired from active business. During the Civil war he was a member of Co. F, 29th Wis. V. I., and served faithfully in the ranks for three years. In politics he belongs to the Democratic party.

John A. Smith was reared in Jefferson county, Wis., and attended both country and town schools, later entering the Northwestern Business College, at Milwaukee. He then began to learn the printer's trade, under his brother-in-law, at Edgerton, Wis., on the *Wisconsin Tobacco Reporter*, following this trade a number of years. At various times he has had charge of newspapers, and has taken part in the preparation of some of the most important in the country, finally forming a partnership with M. C. Russell, in the publication of *The Whitewater News*, continuing this for one year, at the expiration of which time he

bought the interest of Mr. Russell, continuing one year longer, and then sold out. The following year was spent by our subject in recuperating, but in 1888 he located in Monticello and established his present successful paper. In politics our subject is a Republican, but his paper is conducted on independent lines.

Mr. Smith was married in November, 1889, to Miss Fannie L. Barney, a daughter of Milo L. and Anna (Burtiss) Barney, and two children have been born of this union: Lela B. and Raymond. Socially Mr. Smith is connected with the A. O. U. W., Knights of the Globe, and is past master workman in the former order at this place. He has shown marked ability in the conduct of his paper, being energetic and progressive, while at the same time he is diplomatic and careful in his selection of the news of the day, aiming to make of his paper an ideal home journal.

A. KNAPP is one of the leading and influential citizens of Cassville township, Grant county, who has taken an active part in promoting its substantial improvement and material development. An adopted son of America, his loyalty is above question, and for three years he fought for the old flag and the cause it represented during the Civil war.

Mr. Knapp was born in Germany, in 1840, a son of Conrad and Mary Knapp, who came to America in 1846, bringing with them their nine children, but of this once numerous family only two members are now living, in 1900, these being our subject and Jasper, a resident of Lancaster, Wis. One son, Philip, served with our subject in the war for the Union, a member of the same company and regiment.

In August, 1862, A. Knapp offered his services to the government, and became a member of Company H, 25th Wis. V. I. When hostilities ceased he was honorably discharged, June 27, 1865, after almost three years of active and faithful service on southern battle fields, never being off duty with exception of six weeks, when confined by sickness in the hospital at Memphis, Tenn., during which time his regiment was stationed at Helena, Ark. Mr. Knapp took part in Sherman's Atlanta campaign, the famous March to the Sea, and then marched on to Washington, D. C., where he participated in the Grand Review. Like most old veterans, he feels the effect of his long army service more and more as the years

go by, his chief troubles being rheumatism, caused by exposure, and partial deafness, caused by the explosion of a shell.

On Dec. 31, 1865, Mr. Knapp was united in marriage with Miss Edie L. Roberts, a daughter of Herman and Elizabeth Roberts, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively, and early settlers of Beetown, Grant Co., Wis. They left the county after many years residence here, and the mother died in Colorado, the father in Missouri. Mrs. Knapp is a native of Illinois, and is one of a family of ten children, five of whom are living in 1900. Mr. Knapp and his wife have five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: Alice L., Perry H., Nettie M., Clav W. and Park. In 1897 Mr. Knapp, with his family, moved to Kansas, thinking that a change of climate would be beneficial to his health, and after one year spent in that State, went to Iowa, where he remained two years, but receiving no apparent benefit from the change, he returned to Wisconsin in March, 1900. Here he is comfortably situated on a fine farm in Cassville township, Grant county, and enjoys many of the comforts of life. In his political views he is a Republican. He was one of the faithful soldiers in the war for the Union, and is to-day one of the most highly respected citizens of his community.

HENRY E. RANOUS, though yet a young man, has attained prominence as a druggist and pharmacist in Janesville, Rock county, and stands high among the younger business men of the city. With a thorough preparation for his calling, his future is secure. He has those personal qualities that win popular favor and attract patronage, and his friends anticipate for him a successful career.

Mr. Ranous was born in Watertown, Wis., Sept. 5, 1870. His parents, Clark and Lydia (Lindon) Ranous, also natives of this State, had three children: Henry E.; Nellie Mary, wife of Charles Schaller, of Janesville; and Francis Andrew, of Fond du Lac, Wis. Clark Ranous is a railroad man, being freight agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad in Janesville, of which city he has been a resident since 1872, and his manly and upright qualities, joined to his thorough business abilities, have won him a large circle of friends. He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting from Jefferson, Wis., and while in the service

suffered from prolonged and serious sickness. After he came back from the war he secured a position with the Northwestern, and has remained with that road to the present time. Politically he is a Republican. His father was born in the State of New York, came West, located in Palmyra, Wis., and died in middle life; he had a large family. The maternal grandfather of Henry Ranous, Edwin Williams, a native of New England, came to Columbus, Wis., many years ago, and died soon after. His widow married Joseph Lindon, and her daughter took his name. Mrs. Ranous is an Episcopalian.

Henry E. Ranous was two years old when his parents brought him to Janesville, and here he spent his childhood and youth, attending the city schools. He was graduated from the Janesville high school in 1889, and began the study of pharmacy with Frank Sherer, spending two years under his supervision, was a student in the Chicago College of Pharmacy, and came back to Janesville to go into business with W. T. Sherer, under the firm name of W. T. Sherer & Co. This partnership continued for five years, and was terminated by the withdrawal of Mr. Ranous, for the purpose of uniting with Dr. St. John in the purchase of the drug business of Prentice & Evenson. They took the firm name of H. E. Ranous & Co., and the business associations thus formed have proved in every way profitable and pleasant, and are still unbroken. Mr. Ranous is a member of the Episcopal Church; fraternally is a Master Mason, affiliating with Janesville Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; and in political sentiment is a Republican. He lives at home with his parents.

JOHN KEMP, a venerable representative of the farming community of Jamestown, Grant county, is not now engaged in active work, spending his last days in well-deserved peace and rest, and leaving to other hands the duties which he so well discharged through a long and useful life.

Mr. Kemp was born in Cornwall, England, in June, 1830, a son of John and Elizabeth (Watts) Kemp, both natives of Cornwall, the father born in 1797, and the mother in 1795. Soon after their marriage they came to the United States, and in 1842 settled near Cleveland, Ohio, where they lived some two years. They then came West to Wisconsin, settling

at Hazel Green, Mr. Kemp finding work in the lead mines, which occupation he followed some years, after which he bought 120 acres of wild land from the government, paying for it \$1.25 an acre. This land he cleared up, erected buildings thereon and made a home for his family. Mrs. Kemp died while they were residing in Hazel Green, leaving him one son, John, and one daughter, Elizabeth. The latter was born in England in 1828, and is now the widow of Joseph Varker, of Cuba City. Her family consists of seven children: (1) Caroline, widow of William Champion, of Cuba City; (2) John R., a farmer in the town of Hazel Green; (3) Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Daniels, of the town of Hazel Green; (4) Philena, wife of Robert Wilkinson, of Iowa; (5) Frank, a resident of the old home in Hazel Green; (6) Ida, at the home in Cuba City; and (7) Russell, a resident of Cuba City.

John Kemp came with his parents to Wisconsin in boyhood, and his education is somewhat limited on account of the fact that the settlements in Wisconsin had outrun for the moment the development of the school system. When twenty years old he went to California to seek his fortune in the gold fields, making the journey across the plains by way of Fort Laramie. For about four years he remained in the gold fields, and came back to Wisconsin in time for the burial of his father, who died that fall.

On May 5, 1855, Mr. Kemp married Miss Jane Roberts, of Hazel Green, daughter of Daniel and Anna Roberts, both of whom died in Cornwall, England. Mrs. Kemp was born in England in 1835. When a young girl she came to her brother, John Roberts, at Mineral Point, where he is still living, retired; Mrs. Kemp and her brother John are the only living members of the Roberts family in this country. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kemp settled on his father's old homestead in Hazel Green. In 1862 Mr. Kemp crossed the plains for Oregon, taking with him his wife and two children, worked in the mines at Auburn, that State, one year, and then moved to Boise City, Idaho. While in Auburn their eldest son, John, was drowned in one of the mine prospecting holes. Mr. Kemp and his wife remained in the gold fields four years, and then returned to Wisconsin to make their home on the old homestead, which has been

their abiding place to the present time. Mr. Kemp has since spent a year in California for the benefit of his health, taking his wife and family with him, and making the journey by rail. Coming back to Wisconsin, they purchased a home near Louisburg, where in 1872 he erected a new house and other buildings, now owning one of the choice homes in this section.

To Mr. Kemp and his wife have been born ten children, six of whom survive: (1) Charles, the eldest living, was born in October, 1865, and obtained his education in the Wisconsin schools. He married Miss Fannie Riker, of Dubuque, where he is a telephone manager. They have four children, Hazel, Francis, Floyd and Charlotte. (2) John H., born in August, 1868, was educated at the high school at Dixon, Ill., and the Platteville State Normal, and for several years has been a teacher in the public schools. He married Miss Alice Shepherd, of Maine, and they are living on his farm in Jamestown, Grant county. (3) William A., born in California in July, 1871, was graduated from the college at Dixon, Ill., and is a resident of Jamestown. (4) Royal R., born in the present home in October, 1873, is the manager of the home farm. (5) Alfred H., born in Jamestown in December, 1876, grew up at the homestead, where he still resides. (6) Edna B., born at the present home in August, 1878, was educated in the home and Dubuque high schools, and is an intelligent young lady.

Mr. Kemp is a Republican, but not a seeker for office. In religion the members of the family are identified with the Congregational and M. E. Churches. Mr. Kemp was one of the founders and builders of the first church in his section of the country, and has always taken a great interest in church work. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

JOSEPH PINCH (deceased). One of the prominent and successful men who assisted materially in the development of Smelser township, Grant county, was Joseph Pinch, who passed out of life in January, 1891, when he had reached his sixty-fourth birthday. He was born in Cornwall, England, in January, 1827, a son of Joseph and Nancy Pinch, both of whom were reared in England, where the former died. The mother decided to remove to America, and with her six children took pas-

sage and finally located in Grant county, Wis., in 1849, where she remained until her demise. The family is not a large one now, two daughters dying in New Jersey, where the widowed mother first located, two (Elizabeth and Maria) in Wisconsin, and Elias, the survivor, lives in Iowa.

Joseph Pinch was reared in his English home, and was given educational opportunities there, and in 1851 married Miss Anna Jane, who was born in 1829, a daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Knight) Jane, who were residents of England until 1868, when they came to America and settled in Galena, Ill., where they made their home until they died, some years ago, leaving Mrs. Pinch as the only survivor of the family. After our subject came to America he settled on a farm at Dover, N. J., and there was employed in the iron works, in that State. In 1852 he removed to Cherry Valley, Ill., making the trip by rail and boat, with teams and wagon, thus taking all means of travel at that time possible. Mr. Pinch later moved to Jamestown, Wis., and bought a farm and improved it, upon which his family lived for fourteen years, until he purchased his farm in Smelser township, where he resided until his death. This event called forth many expressions of sorrow and regret from the whole community, for Mr. Pinch had lived a life of honesty, industry and good works and was highly esteemed. Religiously Mr. Pinch was a member of the M. E. Church, and had been since boyhood, always taking an active part in the religious work in his neighborhood. Politically he was identified with the Republican party. To himself and wife were born: John, born in New Jersey in 1852; Annetta, born in Grant county in 1854, married James Jane, of Idaho Springs, Colo., and has four children, Frederick, Albert, Mable and James; Marqueta, born in Grant county in 1857, married William Ketto, and went to Colorado, where she died in 1889, leaving seven children, William, Walter, Joseph, Frank and Harry (twins), Jennie, and Millie, who are residents in the home of their grandmother; Joseph, a farmer here, born in 1862, married a Miss Heil, of Smelser, and has six children, Frederick, Frank, Henry, Elmer, Bessie, and Estella; Jennie, born in 1867, married Sylvester Florine, a mining engineer of Smelser, and has four children, Walter, James, Lillie and Etta; and James, born in 1872, married Estella

Finnigan, and resides on the home farm in Smelser.

The widow of our subject resides among her children and old friends, enjoying the comforts provided by her husband during life, and is known throughout the community as a lady deserving the sincere affection and respect which she inspires. For very many years she has been a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and is one of the leading spirits in charitable work, within the circle she is able to reach. The family is respected, and none in Grant county are more highly entitled to it than the children of the late lamented Joseph Pinch.

MARTIN HAYDEN is a farmer and miner now residing in the town of Platteville, Grant county, and though somewhat advanced in years, he is still a hale and hearty man, bearing himself with the strength and vigor that naturally belong to an earlier period in life. He is a man of character, and is well and favorably spoken of by those who know him best.

Mr. Hayden was born in the south of Ireland in 1832, and was the son of John and Mary Hayden, who lived and died in Ireland. Mr. Hayden's somewhat limited education was acquired in his native island, and in 1847 he emigrated to this country. He crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel, landing at the port of New York, and found his first employment in this country as a laborer on a railroad, and as a farm hand in Connecticut for several years. In 1849 he went to Frankfort, Ky., where he did railroad work for a year and a half. He went from Kentucky to St. Louis, and did general work for two years, more anxious to be employed than to pick his work. He then came north as far as La Salle county, Ill., and there he was employed for three years in railroading and steamboating, and then entered Wisconsin, locating at Platteville, Grant county, mining in the winter and working on the farm in the summer. At this place he made a modest investment, buying eighteen acres of land one mile north of Platteville, and made some substantial improvements. At a later period he bought eighty acres of land two miles southwest of the town of Platteville, and converted this into the fine farm where he now lives. He has made extensive improvements, putting up a handsome and attractive house, a large

barn, and such other improvements as are needed in a modern and up-to-date farm.

Mr. Hayden and Miss Mary Cummings were married in Platteville. She was born in Ireland, and is the mother of nine children: John, born in Grant county, is married and lives with his family in Madison, Wis.; Mary, now the wife of Charles Homison, of Minneapolis, has a family; Thomas, a resident of Platteville, married and has a family; Ellen, unmarried, lives in Chicago; William is a resident of his father's home; Lizzie lives in Chicago; Martin is also in Chicago; Hannah married Edward Newman, of Chicago; and James lives at home and follows the trade of a painter. Mr. Hayden came to this country poor, and landed in New York with only five dollars in his pocket. By his industry and prudence he has amassed a considerable fortune, and owns a fine farm in Grant county. Politically he is a Democrat, and in religious belief belongs to the Catholic Church, as do all the other members of the family. He was a contributor to the first church of his faith in Grant county. He is a natural student, and is especially well posted on the history and geology of Wisconsin, and his memory is remarkably retentive for one of his years. He has a kindly disposition, and his neighbors speak highly of him.

LEWIS MORGAN OKEY (deceased). Among the representative business men of Grant county none were more deserving of representation in this volume than Lewis M. Okey, the well-known president of the Cassville Bank. For many years he was connected with the agricultural interests of the community, and through his well-directed efforts gained a handsome competence that numbered him among the most prosperous and wealthy citizens of Cassville. Keen discrimination, unflagging industry and resolute purpose were his salient characteristics, and thus he won that prosperity which is the merited reward of honest effort.

Mr. Okey was born in Woodsfield, Monroe Co., Ohio, Jan. 3, 1823, and died at Cassville, Wis., July 7, 1900. He was a son of Henry and Minerva (Baldwin) Okey, natives of Vermont and Massachusetts, respectively, and pioneers of the Buckeye State. The father opened up and improved a farm in Monroe county, Ohio, where his wife died in 1844, and he subsequently came to Cassville, Wis., where his

death occurred in 1856. To them were born six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom our subject was the eldest; Wilson came to Grant county, Wis., in 1854, but died in Hull, Iowa, in January, 1901; Cornelius came to Cassville in 1854, enlisted in 1861 in the 7th Wis. V. I., served through the Civil war, and was in the government employ at Washington, D. C., until his death, Feb. 2, 1901; Mrs. Jane Weimer is a resident of Pike county, Mo.; Mrs. Belinda Yockey makes her home in Hull, Iowa; and one son died young.

Lewis Morgan Okey was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, and in 1850 came to Cassville, Wis. The trip was made by water, down the Ohio river to Cairo, Ill., and up the Mississippi to Cassville, where he landed April 7, 1850, from the first boat that came up the river that year. The town at that time was a mere hamlet. For two years Mr. Okey made his home in Waterloo township, Grant county, and then purchased 480 acres of prairie and 160 acres of timber land in Cassville township, making a full section, which he improved and placed under a high state of cultivation. For many years he was extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of blooded stock, and became one of the most substantial agriculturists of Grant county. At his death he still owned three large farms near Cassville, aggregating 1,180 acres. In 1892 Mr. Okey purchased a full interest in what is now the Cassville Bank. It was organized as the First Commercial Bank of Cassville, in August, 1889, by M. A. Creglow and Lewis M. Okey, and the bank building was erected the same year. When Mr. Okey became sole proprietor he changed the name to the Cassville Bank, and from its inception served as president. As a financier he ranked among the ablest, and his executive ability and excellent management brought the concern with which he was connected a high degree of success. He was always distinguished for punctuality and methodical habits, a characteristic which was emphasized during his last sickness, when he took pains to arrange all the details of his business in anticipation of his death.

Before leaving Monroe county, Ohio, Mr. Okey was married, in 1842, to Miss Caroline Titus, a native of Norfolk county, Mass., and a daughter of Samuel Titus, who died in Mis-

souri. To this union were born five children, namely: Samuel, who is married, and lives on the old homestead in Cassville township; William, who is postmaster at Cassville, having had charge of the office for his father, who was postmaster from 1898 to June 27, 1900, when he resigned in favor of his son, the latter's bond being approved on July 9, just two days after his father's death; Lewis H., who is married, and follows farming in Cassville township; Minerva, wife of George H. Groom, of Storm Lake, Iowa; and Dora, who died in 1854, aged eleven months.

Socially Mr. Okey was a member of Cassville Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., R. A. Chapter, of Lancaster, Commandery, K. T., of Boscobel, and Wisconsin Consistory, of Milwaukee. He cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay, the Whig candidate, but from the organization of the Republican party had been one of its staunch supporters; and had served as chairman of the board five years and as a member of the city council at Cassville. Mr. Okey was practically a self-made man, whose success in life was due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts. On first coming to Wisconsin he worked in the lumber woods, at day labor, or anything which he could find to do. Since 1889 he had made his home in Cassville, where he was regarded as one of its most prominent and honored citizens.

**JAMES McWILLIAMS.** Among the well-known and highly esteemed citizens of the city of Darlington, Lafayette county, is James McWilliams, whose birth took place in county Derry, Ireland, the oldest of four children, his parents never crossing from the old country. Our subject was the first of his family to tempt fortune away from home, and he arrived in Shullsburg, Wis., on March 20, 1851. When he reached New York he was almost without means, but he was anxious and willing to work, and soon found employment in the iron works at Safe Harbor, Lancaster Co., Penn., where the labor was hard and laborious, but was well paid for. Continuing his work there, where he married Miss Catherine McWilliams, he saved a few hundred dollars and resolved to move West and devote his time to the more congenial pursuits of agriculture.

The first purchase of land made by Mr. McWilliams was of eighty acres, in the town of Seymour, and here he built a small house to

shelter his family and then began to look about for some work that would enable him to live. In those days the grass grew wild and rank on the prairie, and our subject conceived the idea of cutting a large quantity and selling the hay, later contracting with some mining company at New Diggings for seventy-five tons, at \$5.00 a ton. It was customary in those days, as at later times, for neighbors to assist one another, especially in threshing time, and thus Mr. McWilliams secured his hay, and naturally expected a rich reward. Having been called upon to assist a neighbor in threshing, it was necessary to be away from home over night, and what was his disappointment and sorrow to find on his return that fire had broken out and destroyed all the hay and nearly everything he owned, except the land. This was a terrible blow, but the following morning he started for Shullsburg and started to find employment. When he reached there, after much deliberation, he accepted the hard offer of a Mr. McNulty, who engaged him for fifty cents a day, "from the time he could see in the morning until he could see no longer at night," to wind a windlass at the mine, the distance which he had to walk from his home being eight miles, and he continued at this labor all winter. With these meager wages he supplied food for his family, and saved enough to buy twenty-four bushels of seed wheat at a dollar a bushel. Later our subject engaged in work for a religious denomination known as "The Brothers," near Dubuque, Iowa, being all the time looking for work when his own land did not demand his attention. About this time a man came into the neighborhood to buy stock, and our subject engaged to go with him, Mr. McWilliams calling at one place as they passed through the country, and his employer at another. On one occasion he bought of a farmer three mules, and his employer at the same time bought the same of another man, the bargain suiting the latter so well that he engaged Mr. McWilliams to accompany him over Missouri, Iowa, and elsewhere, our subject all the time gaining valuable experience and becoming a good judge of live stock. Increasing his land, which he placed under fine cultivation, he engaged in raising stock, finally becoming noted for his fine stock and cattle, breeding English Shorthorns.

After many years actively engaged Mr. McWilliams is now practically retired, although

he still owns his land and takes great interest in fine cattle. The wife, who had come from Pennsylvania, died many years ago, leaving two children, John and Mary. Four sons blessed his second marriage, James, Joseph, Thomas and William. Mr. McWilliams has always been an industrious and respected citizen, and has shown by his own life what may be accomplished by energy and industry. His whole family are valued members of the Roman Catholic Church.

J. B. PENN, a most respected retired hardware merchant of Platteville, Grant county, is a native of Henry county, Va., born in 1817, and was reared to manhood and educated in the common schools in Kentucky, whither his parents, Abram and Sarah Penn, had removed in an early day, settling in Christian county.

In 1839 J. B. Penn came to Grant county, Wis., followed lead mining for some years, as well as other pursuits, and in 1850 went overland to California, where he worked in the gold fields two years. In 1852 Mr. Penn returned to Wisconsin and married Miss Samantha Collins, at that time a resident of Jamestown, Grant county, and a daughter of Aquilla and Mercy (Smith) Collins, of Boston, Mass., whence they removed to Genesee county, N. Y., where Mr. Collins followed farming until a short time before coming to Wisconsin, and here he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Penn is the youngest and only survivor of a family of eight children, and was educated in the State of New York. Mr. Penn, after marriage, lived in Platteville a short time, and then purchased a farm a mile from town, on which he and family resided fourteen years, and which he then sold and bought a fine home in Platteville, and at the same time embarked in the hardware trade, which he conducted with unvarying success eight years, when he retired on a competency.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Penn have been born two children, namely: (1) Emma G., born and reared in Platteville, was here married to Thomas Bass, and has three children, viz.: Horace H., now principal of the high school at Yankton, S. Dak.; Helen M., a teacher in the high school at Cassville, Wis.; and Georgie P., a student in the State Normal School of Platteville. (2) James B., also born in Platteville, was educated in the high school,

and at present lives in Sherman county, Kans., where he is engaged as dealer in live stock, and also as butcher; he married a lady of Goodland, Kans., but has no children.

In religion Mrs. Penn is a Congregationalist, while Mr. Penn is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor. He has been identified with the prosperity and growth of Platteville from its infancy, has served one term as its mayor, has filled various other local offices, has lived to see it grow from a mere village to a city of fair proportions, and has been largely instrumental in promoting this growth. He is still one of its leading citizens, and stands high in the esteem of those who have known him so many years.

CHRISTIAN A. THOMPSON was born in Whitewater, Wis., June 29, 1860, son of Thomas and Mary (Mason) Thompson, both natives of Norway. They had a family of four daughters and two sons, all but one now living: Hans, of Forest City, Iowa; Josephine, wife of Fred Johnson, of Beloit; Carrie, Mrs. Peter Meyers, of Janesville; Christian A.; and Anna, Mrs. Huntley, of Huron, S. Dak. Thomas Thompson was a farmer. He came to America with his parents in 1839, at the age of three years, and they found a home in the township of Whitewater, Walworth Co., Wis., where he grew to manhood, married and engaged in farming. He died in 1878, at the comparatively early age of forty-two. His father, Hans Thompson, was a farmer, and died in Walworth county when about fifty-five years old, leaving a small family. Christian Mason, the maternal grandfather of the gentleman whose name introduces this article, was a farmer, and died in Walworth county at the age of sixty-five. He had a family of six children.

Christian A. Thompson grew to manhood under his father's roof, and remained on the family homestead until eighteen years of age. He had a very good education, finishing at the Whitewater Normal. He learned the trade of molder, which he followed for twelve years. Having attractive business qualities, he was offered a position as clerk in the grocery at Janesville, Rock county, which he afterward owned, and held same for a year and a half, when he went into business for himself as a grocer, on River street. He was in business at that location for three years, when, in Octo-

ber, 1898, he moved to West Milwaukee street, carrying a large and well-selected stock of goods. Mr. Thompson is a stockholder in the Fuller & Johnson Manufacturing Co., of Madison, Wisconsin.

On June 7, 1887, Mr. Thompson married Miss Bertha Vandewater, a daughter of Joseph and Elalia (Ellis) Vandewater. They have no children. Their home is at No. 159 Madison street, Janesville. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Congregational Church, in which he serves as junior deacon. He is a Mason of high standing, belonging to Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., and Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is a Republican, and a good citizen, highly respected by all who know him.

CHARLES RITER, a retired farmer, now making his home in Belmont, Lafayette county, belongs to that mighty generation that won the county from the wilderness, and, with no friend except his strong arm and honest heart, has wrought out an ample competence from hard conditions that attended his early manhood in this country. It requires courage of a high order to leave one's native country and cross the ocean to find a home among strange people, with a different tongue and alien ways, to take the hard work, and do the heavy tasks, never to lose heart or be discouraged, but to struggle on, even when sure that the day will dawn soon, and the coming of the morn will be all the brighter for the present darkness. Yet so this man wrought that now in his old age he is not a stranger in poverty and distress, but an honored and respected resident of a town and county he has helped to make, with means at his command, and friends to rejoice at his prosperity.

Mr. Riter was born near the river Rhine, in Germany, June 24, 1828, son of Joseph and Maria Riter, who were born and reared in Germany. His grandfather, Joseph Riter, was born in Germany, and died there. He married Maria Istricken. Our subject's father died in Germany in 1848, and the mother came to America, locating in Buffalo, N. Y., where she lived some three years, thence moving to Erie, Penn., where she died in 1891. She was the mother of five children, of whom Christine died in Germany, and the others came to this



country and settled in different States. Martin, the eldest son, lives in Minnesota; Marie married and settled in Minnesota; and Andrew, for many years a captain on a Mississippi river steamer, died at Dubuque, Iowa.

Charles Riter came from his native land to the United States in 1850, and spent a year working in Albany, N. Y. In 1852 he traveled on toward the West, and found a home in Grant county, Wis., where for a number of years he was employed in farm work. In 1855 Mr. Riter and Miss Mercy Farr were united in marriage. The bride was born in Cornwall, England, and has proved in every way a helpful companion to her honorable and hard-working husband. After their marriage the young couple first settled at what was called the "blockhouse," in Grant county, and in 1865 they bought a farm in Kendall township, Lafayette county. This farm was the family home until 1892, when our subject purchased a home in Belmont, and, moving into town, retired from active farm labors. Mr. Riter was a hustling and successful farmer. The small estate with which he began in 1865 had expanded into a magnificent farm of 460 acres in less than thirty years thereafter. He wrought valuable and extensive improvements upon his place, put up commodious and suitable buildings, and made one of the model farms of the southwestern part of the State.

In 1873 Mrs. Mercy Riter passed away, the mother of ten children, two of whom Eliza and Benjamin, died in childhood. The names of the others are also briefly given: (1) Charles Riter was born in Grant county, married Miss Mary Moody, and lives on a farm in Lafayette county; they have five children, Sarah, Ella, Lester, Albert and Charles. (2) Etta, born in Grant county, is now the wife of Charles Daugherty, of Chicago, and has three children, Edith, Maud and Clare. (3) Susan M., born in Grant county, is Mrs. John E. Simmons, of Belmont, and is the mother of two children, Charles and Orval. (4) George, born in Lafayette county, married Miss Anna Mankey, and is a prosperous farmer of Plymouth county, Iowa; they have four children, Elsie, Harold, Ruth and Laura. (5) Joseph, born in Lafayette county, married Edith Simmons, and lives in Belmont. (6) Frank, born in Lafayette county, married Miss Rose Metcalf, and lives in Lafayette county on his father's old farm; they have one child, Harley.

(7) John, born in Lafayette county, married Miss Mamie Garvey, and lives on part of his father's old homestead farm; they have one son, Leroy. (8) Laura, the youngest child of the family, was born on the Lafayette county farm and educated, as were the other children, in the public schools; she has remained with her father since the death of her mother. Mr. Riter entered into matrimonial engagements a second time, Mrs. Mary A. Stout, the widow of Thomas Stout, being the other contracting party. She is now deceased. Mr. Riter is a Republican, and has held the office of roadmaster in Kendall township some years. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, while his family are mostly associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Riter landed at New York a penniless lad, and has absolutely made his own way in the world. He is a man of sterling worth and genuine character. He has passed through many trials, and his faith in religion has been tested by that Grim Reaper who has cut down the earthly life of several of Mr. Riter's loved ones, but he holds to the deep truths of the immortal life, and feels with every passing year the nearness of the better world.

GEORGE R. HODGE. This worthy and esteemed citizen of Wyalusing township, Grant county, was one of that vast army of young men who, during their country's peril in the early '60s, responded to the call of duty and risked their lives in defense of the Union. He is a native of the Empire State, his birth occurring in the town of Clymer, Chautauqua county, November 21, 1840, and is the eldest in a family of nine children, whose parents were John Ripley and Phebe (Cassler) Hodge, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. His brother, William A. Hodge, served with him in the same company during the war.

On Aug. 31, 1864, George R. Hodge was enrolled as a member of Company G, 15th New York Engineers, and received an honorable discharge from the service on June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va. He was rejected as a candidate for military duty earlier in the war on account of a severe injury to a toe joint, but later, as has been seen, succeeded in entering the service. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, doing duty chiefly at City Point and Petersburg, Va. When Sherman marched to the sea they were ordered

South to meet his command, but before reaching that general were recalled, going to Richmond, and thence to Washington. They were finally stationed at Arlington Heights, where they remained until the war ended. The service of this branch of the army was of such a nature that it was called frequently from place to place, as their services were required.

After the war Mr. Hodge came West, and has since made his home in Grant county, Wis. On Dec. 29, 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Alice Gulick, who was born at Patch Grove May 29, 1850, being the first child born in that village. Her father, Joachim Gulick, was a native of Montgomery county, N. Y., and when a lad moved to Chautauqua county, that State. Receiving a good education, he engaged in the occupation of teaching for some years, and in the capacity of teacher went South when a young man. While there he met and married Miss Caroline Perry, the ceremony being performed at Christianburg, Henry Co., Ky. In the fall of 1849 they came to Wisconsin, and took up their abode in Grant county, Mr. Gulick becoming one of the pioneer teachers of this region. He followed that profession during the winter season, while through the summer months he engaged in farming. He finally located in Wyalusing township, where he purchased his first farm, previous to this time having rented land. In 1854 the present township of Wyalusing was set aside from Patch Grove, and the same year Mr. Gulick was chosen chairman of the board of supervisors. He was one of the most prominent and influential men of his community, and in his death, which occurred Sept. 28, 1872, the township realized that it had lost a valued citizen. Mrs. Hodge is the eldest of his ten children, all of whom attained mature years and married, while the wife and mother and eight of the children are still living, in 1900. The two deceased were James, who died at the age of forty-four years; and William, at the age of thirty-three. The mother still lives on the old homestead, where she has resided since 1853, and is one of the few remaining pioneers of that part of Grant county.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodge have no children of their own, but have reared two sons of her sister, Mrs. Marian Willard. Like her esteemed father, Mrs. Hodge was a successful teacher before her marriage, and her work as an educator covered a period of ten years. She

is a lady of culture and refinement, and of much ability, and presides with gracious dignity over her pleasant home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hodge are worthy members of the Methodist Church, and wherever known are held in high regard.

RICE D. GORHAM, a prominent and representative citizen of Monroe, has been a life-long resident of Green county, and possesses the public confidence to a marked degree. He was until recently in the grocery business, and commanded a flattering patronage.

Mr. Gorham was born in Green county, Wis., April 11, 1854, and is a son of William C. and Elvira M. (Chaffee) Gorham, both natives of Ohio. They were the parents of two sons, Rice D. and Ernest W. The father has always been a farmer, and established himself in Wisconsin in 1844, locating in the town of York, and taking up a quarter-section of government land. He bought seventy-five acres later on, and still later 140 more, making a magnificent rural estate of 375 acres, which was his home for twenty years. In 1894 he rented his land and moved into Monroe, where he still resides. His wife died two years later, at the age of sixty-two. She was a woman of fine spirit, and a devout member of the Free Will Baptist Church. William C. Gorham served in the Union army for nine months during the Civil war as a member of Company H, 46th Wis. V. I., doing his principal military duty in Tennessee. In the spring of 1867 he sold his farming property in the town of York, and bought 240 acres in the town of Sylvester. He has increased this by subsequent purchases, so that at one time he was the owner of 520 acres. He now owns 300 acres in Sylvester, and also several houses and lots in Monroe. His father, Elisha Gorham, was a native of Ohio, and was born of English parents. He was in the war of 1812, and was a life-long farmer; he came to Wisconsin in 1844, settled in the town of York, and lived to be over ninety years of age. He was twice married, and became the father of two sons by his last wife, William C. and Henry C. Orville Chaffee, the father of Elvira noted above, was a native of Vermont, and a settler in Ohio at an early day, finding a home in Geauga county, where he followed farming. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, reared a large family, and lived to be eighty-six years of age.

Rice D. Gorham has always made Green county his home. He grew to manhood under the parental roof, and received his education from the local schools and the Whitewater Normal. When he attained his majority his father presented him with an eighty-acre farm, and the young man succeeding as a farmer, was presently able to purchase another eighty, and was a farmer for nine years, having his home in the town of Monroe about two and a half miles from the city. In 1884 Mr. Gorham rented his place, and, moving to the city, engaged in the hardware business, which was his main occupation for thirteen years, with the exception of one year spent on the road as a traveling salesman for farm machinery. Mr. Gorham was a member of the incorporated hardware company known as the Kundert Hardware Co. for eight years, and made his beginning in that line as a clerk on a salary. He was a successful salesman and a good business man, and has acquired a very comfortable competence. In May, 1899, he bought a stock of groceries, queensware, and everything usually found in a first-class establishment of that kind, and as long as he was thus engaged met with the success his efforts merited.

Rice D. Gorham and Miss Emma C. Bragg were united in marriage Dec. 31, 1874. Mrs. Gorham is a daughter of Thomas J. and Emily (Nobles) Bragg, and is the mother of two children, Addie E. and Nellie E. Addie E. died April 6, 1891, and Nellie E. is now a bright and winsome child. Mr. and Mrs. Gorham are members of the Universalist Church. He belongs to several fraternal orders, and is a faithful worker in the I. O. O. F., the Knights of the Globe, and the Knights of Pythias. In this last order he has taken the uniform degree, and is assistant inspector general of the state of Wisconsin. Mr. Gorham is a Republican, and has held a number of offices—chairman of the Monroe town board for three terms and alderman from the first ward in Monroe five years. He is also a veteran member of the National Guard of Wisconsin, has filled all the offices of his home company, served thirteen years and resigned with the rank of captain. He has his home at 309 East Russell street, where he built a fine residence in the winter of 1899-1900.

Thomas J. Bragg, Mrs. Rice Gorham's father, was a native of Virginia, where he was left an orphan when only four years old. He

removed from Virginia to southern Illinois when quite young, and at the age of twenty came to Wisconsin, and made his home in the town of Monroe, four and a half miles north of the city. He married in southern Illinois, but reared his family in this county. He had two daughters and three sons, and all but one of his children are now living: William P.; Thomas J.; Emma C., wife of R. D. Gorham; Charles D. Mr. Bragg continued farming until 1878, when he divided his land among his children, and moved into Monroe, where he is still living.

FRANK WITZIG is one of the most prominent farmers of Mount Ida township, Grant county, and a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Germany, April 15, 1831, being the son of Martin and Anna (Patchkowsky) Witzig, both natives of Germany, who came to this country in 1854. They reached Chicago, thence went to Milwaukee, Wis., where they hired a team to go to Watertown. At the latter place Mr. Witzig bought a yoke of oxen, and proceeded to Mineral Point and Clifton. Remaining in Clifton township for a short time, he then removed to Liberty, where he entered 160 acres of land, which he cultivated most successfully. The good couple made this their home until Mr. Witzig's death, which occurred July 31, 1862. His remains rest in the cemetery at Highland. His wife survived him until May 27, 1900, when she passed away at Fennimore in her ninety-second year. Of the children born to Martin and Anna Witzig we have record of Adam; Josephine, now residing in Fennimore township; Peter, who died in Fennimore in 1871; John, who enlisted in an Illinois regiment in 1862, and died in a hospital the same year; Frank; Joseph, of Clifton township; Johanna, Mrs. Bonsall, died in Iowa county in 1888; Rosa, who became Mrs. John Krefal, and resided in Chicago for some time, where she died; and Catherine, who married Abraham Minsky, of Chicago.

Frank Witzig attended the common schools at Liberty, is a man of natural ability, and he has always made the most of his opportunities. He enlisted in the 41st Wis. V. I., for one hundred days service, being stationed at Memphis, Tenn., on garrison duty, and was honorably discharged in the fall of 1865. Mr. Witzig re-enlisted in Clifton township, and cherishes highly a record of honor-

able mention signed by President Lincoln, which he received during his last enlistment. In 1884 he came to Mount Ida township, and purchased the farm upon which he now resides.

In the year 1865, in Iowa county, Wis., Frank Witzig married Catherine Bonsall, daughter of Andrew and Anna Bonsall, both natives of Germany, who came to America in 1858, locating in Highland township, where the former opened up a farm, on which he resided until his death. To Frank and Catherine (Bonsall) Witzig have been born five children: Frank; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Steinforth, of Fennimore township; Newman; Mary; George. The family are among the early prominent pioneer-citizens of the county, and Frank Witzig has always been identified with its interests. They enjoy the respect of their neighbors, and their friends are numbered by legions.

**WILLIAM MORGAN** (deceased) was long a popular and successful farmer in the town of Hazel Green, Grant county, where he was widely known and universally respected for his sterling worth and manly qualities. Mr. Morgan was born in Monmouthshire, England, a son of Thomas Morgan, a native of England, who died there when William was a small boy. Mr. Morgan came to this country in 1850, and made his way to southwestern Wisconsin, where he worked for several years among the farmers. In 1860 he married Miss Margaret J. Kitto, of Hazel Green, who was born in England in 1828, a daughter of William and Mary Kitto, the former of whom died in his native land in 1832. The widowed mother came to this country, and settled at Hazel Green, Wis., soon after her husband's death, and there Mrs. Morgan was reared and educated. Mrs. Kitto brought six children with her to the New World: Elizabeth, born in England, married Richard Williams, and is now dead; William is a resident of Benton, Lafayette Co., Wis.; Jane married Joseph Pascoe, of Illinois, and is now dead; John was one of the early California and Australia gold miners, and died unmarried in Hazel Green; Henry, deceased, married Miss Martha Andrews, and settled in Hazel Green, where he died, leaving two sons, William and Robert; Margaret J., wife of William Morgan, had a district school education.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Morgan

settled on a farm in Benton, Lafayette county, where they lived twelve years. At the end of that time they sold out, and Mr. Morgan bought a farm of seventy acres one mile south of Hazel Green, where they lived until 1886. That year Mr. Morgan sold out, and bought a farm of 227 acres two miles west of Hazel Green, where they lived until the death of Mr. Morgan, in December, 1897. Seven of their children lived to grow up: (1) Mary H., born in 1860, is the deceased wife of J. W. Pascoe, of Jo Daviess county, Ill., and left four children, who are being reared in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Morgan. (2) Merib, born in 1862, is now the wife of William H. Decker, who is a prominent attorney at Allen, Neb., and has three children, Beryl M., Lyman and R. (3) William B., born in 1864, married Miss Nettie Mabe, and lives on the old homestead in Hazel Green. They have two children, Hannah and Elma L. (4) Thomas, born in 1866, married Miss Clara Stock, of Galena, and is now living in Colorado, where they have three children: Elmer, Edith and Edna. (5) Gustavus C., born in 1871, had a high-school education in Hazel Green, and is living unmarried at home. (6) Henry E., born in 1875, was a graduate of the high school at Hazel Green in 1897, and is living unmarried at home. (7) Roland L., born in 1877, is living unmarried at home.

Mr. Morgan was identified with the Republican party. He began his career in Wisconsin with small means, and by his energy and indomitable will succeeded in amassing a considerable fortune, which provided nicely for his family after his demise. A record of his life in its detail would be that of character and integrity. The family are identified with the Methodist Church.

**ROY JABERG**, the popular and hustling proprietor and manager of the Monroe Steam Laundry, at Monroe, Green county, was born in New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, September 6, 1872, a son of Frederick and Eliza (Moser) Jaberg, the former born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and the latter in Canton Glarus, Switzerland. They were the parents of two children, Roy and his older sister, Cora, who is the wife of W. R. Sharp, of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Frederick Jaberg was a farmer up to the

outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted as a private in the Union army, and bore himself as became a valiant soldier fighting for his country. After the war he returned home and ran a fire engine until his death in August, 1885, at the age of forty-six years. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious belief, a Methodist. He and another man built a church at Mineral City, Ohio, and he, as is also his wife, who is still surviving and has her home in New Philadelphia, was active in church work.

Jacob Jaberg, the father of Frederick and the grandfather of Roy, was a native of Switzerland. Coming to America when he was quite young, he settled in Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, when it was infested with the Indians, and engaged in the vocation of farming, becoming locally prominent. He was the father of thirteen children, and died in Ohio at an advanced age. Jacob Moser, the father of Eliza, whose name appears above, was also a native of Switzerland, and came to America at an early day, locating in Tuscarawas county. He was a tailor by trade, and was well established in business at New Philadelphia, where he died at a great age, the father of eight children.

Roy Jaberg was reared in New Philadelphia, and when he was sixteen years old, left the public school to enter a machine shop for the purpose of learning the trade. This he did, and for a number of years was a machinist of good standing, working in several shops. In July, 1899, Mr. Jaberg came to Monroe, and bought the steam laundry, which he has operated to the present time with marked success.

Mr. Jaberg was married May 10, 1894, to Miss Huldah Hoehn, a daughter of Henry and Eliza (Katerly) Hoehn. To this union have come a son and a daughter, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Jaberg is a Methodist, while his excellent wife was reared in the Lutheran faith. He belongs to the order of the Knights of Pythias, and is a Republican.

Henry Hoehn, mentioned above, was a native-born Swiss, and his wife, Eliza (Katerly) Hoehn, was born in Ohio. They had a family of four children: Huldah, who is now Mrs. Jaberg; Albert, a commercial traveler; Ida, who is Mrs. Edward Bengston, of Freeport, Ill.; and Sophie, who married J. Karlen, of Monroe. Henry Hoehn came to Wisconsin in 1845 with the company who

settled New Glarus. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army, and became captain of his company. Serving throughout the war, he returned to Wisconsin at its conclusion, and started a clothing store at Monroe, and built the block where Discher & Schneider are now found. For the past few years he has led a retired life. With his wife he belongs to the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. Jaberg is full of enthusiasm and energy, and has already built up a fine trade, which has come partly as the result of his skill as a workman, but also from the desire to please his patrons.

JAMES W. REDMAN represents an early Wisconsin family, and now resides in the township of Beetown, Grant county. On Jan. 26, 1837, he was born in Dubuque, Iowa, his parents being James and Margaret Redman, pioneers of that city, the former of whom died when our subject was a child, but the mother still survives, and resides in Cassville. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Redman married Hiram Currant (now deceased), a pioneer of the Northwest and a soldier in the Black Hawk war. Two children were born to the parents of our subject, one sister, Matilda, passing away in early life. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Currant, four of whom are living.

James W. Redman removed with his mother's family to Potosi, Grant county, and has lived in this locality ever since, excepting the years spent in defense of his country. Entering Co. A, 43d Wis. V. I., at Prairie du Chien, he went to Milwaukee, where the regiment was organized. Going to the front, his command served principally in Tennessee and Georgia, where they did good service in scouting, this being particularly hard on a soldier. For a time our subject was confined to a hospital, at Clarksville, Tenn., but recovered and rejoined his company, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war.

In 1854 Mr. Redman wedded Miss Susan Atkinson, a daughter of William Atkinson, of Grant county, also a pioneer. Five sons and two daughters have been born of this union: Edith, William, Ely, Perry, Henry, Mary and Lester. Hard service broke down Mr. Redman's health, and he has never recovered from the privations and exposure of his army life. In his township he is a useful and respected

citizen, and takes a commendable interest in educational matters, being now the efficient clerk of school district No. 31, Beetown township.

HARRY AMES, the proprietor of the "St. Charles Hotel" at Belmont, is one of the most popular and successful hotel men of Lafayette county. He keeps a neat and tidy establishment, and caters to the wants of his patrons in a hearty and taking manner.

Mr. Ames was born in Albion, N. Y., in October, 1847, a son of George W. and Sarah (Howell) Ames, who were born in England, and brought to this country when young. George Ames learned the painter's trade in New York, and after some years of married life in that State, moved to Detroit, Mich., where his wife died in 1857, leaving him three children, who are grown up and residing in different parts of the United States. After the loss of his wife he returned to Albion, New York, and is now engaged in the grocery business in that city. Of his children, his oldest son, William, was for some years in the service of the Detroit & Bay City railroad, and is now engaged in the real estate business in Bay City, Mich.; he married Miss Ida Barns, of Lapeer, Mich., and is the father of four children. Lizzie Ames was born in New York in 1845, a student of the high school at Erie, Penn., and married Bernard Good, who is the superintendent of the dead letter department of the postal service at Washington, D. C.; they have five children, who were born at Detroit, Michigan.

Harry Ames received his education in the schools of Erie, Penn., and began to take care of himself very early in life, earning his way as a newsboy. For two years he was a driver for Charles Read on one of his canal boats, navigating the Erie canal. In 1871 he secured a position on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, running from Erie to Kane, Penn., being on that division eight years.

Mr. Ames and Miss Mary Powers were married in 1885, in Janesville, Wis. She is the estimable daughter of Anthony and Ellen Powers who were born in Ireland, and are still living in Janesville. After his marriage Mr. Ames located in Rockford, Ill., where he was a contractor for seven years. In 1892 he opened a restaurant at Belvidere, Ill., and made his home in that city for two years. In

1894 he moved to Beloit, Wis., remaining two years, and then passed a similar period in Monroe. In September, 1898, he came to Belmont, and assumed the management of "St. Charles Hotel," which he has successfully conducted to the present time. He has a livery barn in connection with his hotel, and that is an important part of his business.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ames were born three children: Pearl, born in Rockford, Ill., in August, 1889, is now a student in the Belmont schools, and is well advanced in music for a child of her age; Hazel was born in Rockford in 1891; and Harry W. was born in Beloit, in 1893. Mr. Ames is a Republican, and is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He fired the first engine that ran from St. Paul to Aberdeen, over the H. & D. railroad. He was brought up in the Baptist church. Mr. Ames is one of Belmont's genial, whole-souled landlords, and he has made many friends among the people of this region by his manly and courteous ways.

LIEUT. W. H. OETTIKER, a valiant ex-Union volunteer and a thriving hardware merchant of Platteville, Grant county, was born near Pittsburg, Allegheny county, Penn., in August, 1841, and is the oldest of the four children that constituted the family of Jacob and Mary (Brighenstein) Oettiker, natives of Switzerland, who came to America when young, and for some years lived in Allegheny county, Penn., where the former engaged in merchant tailoring.

In 1848 the Oettiker family came to Wisconsin by boat from Pittsburg, Penn., down the Ohio river to Cairo, Ill., thence up the Mississippi river to Galena, Ill., and thence by wagon to Lafayette county, Wis., where Jacob Oettiker purchased 160 acres of Government land, on which he reared his four children to farming and on which he resided until advancing years called for a surcease from labor, when, in 1894, he purchased a home in Platteville, where he is now living in retirement, at the extreme age of ninety-nine years, his wife being seventy-nine. Of the children, John and Jacob own good farms, and live in Lafayette county; Dr. James Oettiker practices in Platteville; and W. H. will now be further spoken of.

W. H. Oettiker received his education in Wisconsin, at the common schools, and until twenty years old lived on the home farm. In

1861 he enlisted, at the call to arms, in Company E, 11th Wis. V. I., and was assigned to the Western Army. He saw service at Vicksburg under General Grant, at Peach River, Jackson, and dozens of other desperate and hard-fought battles, and in 1864 was commissioned second lieutenant, and served as such until the close of the Rebellion; he then re-enlisted, and for one year served on the frontier in subduing refractory Indians.

After his final discharge Lieut. Oettiker returned to Lafayette county, and in 1867 married Miss Eva Libert, an accomplished young lady of Grant county, and at once settled down to farming on the Lieutenant's homestead in Lafayette county, where they lived about twelve years. In 1879 the Lieutenant sold his farm and removed to Platteville, where he embarked in well-drilling and pump-making, but later sold out his business and bought a farm near the city, resumed agriculture, and re-engaged in well-drilling and pump-making until 1899, when he again sold out. He then entered upon his present prosperous trade in hardware, having the largest store and carrying the best-assorted stock of heavy hardware in the city, and also handling all kinds of water pump supplies. The four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Oettiker are Mary, William, Evalina and Katie, all born in Lafayette county and now living in Platteville, and all still single, with the exception of Evalina, who is the wife of Charles Smith; she has no children. In religion the family have been reared in the Presbyterian faith, but are not members of any congregation. In politics the Lieutenant is an active Republican, and fraternally is a member of Sherman Post, G. A. R., of Platteville. The family are all held in high esteem, and associate with the best people of Platteville.

HENRY KETTLER, retired farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Platteville, Grant county, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1828, a son of Henry and Louisa (Krause) Kettler. The parents, natives of the same place, came to the New World in 1857, and made their home with their son in Smelser township, Grant Co., Wis. The father died in 1877, the mother ten years later. In the family of this worthy couple were four sons, of whom Henry is the eldest; Conrad came to Grant county in 1857, and died in November, 1899; August is also a resident of Platteville;

Frederick was single on coming to America, was married in Grant county, and now resides in Nebraska.

Henry Kettler was reared and educated in his native land, and there continued to make his home until 1856, when he took passage at Bremen on a sailing-vessel, landing after a voyage of fifty-two days in New York, whence he came direct to Grant county, Wis. He purchased a farm in Smelser township, and to its improvement and cultivation devoted his energies for many years. Meeting with excellent success in his farming operations, he was at length able to lay aside all business cares and live on the accumulation of former years, moving in 1892 to Platteville, where he has since lived a retired life.

In 1862 Mr. Kettler was married in Smelser township to Miss Mary Knipping, also a native of Hanover, Germany, and to them have been born three children, namely: Henry, who now lives on the home farm; John, who is married and resides on the same place; and Louisa, Mrs. Wise, who lives on a farm in Belmont township, Lafayette county, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Kettler are active members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has held office for the past fifteen years, and in politics he is identified with the Democratic party. He is one of the prominent and well-known men of Grant county, and is highly respected and esteemed by all with whom he has come in contact.

TILDEN S. ROOT, a prominent farmer of Wyalusing township, Grant county, was a faithful soldier of the war of the Rebellion, being a member of Company C, 48th Wis. V. I. He was enrolled Feb. 11, 1865, and discharged March 24, 1866. He is one of three brothers who fought in defense of the old flag, all of whom were members of the same company, entered the service at the same time, and returned safe to home and friends. Tilden S. was with his regiment in active duty during the whole time of his service. The 48th did guard duty much of the time. On April 14, 1865, Company C arrived in Lawrence, Kan., and on Sept. 5, the same year, left that point for Colorado. Returning to Leavenworth, Kan., the following March, the regiment was mustered out of the United States service at that place, and soon afterward was discharged at Madison, Wisconsin.

The Root family is of English origin, but Vermont claims several generations prior to the emigration of Jared E. and Siena L. (Lamb) Root, the parents of Tilden S., who left Windham county, that State, in 1837, and removed to Twinsburg, Summit county, Ohio, where Tilden S. was born in 1843. In the family were nine children, four of whom were born in the Green Mountain State, the others in Ohio. The first to come to Grant county, Wis., were the oldest son, Jerome Root, and his sister Lydia, the oldest of the family, who came here in the early fifties; John F. came next, in 1857; and by 1860 all of the family had arrived, including the parents, who passed the remainder of their lives in Wyalusing township, and who were widely known and highly esteemed people. Six of the children are living at the present writing, in 1900, including those who took part in the Civil war, namely; John F. and Tilden S., both residents of Wyalusing township; and Addison L., of South Dakota.

After the war Tilden S. Root returned to Grant county and resumed farming, which he has made his life work. On Jan. 11, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Delilah Boorman, a most estimable lady, who was born in Grant county, in 1854, her father, John Boorman being one of the pioneers and respected citizens of Wyalusing township. By this union were born four children, as follows: Mrs. Ella Beer, Mrs. Estella Heaton, Edward and Carson. Mr. Root has to his credit an honorable war record, and as a citizen is held in high regard by all who know him. He is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and socially is quite popular in the community where he has so long made his home.

GEORGE W. HALE (deceased). Among those who have largely contributed toward the upbuilding and development of this portion of the great Northwest, there are many who no longer dwell among us, having passed to their just reward, leaving behind them, however, a memory richly fraught with good deeds, and hallowed by tender associations. Of such, is no one more truly a shining example than George W. Hale, who at one time was one of the largest farmers of Grant county.

Mr. Hale was born in New York, in 1820,

and twenty years later came West, purchased forty acres of land in Smelser, where he erected a log cabin. The first site of the old homestead was near the present one, and it was made bright and pleasant by his young wife, who, in her maidenhood, had been Sarah Blanchard, of Fairplay, Wis. Their marriage occurred in 1840. Before the new home was built, Mrs. Hale died, leaving her husband three sons, Marshall, who married Mary Rouse, and now has three children, Rosy, William, and Susan; Alonzo; Lafayette died in childhood. Some years later, Mr. Hale married Mrs. Hickman, who was born in 1823, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Eaton, and brought to Wisconsin about 1832, prior to the Black Hawk war. Mr. Eaton located for a short time in Illinois, then removed to Smelser, purchased a farm, and remained there until his family had attained maturity, when he and his wife returned to Illinois. George W. Hale entered into rest in March, 1864.

ALONZO HALE, second son of George W. Hale, and still a resident of the old homestead, was born in 1844, in Smelser. Growing rapidly to manhood, working hard on the farm during the summers, and pursuing his studies in the winters, he soon assimilated the knowledge taught in the country schools, and probably would have pursued his education in higher institutions of learning, had not the Civil war just then engrossed the attention of all and fired the patriotism that saved our nation's honor. He enlisted in Co. I, 25th Wis. V. I., being mustered into the service at La Crosse, Wis., on Sept. 14, 1862, and serving through the remainder of the war. The regiment served on the frontier in Minnesota, and at Fort Snelling, and was ordered to Indian Territory. After much skirmishing, they were transferred to Columbus, Kentucky, and joined Sherman's army, from whence they participated in Johnston's raid, and other engagements, to Atlanta, thence to Raleigh, through the Carolinas, and finally witnessing Johnston's surrender. On the victorious army marched, through Virginia to Washington, where Alonzo Hale was one of the gallant soldiers to participate in the Grand Review. In June, 1865, he was honorably discharged at Madison, after which he returned to his old home to be met with the sorrowful news,



that during the time he himself was fighting his country's enemies, the aged father had met with his honorable discharge upon the battle-field of life.

Politically, Mr. Hale is a staunch member of the Republican party; is a member of Sherman Post, G. A. R., of Platteville, and is very popular in this organization. Owing to his long service in the war, Alonzo Hale's health has never recovered its former good condition, but he does not regret the sacrifice he made, and is highly respected as one of Smelser's veteran citizens, and also as one of its progressive and successful farmers.

**BERNARD STOCKEL**, a well-known Grant county farmer, was born in Hanover, Germany, Dec. 21, 1843, a son of Henry and Christina (Kimpee) Stockel, both native Hanoverians.

Henry Stockel was married in his native land, and emigrated to the United States in 1852, coming with his wife and children to Council Hill, Ill., where Benjamin Stockel, a brother, had already established himself. They lived in Illinois a short time, and then moved to Sinsinawa Mound, in the town of Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wis., where Mr. Stockel bought a tract of wild land, and by hard labor and persistent industry converted it into a desirable home. The first improvements in that region were made upon this farm of 160 acres, and here Mr. Stockel passed his entire life, dying in 1895, and leaving his aged wife, who is still a resident of the place. To day she is one of the very oldest pioneers of this part of the State. Six children were born to them, and they are still living: (1) Bernard is the eldest. (2) Mary, born in Germany, is the wife of Garrett Bussan, of Illinois. (3) John, born in Wisconsin, married Miss Loveland, of Illinois, and now resides on the old farm of his father. (4) Henry, born in Grant county, married Miss Christina Schonhof, who died, leaving four children all of whom live in Iowa. (5) Joseph, born in Illinois, is single, and lives on the old homestead. (6) Christina is the wife of George Speiker, and lives in Jo Daviess county, where she has a family.

Bernard Stockel was eight years old when his parents moved to this country, and had his education in the district schools of Illinois, and in Grant county, growing up on the home farm, which he managed until his marriage

in 1867, to Elizabeth Huls, who was born in Jo Daviess county, Ill., in 1850, a daughter of B. H. Huls, an old-time resident of that county. After his marriage Mr. Stockel purchased the "Mathew Burk home," of 160 acres. A large stone house, good barns, and many substantial improvements render the farm very attractive and desirable. To their union were born five children: (1) Henry, born in 1871, had his education in common with all the other children of the family in the Hazel Green schools, and is now at home unmarried. (2) Annie, born in 1873, is a young lady at home; (3) Joseph, born in 1875; (4) Julia, born in 1880, is a young lady at home; and (5) Frank, born in 1885, is still a student at school.

Mr. Stockel and his family are all devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and has served as a member of the town board for three years. Like a host of his countrymen who have greatly prospered in the United States, Mr. Stockel began at the foot of the ladder, has already become prosperous, and is now one of the respected citizens of the town.

**JOHN W. PETERS**, one of the leading contractors and builders of Janesville, Rock county, is a good example of what can be accomplished by earnest, persistent effort, directed along the proper channels.

John W. Peters was born Jan. 18, 1854, at Whitewater, Wis., son of John and Lydia (Frost) Peters, natives of Devonshire, England. The paternal grandfather of our subject was William Peters, a native of England, a contractor and builder, who died in his native land in middle life. He had a family of five children, all now deceased. The grandfather on the mother's side, John Frost, was also a native of England, came to America, and located at Whitewater. Later he removed to Janesville, dying there at the age of eighty years. While in Whitewater he pursued the occupation of farming, but after coming to Janesville retired from active labor. A large family was born to himself and wife.

John Peters, the father of John W. Peters, immigrated to America about 1852, locating in Whitewater, Wis., and came to Janesville in 1854, dying in that city in March, 1876, at the age of fifty-two. His wife, who still sur-

vives him, resides at Janesville. By occupation Mr. Peters was a contractor, and he was very successful at his calling. In religious opinion he was an Episcopalian, while Mrs. Peters is a member of the Methodist Church. Four children were born to them, three daughters and one son: Eliza, Mrs. Perkins, of Elgin, Ill.; John W.; Miss Mina Peters, of Elgin, and Tillie, wife of Henry Davis, of Pullman, Illinois.

John W. Peters, our subject, was reared in Janesville, attending the excellent schools of that city, and when fifteen began learning the trade of mason and builder, which he has successfully followed ever since. For fifteen years Mr. Peters was with the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, constructing bridges, buildings, etc., after which he engaged in business as a contractor and builder in Janesville. However, his efforts are not confined to that city alone, as he has contracts throughout the State. Among the substantial structures in Janesville which bear evidence of his skill are the county buildings, including the Rock county jail, the latter constructed in 1899; in 1893 Mr. Peters constructed the high school at Clinton, Rock county, a modern edifice. In addition to this contract, the same year Mr. Peters and his partner, O. F. Nowlan, had others, amounting to some \$80,000. The work of this firm is not confined to public structures, as they have erected many of the finest buildings in Janesville, including Mr. Peters' own home, No. 101 Fourth avenue, corner of Hickory street. Possessing a thorough insight into their work, commanding unlimited facilities for the prompt and efficient carrying out of their contracts, Mr. Peters and his partner are well equipped to handle the enormous volume of business which annually is awarded them, and are destined to become one of the leading contracting firms of the State.

On Dec. 23, 1875, Mr. Peters married Miss Mary Kate Ward, daughter of D. C. and Mary Ward. One son and two daughters have been born to this union: John Dewitt, who died in March, 1890, Myrtle and Kathryn. Mrs. Peters and her two daughters are members of the Episcopal Church, in the work of which they take an important part. Socially Mr. Peters is a member of the Royal Arcanum; Western Star Lodge, No. 14, F. & A. M.; Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.;

Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Wisconsin Consistory, S. P. R. S., at Milwaukee; and Tripoli Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Milwaukee; and he and Mrs. Peters are also members of the Eastern Star. Politically Mr. Peters is a Democrat, and has represented the Second Ward in the city council.

**WILLIAM HAWK**, now living retired in Platteville, Grant county, was born in Cornwall, England, in September, 1840, and one of the six children born to George and Johanna (Rolins) Hawk, also natives of Cornwall, where they were married. On the voyage of George Hawk, wife and children to America, Mrs. Hawk was taken sick and died, her body being buried at sea. Mr. Hawk, with his children, finally reached Potosi, Wis., where he worked in the lead mines until his death, which occurred in 1869. The children all attained maturity in Potosi, where they were educated, the five besides William being born and named in the following order: George, who was a soldier in the 21st Wis. V. I. during the Civil war, is married and is a resident of Platteville, Wis.; Johanna, widow of William Gilbert, resides in Pittsburg, Kans., with her daughter, Elizabeth; Elizabeth, wife of Philip Knapp, resides in Oregon, and has several children; Alice, widow of William Chester, lives in Missouri, and has four children, and Mary, widow of John Forsythe, of Central Illinois, also has four children.

William Hawk enlisted in 1861 in the United States Volunteer service, was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, under Gen. Thomas, and took part in a number of hotly-contested battles, including those of Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, and all those in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama and through the campaign under Gen. Sherman, inclusive of his historical march through Georgia to the sea, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal.

While home on a furlough in May, 1864, Mr. Hawk married Miss Mary Grinrodd, daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth Grinrodd, formerly of New York State, but both now deceased. After the close of the war Mr. Hawk lived on a farm east of Platteville one year, and in 1867 retired with his wife and children to his handsome residence in Platteville, where he still resides in ease and com-

fort. The following is the record of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hawk: William A., who died a young man; Etta M., wife of John Broadback, a butcher in Vandalia, Ill., and the mother of three children—William, Girdon and Gladys; Fannie E., a graduate from the State Normal School at Platteville, and now a teacher at Warsaw, Mo., where she has been for the past five years; Edwin G., who married Miss Laura Pitts, and has one son, Kenneth, and now resides in Platteville; Johanna, wife of Thomas Julian, of Montfort, Wis.; John J., a resident of Vandalia, Ill.; and Alice S., who received a college education, and is in the millinery business in her native city of Platteville.

Religiously Mr. Hawk and family are Episcopalians, and politically Mr. Hawk is a Republican, under the auspices of which party he has held the office of town treasurer six years. He is an enthusiastic member of Sherman Post, G. A. R., and socially he and family are among the most respected residents of Platteville.

A. B. CHAPMAN. For over sixty years this gentleman has been a resident of Grant county, and has witnessed almost its entire development. He has seen its wild lands transformed into beautiful homes and farms, its hamlets grow into villages and flourishing towns, and all of the interests and evidences of an advanced civilization introduced. As a farmer he has met with success in business affairs, and is now living a retired life in Cassville.

Mr. Chapman was born in Sherrell Mountain, Dubuque Co., Iowa, in 1836, a son of Ammyson and Mary (Dunlard) Chapman. The father was born in Connecticut, the mother in Canada of French Huguenot extraction. At a very early day in the development of the State, Ammyson Chapman moved to Iowa, and took up a tract of government land, at one time owning 160 acres of land where the city of Dubuque now stands, but was driven off his claim by United States troops, after which he came to Grant county, Wis., in 1838, and opened up and improved a farm in Harrison township. He was a soldier of the Black Hawk war, and was prominently identified with the early development and upbuilding of this section of the State. He was born Sept. 1, 1800, and died in Cassville township, Grant

county, in 1881, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1865. Their children were Mrs. Mary Knox, who went to California in 1850; A. B.; Mrs. Lois Lang, a resident of Dakota; Peter, a veteran of the Civil war, and a resident of Grant county, Wis.; Collin, who was a member of a Wisconsin regiment in the same war, and is now a farmer of Waterloo township, Grant county; and Mrs. H. Schuelter, a resident of Cassville.

Being only two years old when brought by his parents to Grant county, A. B. Chapman was reared in the wilds of this State, and received a limited education, as schools were few and widely scattered in this locality during his boyhood. His early life was spent upon the home farm in Harrison township, and throughout his active business career he engaged in agricultural pursuits, becoming owner of a good farm of 120 acres in Waterloo township, which he still owns. He moved to Cassville Feb. 22, 1899, and is now living a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest.

At Dubuque, Iowa, in 1864, Mr. Chapman married Miss Josephine Oshea, a native of St. Paul, Minn., and a daughter of Lewis Oshea, an early hunter and trapper of the Northwest, and his wife, a Sioux Indian. Her uncle, Link Comas, was chief of the Sioux tribe. Of the fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, the following named are living: Birdsell, a resident of Waterloo township, Grant county; Arizona; Mrs. Alvaretta Cowder; Mrs. Jane Wilmot, of Cassville; Ernest, who took a course at Bailey College and is now on the home farm; Orlando; Josephine; and Jessie.

During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Chapman enlisted at Potosi, Grant county, in the 49th Wis. V. I., for one year, and as a part of the Army of the West was on detached duty, being stationed most of the time at Rolla, Mo., and he now holds an honorable discharge. As a Republican he takes quite an active interest in political affairs. As a prominent pioneer and worthy citizen of Grant county, he is certainly deserving of honorable mention in this volume.

WILLIAM HOFFMAN, a representative of one of the old families of Grant county, was born in 1844, in Louisville, Ky., son of Peter and Mary (Basler) Hoffman.

Peter Hoffman, his father, one of the re-

spected pioneers of southwestern Wisconsin, was born in Germany in 1815, and sought a new home in the New World, in 1833, settling first in Pennsylvania, thence removed to Ohio, where he married Mary Basler. Three of their children survive: William, our subject; Henry; and Louisa, who is a resident of St. Paul, Minn. From Ohio the family removed to southern Illinois, locating near East St. Louis, and in 1847 located in Benton, Lafayette Co., Wis., where the father worked at his trade as a shoemaker. Through industry and thrift he was able within ten years to become the owner of a considerable tract in Grant county, and thither, in 1857, he removed with his family. A part of this land now forms the farm of William Hoffman.

William Hoffman has passed the greater part of his life in Wisconsin, and he now owns a fine farm of 208 acres. He enlisted in Company K (Capt. Baxter), of the 47th Wis. V. I., early in the war of the Rebellion, and marched and fought with his regiment until the struggle was ended. His health was seriously impaired, but he escaped wounds, and the memories of his years in the service are full of pleasant recollections. He is an esteemed member of Tom Cox Post, G. A. R., of Lancaster.

Mr. Hoffman married Mary Baker, who has become the mother of ten children, three sons and seven daughters. In politics Mr. Hoffman is a stanch Republican, and works faithfully for the interests of that party.

JOSEPH WATTERS, now a retired farmer of Hazel Green, Grant county, was born in Cornwall, England, only son of Joseph and Mary (Spargo) Watters, who were born, reared and passed their entire lives in England. The father was an old-time miner in Cornwall.

After the death of his parents Joseph Watters came to this country in August, 1848, and settling near Hazel Green, Wis., engaged in lead mining, following that work for some years. In 1851 he went to California by the ocean route across the Isthmus to San Francisco, and from there to the gold fields, where he remained some three years, then coming back to Hazel Green, where he had left his wife and family. When Mr. Watters had returned to his home he bought wild prairie land in the town of Hazel Green, and began

life as a farmer. To this original tract he afterward added a quarter-section, and now owns a fine place of 240 acres. Here he erected a fine home, with good barns and comfortable outbuildings. Mr. Watters has followed stock raising quite extensively, his farm being well situated for that purpose.

In June, 1848, Mr. Watters married Miss Lizzie Williams, who was born in Cornwall, England, in March, 1830, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Williams, the former of whom died there, but the mother came to this country and died in Hazel Green. To this union have been born six children, one of whom died in childhood: (1) John, born in 1849, married Miss Sarah Bartle, of Hazel Green, and is a farmer in the town of Hazel Green; there are two sons in this family, Virgil and Lloyd. (2) Peter, born in 1858, married Miss Elizabeth Stephens, and resides on a farm in the town of Hazel Green, where two daughters have come to them, Hannah and Grace. (3) Edward, born in 1868, married Miss Katie Mills, and they lived with his father on the old homestead, where she died in 1896, leaving one son, Clifford. (4) Mary is single, and at home with her parents. (5) Grace, born in 1872, is at home with her parents.

Mr. Watters has been for many years an active worker in the Republican party. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and he was one of the builders of the first church of his denomination in Hazel Green. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with the Blue Lodge at Hazel Green. Mr. Watters came to Grant county when a young man, without means. The country was a wilderness, with but few homes on the prairies, and these miles apart. There was courage in his heart and strength in his muscles, and he has hammered out a large success in life. Mr. Watters is a man of strong affections and deep friendships. These are not lightly placed, but to be his friend once is to be always his friend.

J. B. MURPHY, one of the prosperous farmers of Marion township, Grant county, enjoys the honor of being chairman of the town board, and was born at Hastings, N. Y., on Jan. 10, 1839, being a son of Arthur and Delia (Cotton) Murphy, natives of Ireland.

The father came to New York at the age

of eighteen, while the mother was brought to this country when but an infant. In 1856 the family came to Grant county, and although the father was a stonemason by trade, he took up land in Woodman township, which he greatly improved, and resided upon the farm until his death, which occurred in 1878, his wife surviving him until 1896. To them were born children as follows: Mary, clerk in the land office at Washington, which position she has held for twenty years; Edward, of Woodman; Caroline, Mrs. Ballinger, of Bloomington township, Grant county; Kate, of Colorado; Anna, Mrs. Lewis, of Iowa; Alice, of Bloomington township, this county; Walter, of Bowen county, Iowa; our subject.

J. B. Murphy was reared in Waukesha county, Wis., and then moved to Iowa county, whence in 1856 he accompanied the family to Woodman, Grant county, later going to Millville, and finally to Marion township, in 1866, where he purchased a farm of 200 acres, now counted as one of the finest pieces of farming property in Grant county. In August, 1861, Mr. Murphy enlisted in Co. H, 7th Wis. V. I., for three years or during the war. The regiment was mustered in at Madison, Wis., and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, forming part of the famous "Iron Brigade." During his term of service Mr. Murphy participated in the battles of Gainesville, second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Wilderness and Petersburg, and also took part in the capture of the Weldon railroad. On account of a gunshot wound received in the hand, Mr. Murphy was honorably discharged in September, 1864, having served bravely and been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

In 1866 Mr. Murphy was married, in Fenimore, to Miss Alice Graham, born in Venango county, Penn., daughter of William and Eliza (Dixon) Graham, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Mount Ida township in 1858, opening up a farm, where the mother died in 1879, and the father in 1888. They were prominent pioneers of Mount Ida township, and will long be remembered as representative farmers. Five children have been born to our subject: Lillian, Mrs. Smith, of Republic, Wash.; Frank, married, and resides in Mason City, Iowa; James, of Mason City; Alta and Grace. Mr. Murphy is an active member of John McDermott Post, G. A. R.,

No. 101, Boscobel. In political matters, Mr. Murphy's sympathies are with the Democratic party, and he has acceptably served as chairman of Marion township for ten years, prior to the present term. Few men are more popular in Grant county than Mr. Murphy, and he may well be regarded as one of the leading exponents of the best agricultural interests of the great commonwealth of Wisconsin.

E. D. BUSHNELL, deceased. The victims of war cannot be counted by the list of those slain upon the field of battle. For years after the close of strife, in any country, noble lives pass out of existence whose decease can be directly traced to the terrible exposure, the deprivations and rigors of the prison, and the horrors of the army hospital, these martyrs deserving the crown of laurel just as surely as if the death blow had come through sword thrust or musket ball, in front of the enemy. Among those who were thus sacrificed while yet in the prime of life was the subject of our sketch, E. D. Bushnell.

The birth of our subject occurred in Ohio, on Jan. 19, 1834, his parents being Daniel and Minerva (Cole) Bushnell, who came to the State of Wisconsin at a very early day. The only survivors of their family are Hiram and Mrs. Lydia Watchom, of Grant county, Wis., and Daniel, a resident of Dakota. When the first call was issued for volunteers for service in the Civil war our subject was among the number to respond, enlisting in Company C, 7th Wis. V. I., and participated in all the battles of his regiment until the time of his capture by the enemy, near Broad Run, on Oct. 9, 1863. His prison life included confinement in five places, each one worse than the previous one, Belle Isle, Florence, Savannah, Milan and Andersonville, release coming just in time to send home a wreck of the sturdy, ambitious young volunteer who had so bravely gone forth. Although he never recovered his normal health, he recuperated enough to follow his quiet occupations.

In 1867 Mr. Bushnell married Miss Elizabeth J. Austin, a daughter of Samuel R. and Minerva (Ashmore) Austin, and a member of one of the old and prominent families of Lafayette county. Mrs. Bushnell was born in Belmont, near the Mound, in March, 1849, and was educated in the schools of her native

place. After marriage our subject purchased eighty acres near the line of Iowa county, in the town of Belmont, and remained at this place until his health completely failed, his death taking place in a hospital, where he was placed in order that the very best and most skillful care could be afforded him. Mr. Bushnell was noted for his kind disposition, and, to the close of his life, for his devotion to his family.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bushnell were: Samuel, born in 1868, died in 1892. Charles, born in 1870, was educated in the Platteville Normal School, and became a teacher; in 1897 he married Lillie Rundle, of Iowa county, and settled upon a farm, but he is now a student in the Northwestern College of Dentistry, in Chicago; they have one daughter, Florence. Lewis E., born in 1873, was educated at the Platteville Normal School, and remained at the old home with his mother until his marriage, in 1898, to Nettie Enloe, who was a daughter of an old veteran of Wisconsin; they now reside on a farm in Iowa county. Lillie, born in 1875, graduated from the State Normal School, and now follows teaching in Evansville, Wis. Mary, born in 1877, graduated in the class of 1899, and is one of the intelligent and charming young teachers of Oneida county, Wis. Rose, born in 1879, is also a graduate of the Normal School, class of 1899, and is one of the successful teachers of Lafayette county. Archie, born in 1881, is a student at the Normal School, where he promises to be as brilliant as the other members of this very intelligent family.

An ardent Republican all his life, Mr. Bushnell was never robust enough to take upon himself the cares of office. Mrs. Bushnell and the family are connected with the M. E. Church, and all enjoy the esteem of the community.

**WILLIAM S. BLACKFORD.** This esteemed and influential citizen of Monroe township, Green county, is one of a family of seven children born to William and Rachel (Johns) Blackford.

William Blackford, his father, was a potter by trade, and was of German lineage, while his mother's ancestors were Welsh. Both parents were born in Pennsylvania, where they married, and lived until 1845. In that year they determined to seek better fortune in the

West, and set forth, with their children and household goods, for Delphi, Ind. Proceeding by covered wagon from Fayette to Brownsville, Penn., they continued their westward journey by water, going by steamboat to Monongahela, to Pittsburg, and the Ohio to Cairo, Ill., at the junction of that stream with the Mississippi. As has been said, it had been their intention to ascend the Wabash to Delphi, but low water forbade this, and forced them to continue their journey in the manner described. (They sailed up the Mississippi to Dubuque, thence went to Galena, where they hired a wagon and proceeded to Green county, Wis., making their first stop with William Goodell. The land chosen by Mr. Blackford on which to build a home for himself and his family was heavily timbered, and was situated in the township of Jefferson. To clear it was no easy task, but sturdy thews and sinews can accomplish much when to their strength is added a firm resolve, inspired by love. On this farm, thus reduced to cultivation by the axe of the woodman and the plow of the pioneer, the parents passed the remainder of their lives, the mother dying about 1859, and the father in 1871. Of their seven children, two have died—Thomas and Lavina. Enoch, the eldest of the five yet living, resides in Juda, in Green county; Rebecca is the wife of Stephen Mann, of Page county, Iowa; William S.; Rachel is Mrs. Peter Roub, and lives in the South; and Samuel is a resident of Louisiana.

William S. Blackford was born Feb. 3, 1833, in Fayette county, Penn., and was consequently a boy of twelve years when he accompanied his parents to Green county, Wis., which has been his home ever since. In 1860 he was married to Nettie Hedge, whose native State was Indiana. Mrs. Blackford died in 1877, and he has not married again. He has three daughters: Jennie Florence, the eldest, the wife of Charles Hartwick; Nellie Josephine, whose home is in Carroll, Iowa; and Rose, who lives with her father in Monroe township. Mr. Blackford is well known as a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, and is highly esteemed for his own good qualities of head and heart.

**CORNELIUS HOWARD** is numbered among the prosperous farmers and veteran citizens of Watterstown township, Grant county, and resides on a fine farm in section 11, which

he has brought up to a good state of cultivation.

Mr. Howard was born in what was then Morgan (now Elliott) county, Ky., in 1847, being a son of Thomas and Nancy Howard, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. The parents removed from Kentucky, where their children were born, to Illinois, and after living in that State a short time they pushed further into the wilderness, and in 1863 located in Grant county, Wis. Here the mother died, but the father still survives, and resides in Kentucky. Five children were born of this union, four sons and one daughter, and all of them, except Cornelius, reside in Ohio.

Our subject was reared and educated in Kentucky, and always followed the occupation of farming, with the exception of a few years spent in working on a railroad. By his own efforts he finally amassed sufficient money to purchase his present comfortable farm. At the outbreak of the Civil war Cornelius Howard was too young to enter the service, but in January, 1865, when but eighteen, he enlisted in Company E, 47th Wis. V. I., and remained until the close of the war. During his term of service Mr. Howard's health became seriously impaired, and he has never recovered from the effects of the hardships he suffered.

To Cornelius Howard and his wife, Caroline, four sons have been born: Fred, George, Charles and John, but the last three died in early childhood. Having been a good, brave soldier, Mr. Howard naturally takes a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the veterans, and is an active member of the G. A. R. Honest, thrifty, industrious, Mr. Howard has gained for himself the respect of his neighbors, and is justly regarded as a substantial man, and a good representative of the agricultural interests of Grant county.

FRED A. MEYER, postmaster of Boscobel, Grant county, is also a member of the firm of Meyer & Johnson, editors and publishers of the Boscobel *Dial-Enterprise*, one of the most widely-quoted and influential local papers of the State. Both members of this enterprising and stirring firm are young men, but have won their spurs as newspaper men on hard-fought fields of journalism.

Mr. Meyer was born in Boscobel Dec. 29, 1871, son of Edward A. and E. Josephine (Honn) Meyer. The father was a native of

Westphalia, Germany, and the mother of Ohio, where she was born in 1843. Frederick A. and Henrietta Meyer, the parents of Edward A., came to this country in 1848, bringing their family with them, and settled on a farm near Waukesha, where Edward A. was reared to manhood. In 1858 he came to Boscobel, and spent several years in this city. In 1861 he went back to Waukesha, and in 1866 once more became a resident of Boscobel. This time he engaged in business as a member of the firm of Meyer, Hildebrand & Co., dealers in general merchandise. After a time the firm became Meyer Brothers, Gustave, a brother of Edward A., purchasing the interest of the other parties. Meyer Brothers were in business for many years, and became one of the best-known firms in southern Wisconsin. Their patronage was very large, and their goods most attractive in quality and price. When the firm went out of business Edward A. turned his attention to manufacturing. His marriage took place at Madison, Wis., in April, 1867, and has been blessed with four children: Bruce M., a manufacturer at Rockton, Wis.; Richard F. died in 1894, at the age of twenty-five years; Fred A., of Boscobel; and Charity Belle, who is now the wife of Dr. C. F. Rodolf, of Muscoda, Wis. Mrs. Meyer is a member of the Congregational Church, and a lady of high standing in the community. Mr. Meyer is a man of considerable prominence, and is an influential Democrat, his advice being often followed in party matters. He was mayor of the city for a term, served three terms as chairman of the board of supervisors; has also served four years as treasurer of the school board, and has been an alderman several terms.

Fred A. Meyer was a graduate of the high school of Boscobel in the class of 1892, and while attending school learned the printer's trade, and liked it so well that it has become his life work. In 1893 he purchased the paper known as the *Leader*, in company with Harlan J. Johnson, and entered upon a career that has met with marked success from the beginning. The newspaper history of the firm appears in the sketch of his partner, published elsewhere in this work. Mr. Meyer was married Sept. 8, 1898, to Miss Nellie E. Pengilly, a daughter of Rev. R. Pengilly, a minister of the Methodist Church. She was born in Argyle, Wis., and is the mother of one daughter, Josephine E. The young husband is a mem-

ber of the orders of the M. W. of A. and the Foresters. He is a strong Republican, and at the present time is the postmaster of Boscobel, and is conducting his office to the eminent satisfaction of the community.

FRANK E. TRENARY, a well-to-do stock farmer in the town of Platteville, Grant county, attends closely to his business, and has not only succeeded in accumulating a very handsome competence, but has won and holds the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen.

Mr. Trenary was born in his present home in Platteville in April, 1862, and is a son of Philip and Isabel (Lower) Trenary, both born in Cornwall, England, in 1812 and 1814, respectively. They grew to maturity in Cornwall, were married there, and had four children before they came to this country. In 1844 they located in Grant county, and settled on a farm in the town of Platteville, where they made a home for their family. Mr. Trenary purchased a large amount of land, leaving to his sons productive farms. He erected buildings suitable to his needs on two of these places, and the one where our subject lives was his first improvement. The other farm, which he improved later, is now owned by his son William. He was one of the oldest and most scientific agriculturists in this part of the country, and brought the best knowledge of the times to help him in his business. He died in September, 1896, and his widow still survives him. They had a family of eleven children. John P., the eldest, was born in England in 1837, and married Miss Bessie A. Stephens, and they reside near Belmont, where he is an extensive stock farmer. Mary H., born in England, became the wife of Henry Pierce, of Pomeroy, Iowa, and was the mother of eight children, all living in that State, Charles, John, Frank, Sylvester, Jessie, Phil, Robert and Arthur. Charles, born in England, married Miss Carrie Greenrod, and resides on his farm in Pomeroy, Iowa. Emma, born in England, and educated in the Platteville schools, is now the wife of John Ware, of Big Patch, and is the mother of one daughter, Clara B. Ellen, born in Wisconsin, married John Rickard, and resides in Platteville, where her husband is the engineer of the Normal School building. Robert, born in Grant county, married Miss Lizzie Henry, who died soon

after marriage, leaving no family; later he married Miss Carrie Hawk, and for a time resided in Pomeroy, Iowa, until a short time before his death, when he returned to Grant county, and died in 1894, leaving three children, Myrtie, Seanson and Earl; one son, Orrin, died young. Henry, born in Grant county on the old homestead, married Miss Agnes Jeffrey, and lives in Austin, Minn., where he is engaged in business; they have two children, Loren and Floyd. Carrie, born in Grant county, died at the age of nineteen years. Bryan F., born in Grant county, married Miss Selina Huntingdon, and is a farmer in Lafayette county; they have had two children, Clyde, who is at home, and Laura, who died when eight years of age. Will and Frank E., born in 1862, are twins; Will married Miss Carrie Raisbeck, of Platteville, and resides on one of the paternal farms in Lafayette county; he is the father of three daughters, Cleo, Lenice and one not named.

Frank E. Trenary grew to manhood under the parental roof, and received his education in the Platteville schools, finishing his school days at the Normal. In 1886 he married Miss Annie Huntingdon, daughter of Robert and Mary (Stephens) Huntingdon, an old and prominent family of Grant county. Her father died in 1872, leaving a wife and three children. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Trenary settled on the farm where they are now residing. They have had two children, Estella M., born in October, 1890, and Lloyd E., born in October, 1897. Mrs. Trenary was born in 1865, and obtained her education in the Platteville schools.

The entire Trenary family are Republicans, and their honored sire held to the same political faith. Mrs. Trenary is a member of the Primitive Methodist Church of Platteville, and her husband, while not a member, supports the church, and gives his influence for everything good and noble in the community. He is one of Grant county's enterprising farmers, and is thoroughly respected, not only for his good business qualities, but for his good and kind personal character.

RICHARD F. ELLIS, a leading up-to-date and prosperous farmer of Jordan township, Green county, is a native of New York State, born July 12, 1837, in Chautauqua county. The first of the Ellis family in this



country were three brothers, who, about 250 years ago, came to the New England colonies from England.

George and Hulda Ellis, grandparents of our subject, were natives of the State of Maine. They had a family of ten children, named respectively: Benjamin, Richard, Nehemiah (sketch of whom follows), Sewell, George, Abel, John, Hulda, Amie, and Abbie, all now deceased. Hulda, Amie and Abbie married three brothers by the name of Deveroux, and their families averaged twelve children each, the majority being boys, all, except three, of whom served in the war of the Rebellion.

Nehemiah Ellis, father of Richard F., was born Aug. 4, 1804, near Bangor, Maine, whence, in 1819, he removed with his parents to Chautauqua county, N. Y. In 1828 he married Rachel Osgood, and to this union were born twelve children, six of whom reached maturity, viz.: Mary, wife of William Kinston, of Monroe, Green county; Eliza, widow of Samuel Shook, formerly of Iowa; Richard F., our subject; Lewis, a farmer of Pocahontas county, Iowa; Laban, residing in Denver, Colo.; and Samuel, of Hastings, Neb. Nehemiah Ellis, the father of this family, migrated from New York State to Stephenson county, Ill., in 1838, and purchased a farm near Orangeville. In 1847 he removed to Green county, where he bought a farm in Jordan township, which he continued to cultivate until 1875, in that year removing to Buena Vista county, Iowa, where he passed the rest of his life, dying March 15, 1891. Thus, in his time, he was a settler in three States of the Union, and was a typical frontier pioneer.

Richard F. Ellis, whose name opens this sketch, was an infant when his parents went from New York State to Illinois, and about ten years old when they settled in Green county, Wis. Here he received the greater part of his education, and was reared to farming pursuits. In 1864, during the Civil war, he enlisted in Battery D, 1st Wis. Heavy Artillery, in which he served until June, 1865, being stationed at Fort Jackson and Fort Berwick, La. On his return from the front, in 1865, he sold out his first farm, and in 1870 bought his present one of 240 acres, on which he has made his home ever since, engaged in general farming. In politics he is independent, and for over twenty years has served as school director, and has also been treasurer, etc. In religious faith he

and his wife are members of the Church of Christ.

On Aug. 29, 1864, Richard F. Ellis married Miss Emma Bowden, of Monroe, Wis., born Dec. 15, 1844, in Knox county, Ill., and brought to Green county, Wis., when about one year old. Her parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Virtue) Bowden, had a family of eight children, five of whom are yet living: Elizabeth, widow of George Norris, formerly of Chicago, Ill.; Ellen, widow of Ephraim Miller, and now living in Monroe, Wis.; George, in southern Missouri; Emma, wife of Richard F. Ellis; and Richard, a resident of Chicago. To Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ellis have been born seven children, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) William, born Sept. 15, 1866, married Catherine Laubaugh; he is a farmer in Jordan township, Green county. (2) Flora, born May 20, 1869, is the wife of Charles Smith, of Monroe, Wis. (3) Edwin, born March 26, 1872, married Anna Brazel, of Adams township, Green county. (4) Franklin, born Oct. 12, 1874, married Rosa Stauffacher, of Jordan township, Green county. (5) Lee, born Dec. 25, 1876, is on the home farm. (6) Louis B., born Sept. 3, 1882, is at home. (7) Ida May died in infancy.

JAMES F. SCHRODER. This is the name of one of the stirring and capable young men who are pushing to the front in business and agriculture. He lives in the town of Platteville, Grant county, and is both enterprising and successful.

Mr. Schroder was born in Montfort, Iowa county, in November, 1875, and is a son of C. F. and Mary I. (Harms) Schroder. His father was born in Germany in 1840, and his mother was born in Grant county. After their marriage his parents settled at Montfort, Iowa county, and followed farming until 1882 in that locality, when he purchased the Huntington farm, two miles south of Platteville, which farm became his home for the rest of his life. He died March 17, 1894, leaving his wife with three children. The widow did not remain on the farm long after her husband's death, but moved into the city of Platteville, and is still a resident of that place. They were the parents of four children: (1) Anna, born in Iowa county, was educated in the Montfort and Platteville schools, as were the other children; she is now the wife of Jacob S. Brugger, and

resides on a fruit farm one mile east of Platteville. They have four children, Clarence Elmer, Fernie Isabelle, Hazel May and Herbert D. (2) Ellen Jane died when ten months old. (3) James F. (4) George William, born at Montfort, married Miss Anna Scheel, and resides in Plymouth county, Iowa, where he is engaged in farming; they have three children, Mabel Gertrude, Ethel Isabelle and Bessie Helen.

James F. Schroder was educated in the district and normal schools at Platteville. He lived on the farm until the death of his father, when he accompanied his mother into Platteville, the charge of the farm falling very largely into his hands. In May, 1898, Mr. Schroder married Miss Etta Johnston, a daughter of John and Mary Johnston, old and prominent residents of Grant county, but formerly of Germany. She was born in Platteville in June, 1875, and had her education in the local schools. Mr. and Mrs. Schroder lived in Platteville until 1900, when they moved to the old Schroder farm, which is one of the finest rural estates in the town, containing about 400 acres, in a high state of cultivation, and thoroughly kept up. Mr. Schroder is a Democrat. All the family are members of the Reformed Lutheran Church. The father of James F. Schroder was one of the old-time Californians, crossing the plains during the gold excitement there, and returning some years later to Wisconsin, where he invested his money in real estate and became one of the independent farmers of this county, and a man of real worth, with many friends. His widow and children are all prominent members of society, and count their friends among the best people in the community.

**SAMUEL MELANCTHON SMITH,** M. A., is a young attorney of Janesville, Rock county, whose knowledge of law and general business ability have been fittingly recognized by his appointment as attorney and secretary of the Janesville Machine Co. He is rapid and accurate in everything that relates to the interest of the company with which he is associated, and in a general way is regarded as one of the abler and more progressive members of the Rock county Bar.

Mr. Smith was born in Galena, Ill., June 29, 1869, and is a son of Rev. Dr. Ambrose C. and Hannah L. (Slaymaker) Smith, both

native of Pennsylvania. Dr. Smith was pastor of the South Presbyterian Church of Galena for twenty-three years, until 1889, when he was elected president of Parsons College, at Fairfield, Iowa. He held that position until 1896, when, by reason of broken health, he had to give up work. Mr. Smith has two brothers: Henry S., a physician of Negaunee, Mich.; and Edward A., a dentist of Madison, Wisconsin.

Samuel M. Smith was educated in the schools of Galena and under the private instruction of his father. He was a member of the graduating class of 1890 from Beloit College, receiving the degree of B. A., and three years later received the degree of M. A. He made a good record at school, both as a gentleman and as a student, and on his graduation secured a position as teacher in the School for the Blind, at Janesville. This position he held for one year, and was then made bookkeeper for the Merchants & Mechanics Savings Bank in that city. He had read law to a considerable extent while in the bank, and attended the law school at Madison, taking the course to within three months of completion, leaving the law school to accept the position of assistant cashier of the Merchants & Mechanics Savings Bank of Janesville. In the spring of 1894, while still connected with the bank, he was admitted to the Bar, and a year later became the junior member of the law firm of Whitehead, Matheson & Smith, entering upon the practice of his profession under very favorable auspices. In October, 1897, he was selected as attorney for the Janesville Machine Co., and, as noted above, was soon afterward chosen secretary of same.

Mr. Smith and Miss Margaret Sheldon were married Nov. 11, 1896. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of Alfred H. Sheldon, and was born and reared in the city of Janesville. She is a lady of many gifts and graces. Mr. Smith is a Republican, and is a member of the school board from the Third ward. He is a member and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, and at the present time is serving as a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association. He belongs to a college fraternity. Mr. Smith owns his home at No. 305 South Third street.

Since the above sketch was written Mr. Smith, in March, 1900, resigned his position

with the Janesville Machine Co., to accept the position of secretary of the Wisconsin State Tax Commission, at Madison, and in April, 1901, left the latter position to take the secretaryship of the Board of Control, Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, in the head office at Chicago; this position carries with it the management of the insurance branch of the order.

JAMES E. BOWEN is a name prominent in the records of the town of Sylvester, Green county, where he has lived an honorable and upright life for many years.

Mr. Bowen is a son of Davis and Rachel J. (Brown) Bowen, natives of Virginia, the former of whom was born about 1795, and his wife in 1792. They came to Wisconsin in 1838 when it was teeming with Indians and wild beasts, and settled on section 27, town of Sylvester. Here they lived and died, his death occurring in 1867; his widow survived until 1876. They were married about 1820, and were the parents of three children: James E., whose name introduces this article; Robert C., who died in Wisconsin; and Annie M., who married Reuben G. Fleek, of Brodhead, and is now deceased. Davis Bowen was a son of Samuel Bowen, a captain in the militia of the colony of Virginia. He had a reputation as a born Indian fighter, and participated in all the combats with the savages in the Upper Ohio Valley during the Revolution. In history he is recorded as one of the very first settlers to cross the mountains and penetrate into West Virginia. The ancestors of Capt. Bowen were of Welsh nativity.

James Edgar Bowen was born Sept. 25, 1825, in West Virginia, near the mouth of the Cheat river, near the Pennsylvania line. He came to Green county during his thirteenth year, and spent his older boyhood among the scenes and hardships of pioneer life. In 1859 he married Miss Martha Ann Clark, a daughter of Joseph Clark, whose name figures in the pioneer records of this State. Two of their children lived to maturity: Davis, who was born in 1864, and resides in Montana; and Susan, born in 1868, who married James Sherman Shafer, of the town of Sylvester, and is the mother of two children, Vivian Jeanette and Martha Vara. Mr. Shafer and his family live near Desmet, South Dakota.

Mr. Bowen first lived on the farm in Green

county at a time when very little opportunity was given the average youth for schooling. In all he attended school less than a year, and his education, which is by no means meager, has been acquired very largely by home study and contact with the world. He has in years past been an extensive traveler. In 1851, in company with some friends, he drove an ox-team overland to Oregon and California. In 1854 he returned home, by way of Panama and the steamer route to New Orleans, and thence home via the Mississippi river. Mr. Bowen has been in some thirty-five States of the Union, as well as Mexico and South America. He is a man of retentive memory and wide reading, true and honest in his convictions, and frank and outspoken in their expression. Politically he is a stanch Democrat, and his father before him was a strong and earnest supporter of Andrew Jackson. Our subject cast his last vote for William J. Bryan in 1900. He was a States Rights Democrat during the Civil war.

Mr. Bowen comes of a family of pioneer settlers in every generation from his great-grandfather to his own son, who early moved to Montana.

HENRY PITTS, one of the prominent citizens of Mineral Point, Iowa county, and an important factor in the G. A. R. post of that locality, in which he serves as adjutant, is one of the brave veterans of the war of the Rebellion, who is deserving of high honor as a defender of our nation's honor. The day is coming when the badge of the G. A. R. man will not be seen; and then, like children who have lost a dear parent, we will mourn that we did not do sufficient homage to our brave one while he was permitted to be with us.

Henry Pitts was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1847, a son of Philip and Catherine (Soper) Pitts, also natives of Germany, where the father died, but the mother came to America, passing away in Ohio in 1887. One brother, Philip, served in an Indiana regiment during the war, and now resides in Wabash county, Ind. Our subject was reared in Germany, where he received his education in the public schools, and came to America, landing at New York, on May 26, 1861, from whence he went to Wabash county, Indiana.

In 1863 Mr. Pitts enlisted in Company H. 113th Ind. V. I., for three years or until the close of the war, being mustered in at Indian-

apolis and assigned to the Western Army, participating in the battles of Blue Spring, Cedar Mountain, Watkins Ford; then was placed on detached duty near Stevenson, Ala., where he received a wound that forced him to remain in the hospital at Nashville, Tenn., where his hand was amputated. In July, 1865, he was discharged, and returned to Wabash county, Ind. Here he remained until 1873, when he went to Milwaukee, thence in 1892 to Mineral Point. Mr. Pitts is a notary public, has been a justice of the peace, and is a man of whom nothing but good is ever spoken.

In 1875 Mr. Pitts married Barbara Remyzer, born in Milwaukee, a daughter of Frederick and Frances (Alterman) Remyzer, natives of Germany, who, in 1830, came to Buffalo, later moving to Detroit, and in 1838 to Milwaukee. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and died in 1878, in Milwaukee, his wife passing away in 1887. To our subject and wife were born four children: W. C. enlisted in Company E, 1st Wisconsin, for the Spanish-American war, was stationed at Jacksonville, Md., in October, 1898, and in March of the following year he enlisted in Company B, 3d U. S. I., and is now in the Philippines; Albert J., at home; J. C. and Anna G. Mr. Pitts is an active member of Geo. H. Legate Post, G. A. R., in which, as before mentioned, he fills the office of adjutant; is a life-long Republican, and takes a deep interest in politics. Kindly, genial, accommodating, Mr. Pitts has made many friends, and is regarded as one of the best representatives of our veterans in this part of the State.

GEORGE W. BUSSEY, a thrifty and venerable citizen of Green county, Wis., is a retired farmer now spending the closing years of a useful and industrious life in the village of Juda. Mr. Bussey is the son of Hezekiah and Fannie (Cross) Bussey, of Brown county, Ohio, who came to this State in 1846, and made their home here as long as they lived. Hezekiah Bussey was born Aug. 5, 1789, and died Dec. 27, 1871. Fannie Bussey, his widow, was born March 20, 1790, and died Oct. 30, 1879. John Bussey, the grandfather of George W., was a native born Englishman, who came to America before the Revolution, settling in Virginia, where he became the father of four children: John, who was killed in the war of 1812; Hezekiah, named above; Mary married

Amos Black, of Virginia; and Annie, who married Benjamin Ashby, of Kentucky.

Hezekiah Bussey and Fannie Cross, daughter of John Cross, of Ohio, were married July 12, 1810, and to their union came the following children: John R., born March 20, 1811, was a farmer in Oklahoma, and died June 19, 1885. William C., born Aug. 22, 1812, died, unmarried, in California, Dec. 6, 1884; in 1846 he went to California, making the voyage in a sailing vessel around Cape Horn. George W. Elener, born Aug. 8, 1818, married Elizer Tracy, of Green county. Nelson, born July 29, 1822, married Orra Dyer. Mary Ann, born April 30, 1826, married the late William Cöoley, and died in April, 1899.

Mr. Bussey was born Dec. 19, 1816, and was married Aug. 26, 1836, to Miss Emily Gaby, daughter of John Gaby, of Maryland, and became the mother of these children: (1) Phoebe E., born April 9, 1839, married Jeremiah Ostrander, of Green county, and died Aug. 10, 18—. (2) Ada J., born March 13, 1841, married William J. Ostrander, and died Oct. 30, 1879. (3) Mary Ann, born Dec. 19, 1842, married Oct. 25, 1857, Charles Van Buren, a farmer of Green county, now residing with her father in Juda. (4) Fannie H., born April 26, 1844, married John Myers, a farmer of Green county. (5) Mahlon, born Nov. 4, 1845, married Miss Lena Clark. (6) John N. and (7) Orra E., born April 8, 1848, twins; Orra E. is the wife of Nathan Ainsworth, of Green county. (8) Susan C., born May 24, 1850, is Mrs. John Schemmerhorn, of Madison. Mrs. Bussey was born Feb. 7, 1813, and died March 7, 1888.

Mr. Bussey started out in life without a dollar, and with but a meager education. He came with a wife and two children to Wisconsin in the fall of 1842, while it was still a territory. When they crossed the Wisconsin line there was not a dollar in the family treasury. Having learned the shoemaker's trade when a boy in Ohio, he followed it at night, working by the light of a tallow candle. During the day he was a carpenter. For some years he worked in this most industrious fashion, and then bought a mill of his brother, which he operated for seven years. At the end of that time he sold it and turned the proceeds into a small farm, and after a time traded that for a woolen mill. This plant he managed for a number of years, when he ex-

changed it advantageously for a very valuable farm. Here Mr. Bussey farmed for a number of years, and then selling part of the place, bought his present very handsome and convenient home in Juda, where, as already noted, he is living retired. Mr. Bussey owns this quarter-section farm in the town of Spring Grove, and also has a farm of 160 acres in Kansas. Mr. Bussey is not connected with any church. High moral ideals determine his life, and he affirms that honesty and square dealing are the principal parts of religion. As a volunteer in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion he displayed a lofty patriotism, and to that key his life has been attuned. He served as a member of Battery D, 1st Wis. Heavy Artillery, and enlisted in 1862. Mr. Bussey served at Fort Jackson, in Louisiana, and at other places, and received an honorable discharge at the close of the war. From the country he helped to rescue at the cost of impaired health, he is now receiving a pension of \$16 a month. In politics Mr. Bussey is a Republican, and has been justice of the peace, road supervisor, assessor, postmaster at Oakley, and is a capable and efficient official. Belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he has striven to exhibit in his life the principles underlying that noble order. He has been a Mason in good standing for forty years. At the age of eighty-four years, it is given him to look back over a long and useful life which has been lived for the welfare of the world and the happiness of those around him.

JAMES BALLANTINE (deceased) was one of the pioneers of Grant county, and its record would be incomplete without his life history, connected as he was with its growth and development since 1846.

Mr. Ballantine was a native of the State of New York, born in Delaware county Feb. 22, 1822. His father, David Ballantine, was born in the highlands of Scotland, and came to America in his youth. His mother, Ann (Grant) Ballantine, was also of Scotch parentage, but she was born in Albany, N. Y., and in that State, she and her husband passed their married life, both dying in Bovina. David Ballantine was a prominent business man in his town, where for many years he carried on a mercantile enterprise.

James Ballantine was one of ten children, the family comprising seven sons and three

daughters. One son died in infancy, but all the others reached mature years, although now this once numerous family is represented alone by Thomas Ballantine, a farmer near Sedgewick, Kansas. James Ballantine was in his twenty-fourth year when, in 1846, he came to Grant county. Immediately he entered a large amount of land, and engaged extensively in farming and stockraising, becoming one of the most successful agriculturists and stock men in Grant county. In 1863 Mr. Ballantine met with a serious accident that changed to some extent his course in life. By the running away of his team, one of his limbs was so badly injured that amputation was necessary. Following this accident, he disposed of much of his land, and then made his home, until he married, with his brother, David, and together they engaged extensively in the live stock business and became very prosperous.

On Feb. 13, 1867, Mr. Ballantine was married to Miss Abbie A. Pennock, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Ann (Dubell) Pennock. Mrs. Ballantine was born in Albany, Ohio, and came to Grant county, Wis., with her parents in her tenth year. The family first settled at Millville, where Mr. Pennock worked in a cabinet and furniture shop, having the trade and skill of a mechanic, but his death occurred three years after his arrival, and he left his wife with seven children, the oldest of them but fourteen years old and the youngest but three months. The mother of Mrs. Ballantine, although left in limited circumstances, reared her family carefully and faithfully to be worthy citizens, and all of them lived to maturity. In her declining years she resided with her devoted daughter, Mrs. Ballantine, and there died on April 29, 1899, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ballantine settled in the village of Bloomington, and here Mr. Ballantine continued in the stock business, and also loaned money. His death occurred on July 18, 1895, in his seventy-third year, his widow and five children surviving to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and kind father. Four of the children are now living: Duncan Grant, who continues his father's business; Grace May; David Walter; and Edith Virtue. Two children have passed away.—Anna Mabel, at the age of twenty-six, and John Robert, at the age of three years. Mr. Ballantine was a most successful business man and useful citi-

zen, and was ever held in high esteem. In his political views he was a Republican for many years, but in his later life he was a Prohibitionist. Mrs. Ballantine has one of the most beautiful homes in Grant county. The stately brick residence is a monument to the taste and liberality of her husband, by whom it was erected for the pleasure and comfort of his family. Mrs. Ballantine is a lady of culture, prominent in religious and philanthropic work, and is superintendent of the evangelistic work of the Bloomington branch of the W. C. T. U.

O. P. DAVID, retired farmer, Montfort, Grant county, Wisconsin.

OTIS F. WELLS, one of the prosperous farmers of Jordan township, Green county, has resided in that township since 1850, and is justly classed among the pioneers whose industry and perseverance have made the locality what it is to-day.

Mr. Wells is of Irish origin several generations back, his ancestors having lived in the Eastern States for many years. His grandfather was lost while serving his country in the war of 1812. In his family were children as follows: Philip, Warner, Caleb, Nelson, Eliza and Liful, all now deceased. Of these, Philip Wells, father of our subject, was born in New York State, and in about 1818 married Nancy Tanner, who was also a native of New York, and of Irish descent. Ten children blessed this union, viz.: Lorinda; Addison; Melissa, who married Simon Ewing, of California; Maria, who died in California; Otis F., our subject; George, who married Susan Sanborn, and now lives in Iowa; Jane married James Blunt, who lives in Monroe; Thomas, who married Susan Starr, and lives in Iowa; John, who married Minerva Clark, of Jordan, Green county; and William, who married Cordelia Morton, of Cadez township, Green county. Mr. and Mrs. Wells migrated to Wisconsin in an early day, and later lived in Stephenson county, Illinois.

Otis F. Wells was born Feb. 19, 1831, in Geauga county, Ohio, where he passed the first few years of his life. In 1837 he moved with the family to Stephenson county, Ill., and was reared on the frontier, with little or no opportunities for education, his days being occupied with hard work from early boyhood. As above stated, he came to Green county in

1850, and for a number of years he was engaged in freighting, with oxen and horses, hauling goods from Milwaukee and Chicago to Stephenson county, and in the lumber districts in the northern part of the State, often making trips of two or three hundred miles. Mr. Wells was without means when he commenced life for himself, and at the time of his marriage his belongings consisted of a few shillings and an old rifle, which he traded for three hogs. However, he has been hard-working and judicious in his management of affairs, and he now owns a fine farm of 200 acres in Jordan township, well improved, besides three nice dwellings in Monroe, all acquired by his own well-directed efforts and economy. Mr. Wells attributes his success to his temperate habits. He is highly respected in his neighborhood, and his fellow citizens have shown their confidence in his honesty and ability by electing him to various township offices, such as treasurer, etc. He is a staunch Republican in political faith.

On Sept. 16, 1850, Mr. Wells married Miss Harriet Sharrard, of Jefferson township, Green county, who was born in 1832 near Camillus, N. Y., and in 1843 came with her parents, E. H. and Eliza Sharrard, to Green county, the family settling in Sylvester township, and later in the town of Jefferson. Her father was born in Canada, her mother in Connecticut. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sharrard only one son and one daughter reached maturity. Mrs. Wells' brother, James Sharrard, is a resident of Atchison, Kans. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wells: Ella, born in 1854, is the widow of John Trickel, of Monroe, Wis. James F., born Jan. 17, 1858, married Julia Taylor, of Jordan township; he is engaged in farming. Lillis, born June 20, 1868, is the wife of Edward Conery, of Monroe. Clarence, born April 28, 1873, married Miss Minnie Baughman, and resides on his father's farm in Jordan township. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have occupied this place for over fifty years. Our subject has never connected himself with any particular church, but he is a firm believer in Christianity.

WILLIAM BINGER (deceased) was engaged in farming at the time of his death, and was rapidly coming to the front in his calling. A bright young man, with more than ordinary endowments and high moral aims, he was rec-

ognized as one of the most promising members of the community in which he lived.

Mr. Binger was born Aug. 21, 1863, and died July 21, 1899. Jeremiah and Sarah (McCauley) Binger, his parents, were old settlers in Cadiz, Green county, Wis., and his father is still residing in that town. A sketch of his grandfather, William Binger, may be seen elsewhere. On Sept. 19, 1885, Mr. Binger married Eva Benage, who was born Oct. 20, 1864, a daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Wise) Benage, both members of prominent families. This union was blessed with two children: Roy, born July 8, 1887, died Nov. 22, 1892; and Rossie, born Nov. 27, 1893.

Abraham Benage was born Nov. 6, 1838, in Union county, Penn., son of Samuel and Eva (Dersham) Benage, also natives of that State, the former a veteran of the war of 1812. In 1841 the family removed to Ashland county, Ohio, where Abraham married Barbara Wise, a native of that county, born May 29, 1841. Samuel Benage came to Wisconsin in 1865, and died near Twin Grove, Green county, when over eighty-five years of age; his wife reached the age of seventy-two. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Benage came to Wisconsin in 1869, and he now owns a well improved farm in the town of Jefferson; he gives some attention to fruit culture. He and his wife were the parents of four children: (1) Elmira married Douglas Bradley, of Stephenson county, Ill. (2) Agnes married Eugene Hall, a farmer in the town of Spring Grove. (3) Eva is the widow of William Binger, as noted above. (4) Lillie, the youngest, married Archie Ostrander, of the town of Jefferson. Mrs. Barbara Benage died Feb. 7, 1899. She had always been connected with the Lutheran Church, with which Mr. Benage united Nov. 14, 1858.

William Binger was a Republican, and a hard working citizen. When he married he did not have a dollar; but by industry, economy and wise management he made a good living for his family. Mr. Binger was reared on the farm, and received his education in the public schools. An honest and true-hearted man, he was liked by all who knew him, and his taking away, in the very prime of life, was greatly deplored by a wide circle of friends and relatives. Mrs. Binger has rented her farm, and is devoting herself to the education of her only son. She is a good and kind-hearted woman, highly respected by all who know her.

JOHN C. BELLMYER (deceased) was a native of Germany, came to this country when a young man, and applied himself to his trade of blacksmithing. He worked hard, denied himself many of the pleasures and recreations which young men were wont to regard as necessary in his time, and became forehanded and prosperous. All his life he sustained a high reputation for honesty and veracity, and now that he has passed on to the better world those who knew him long and well bear willing testimony to his native manliness and genuine worth.

Mr. Bellmyer was born in Germany in 1814, and after coming to this country worked at the blacksmith's trade in the coal mines of Pennsylvania. In 1853 he entered Wisconsin, and not long afterward married Miss Minna Kuehn, of Platteville. Her parents, Casper and Minna Kuehn, lived and died in Germany, where Mrs. Bellmyer was born in May, 1828. She grew to womanhood in her native country, and when she reached the age of twenty-five came to Wisconsin, living in Kendalltown, where her brother, Frederick Kuehn, had purchased a farm. Mr. Bellmyer bought a farm near Platteville, and made extensive improvements. He owned 200 acres, which he developed into a fine rural estate, on which he made his home until his death, in 1873. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and lived the life of a good man. He was always a Whig, and after the organization of the Republican party acted therewith.

Mr. Bellmyer was twice married, and by his first marriage had two children, Lizzie and Dennis, the latter a farmer in the town of Platteville. Of the children born to his second union, Fred, the eldest, is mentioned below. Albert, after reaching manhood went to Arizona, and resided there until after his death, being killed by the Indians in 1893. Carrie, widow of John Harms, lives in Platteville, and has three children, Dennis, Fred and Nellie. Minnie, now Mrs. John Boldt, of Platteville, is the mother of five children, Frank, Charles, Jesse, Edwin and Benjamin. Charles married Lillie Bailey, of the town of Platteville, and is now living in Elk Grove; they have four children, John, Adelbert, Lenys and Estella. Mary is now the wife of Frank Habel, of Platteville; they have three children, Shirley, Delmer and Lester. Henry married Louisa

Mehren, and lives at Platteville, where he has a fine farm; they have three children, Edwin, Pearl and Emerson. Dennis has a family of six children, Gertrude, George, Nellie, Frank, Albert and Sarah. All the family were born in Platteville.

Mrs. Bellmyer is a member of the Lutheran Church, where she and her husband worshiped since the building of the new church, Mr. Bellmyer being one of the original supporters of the denomination here. He was an old pioneer, and a highly-respected citizen of the county. The family are all well-to-do, and hold an enviable place in the community.

FRED BELLMYER was born Dec. 16, 1857, on the farm where he lives, and of which he is now manager and part owner, owning 227 acres of valuable land. He was educated in the public schools. Mr. Bellmyer is largely engaged in farming and stock raising—Short-horn cattle and Poland-China hogs—and ships to the Chicago markets about three carloads of hogs and one carload of cattle annually, usually going to the market himself and taking charge of the sales. He raises large quantities of corn and hay, all of which is fed out on the farm, thus keeping the soil at its best continually. Politically Mr. Bellmyer is a Republican, and is treasurer of the school board of his district; he attends the Lutheran Church. He is unmarried.

WILLIAM POSTEN, of Millville township, Grant county, Wis., has an excellent record as a soldier in the war for the Union, taking part in many of the most famous engagements in which the Army of the Potomac participated. He enlisted Oct. 13, 1861, in Company D, 51st Penn. V. I., and was in active service until mustered out on July 27, 1865. His service included the disastrous battle of Fredericksburg, and the operations of the 9th Corps under Burnside in the Shenandoah Valley. He fought with his regiment in the Wilderness, at Spottsylvania, and Cold Harbor, and during the siege of Petersburg his command formed a part of the troops who charged the Confederate works, following the famous mine explosion. As is well known their efforts proved disastrous to the Union army, owing to the lack of support to the attacking force. Mr. Posten took part in the charge on the Confederate works in front of Petersburg, on April 2, 1865, which resulted

in the capture of the outer works, and the rapid flight of Lee's army and Jefferson Davis from Petersburg and Richmond, and with his regiment followed Lee to the end at Appomattox.

Mr. Posten was born in Pennsylvania, Nov. 9, 1844, a son of Elihu and Elizabeth (Arlingburg) Posten, also natives of the Keystone State, where the father's death occurred. Subsequently the mother came to Wisconsin and died in Crawford county. This worthy couple were the parents of twelve children, but only three are living at this writing in 1901, while William was the only one in the army during the Civil war.

When hostilities ceased, Mr. Posten returned to Pennsylvania, and in the spring of 1866 came to Wisconsin, but a year later returned to his native State, where he continued to make his home two years. Since then he has resided uninterruptedly in Grant county, Wis. He was married, Feb. 22, 1873, to Miss Nettie Foster, who was born in Millville township, in 1853, a daughter of Simon R. Foster, and they have become the parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters. Fraternally Mr. Posten is an honored member of the G. A. R. Post No. 134, and is one of the highly esteemed citizens of his community.

REV. J. P. CROKE has been the esteemed and honored pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, at Gratiot, Lafayette county, since 1888. The church edifice at this place is the result of the consecrated labors of the Rev. John T. Kinsella, who was then the resident pastor at Shullsburg, a brother of the Rev. James F. Kinsella, and who died at Franklin, Milwaukee Co., Wis., March 4, 1879.

The first resident pastor in Gratiot was the Rev. W. Bernard, who came in 1873, and remained about three years. He was succeeded by the Rev. J. Tiernan, who was pastor from 1876 to 1880. The Rev. R. S. Tucker, his successor, died here in May, 1886. Rev. R. T. Smith followed him, and had charge of the church until 1888, when he became a professor in St. Francis' Seminary, and the present incumbent was appointed to the pastorate.

St. Joseph's Church is one of the strongest in southwestern Wisconsin, as its parish includes over one hundred families strongly devoted to the church and its admirable pastor.



Father Croke also attends a mission church at South Wayne that numbers about twenty earnest and devoted families.

Father Croke is a native of Wisconsin, born in 1858, a son of Daniel Croke, who settled in Milwaukee about 1849, making that city the home of himself and his wife as long as they both lived. Of their three children, one son is deceased, and the only daughter, Mary C., makes her home with our subject. Father Croke was educated in the Milwaukee schools and at St. Francis Seminary, which institution he entered in 1880. He was raised to the priesthood June 24, 1887, his only other work before his advent in Gratiot having been at Shullsburg, where he ministered to the congregation while the regular pastor visited his native country, Ireland.

CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON belongs to the great army of hardy men and industrious toilers, the contribution of Norway to the making of Wisconsin, and his earnest nature, patient and persistent labor, unswerving honesty and genuine manhood indicate the best strain of the old Norse blood. Mr. Anderson has long resided in the town of York, Green county, but was born in Norway, near Christiania, Nov. 10, 1844. His home is on section 9, in the town of York, about five miles east of York, where he has made a creditable place for himself in the public esteem, both as a man and a farmer.

Anders Christopherson and his wife, Bertha, the parents of Christopher Anderson, came from Norway to America in 1851, settling first in Dane county, Wis., and then buying a farm in the town of York three years later. They were the parents of four children: (1) L. M., who married Rhoda Halverson, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting in the 46th Wis. V. I. early in 1865. He was a farmer, and for some twenty years was a teacher in the Dane county schools, making a fine reputation for himself as an enlightened and intelligent citizen. His death occurred in 1898. (2) Christopher. (3) John C. is unmarried, and lives in Minnesota. (4) Caroline Maria is the wife of Hans Carlson, of Lafayette county, Wisconsin.

Anders Christopherson was born in 1808, and died in 1883. His wife was born in 1822, and died in 1871. Both were buried in the old

Norwegian cemetery in the town of York, and are remembered as honorable and upright people, with kindly hearts and neighborly spirit.

Christopher Anderson was married to Miss Mary Lee, a daughter of Ole H. Lee, Nov. 22, 1871. Mrs. Anderson was born July 28, 1853, and has become the mother of the following children: (1) Andrew B., born Sept. 10, 1872, remains on the home place; (2) Annie B., born Dec. 6, 1874, died unmarried; (3) Martha O., born Oct. 29, 1877, is the wife of Anton Lien, a thrifty young farmer of the town of York; (4) Clara Josephine, born Jan. 20, 1882, is at home unmarried; she is a bright young woman, and an accomplished musician, having graduated from the Dixon (Ill.) College of Music, and is a teacher with bright prospects; (5) Lina S., born March 3, 1888, is the youngest of the family.

Mr. Anderson had his education in the public schools, and early determined to be a farmer. At the present time he owns a fine place of some 180 acres, with a good dwelling house and ample farm buildings. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, of York, with the organization of which he was closely associated. In town affairs he has always been greatly interested, taking an active part in everything that looked to the public good. On the town board his services were valuable, and for thirteen years he has been a school director. All his life Mr. Anderson has been a hard working and painstaking man, and is engaged in general farming and dairying, milking about twenty cows, proving by his useful life and successful management the truth of the statement already made that he is one of the most estimable and leading citizens of the town.

Of the people who were living in York at the time of the coming of Mr. Anderson in 1854, there are very few now to be found here. In the intervening years a wilderness has been converted into a populous and highly cultivated section, and in this transformation the Andersons have played an important part.

MARTIN LARSON, one of the respected farmer citizens of Moscow township, Iowa county, where he has passed the greater part of his life, was born in Norway April 19, 1844, a son of Lars and Bertha Christopherson, and

was about nine years of age when his parents brought their family to America. Their first location was in the town of Argyle, Lafayette Co., Wis., whence they removed to Iowa county, settling on the farm now owned and cultivated by our subject. This was the family homestead for a number of years, the parents finally removing to Dakota, where they ended their days, the father dying in September, 1884, and the mother surviving until April, 1893. Twelve children were born to them, six of whom died in childhood, the others all attaining maturity. One son, Christopher, enlisted in August, 1863, in the 33d Wis. V. I., and died Nov. 9, 1864, while in the service. Among our subject's most valued possessions is a bundle of letters written him by this brother while away in the army, recording his experiences, pleasant and unpleasant, the hardships, privations and sufferings he endured in the service, and other matters now especially interesting.

Martin Larson grew up on the paternal farm, receiving such education as the local public schools afforded. On Feb. 14, 1865, he enlisted in Company C, 50th Wis. V. I., which was commanded by Col. John G. Clark, of Lancaster, and served with the command until he received an honorable discharge. The 50th rendezvoused at Madison, Wis., and went thence to St. Louis, Mo., after some experiences along the Mississippi river receiving orders to proceed to Jefferson City, Mo. They were next stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., whence they were ordered to Lawrence, that State, a place made famous earlier in the war by the brutal massacre of its inhabitants by the noted guerrilla, Quantrell, and his forces. From Lawrence they went to Fort Rice, Dak., to keep the Indians in check and use force to subdue them, if necessary, and they left that place for home May 21, 1866, after fifteen months of continuous service. They were discharged at Madison June 18, following, our subject returning to his home in the town of Moscow. He has since carried on agricultural pursuits, and his life has been a successful one from something more than a financial standpoint, for, while gaining a competency for his declining days, he has, by his industry and honorable methods, won the high esteem and good-will of all who know him. His health has not been particularly robust since the war, but he has by good management accomplished

as much as many who have had no such drawback.

In May, 1867, Mr. Larson was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Larson, and their family consists of eight children, three sons and five daughters: Emma, born June 8, 1870, married Chris. Sorum, a farmer at Yellowstone, Wis.; Sam, born April 30, 1872, married Emma Hanson, and is engaged in farming at Hollandale, Iowa Co., Wis.; Belle, born Aug. 8, 1874, married Joseph Watrud, a merchant of Blanchardville, Wis.; Laura, born Dec. 6, 1876, married David Peterson, a farmer at Perry, Dane Co., Wis.; Charles M., born Oct. 30, 1879, is a photographer at Hollandale; Mary, born March 8, 1882, married Peter Jackson, a farmer at Hollandale; John, born June 18, 1884, is at home; and Clara, born Aug. 21, 1890, is also at home. The entire family are members of the Lutheran Church. Socially Mr. Larson is an honored member of G. A. R. Post No. 224, at Blanchardville. He has a highly prized memento of his service, a Bible given him by Rev. Edward Morris, chaplain of the regiment, and bearing the date of presentation—May 21, 1866, the day the command left Fort Rice.

JOHN A. MEACHAM, a prominent retired farmer residing on his fine farm two and one-half miles south of Browntown, Green county, on the Browntown and Martintown public road, is a representative of an old New England family of Scottish descent, the first of the family having emigrated from Scotland to New England over two hundred years ago.

Lyman Meacham, grandfather of John A. was a native of New York State, and was killed by falling down the hatchway of a steamboat, on Lake Erie. He married a Miss Goodspeed, also a native of York State, and became the father of thirteen children.

Hosea Meacham, son of Lyman, was born Jan. 9, 1809, and died in Cadiz township, Green county, Wis., April 11, 1890, an honored and esteemed citizen of the community. His wife, Marv (Nichols), whom he wedded about 1829, was born in 1811, and died in 1886. For over fifty years they were constant followers of the teachings of the Methodist Church, and for over half a century of married life dwelt happily together, beloved by their friends and their family of eight children, the latter being as follows: Lyman R.,

a retired farmer of Clark county, Wis.; Cordelia, wife of Reuben Burrington, of Browntown; William R., who died at Fort Jackson, while serving in the Civil war in Battery D, 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery; Fannie B., wife of Jacob Deitz, of Monroe, Wis.; Horace, of Clark county, Wis.; Walter W., a farmer and teacher of Rock county; John A., subject of this sketch; and Helen, who died in infancy.

John A. Meacham was born in Crawford county, Penn., May 20, 1841, and was reared to manhood in New York State, his parents having returned to their native State soon after his birth. In 1857 he came to Wisconsin and for fourteen terms was engaged in teaching—ten in his home district. Farming has always been looked upon as his occupation, and he has won for himself from the native forest a fine farm of 200 acres that will bear comparison with any other in the township. It is well fitted with all modern improvements, good buildings, etc., all the result of his own taste and labor. During the Civil war he was a volunteer in Company M, 4th Wis. Vol. Cav., enlisting in February, 1864, and serving in the Army of the Gulf until the close of hostilities.

On Aug. 1, 1867, Mr. Meacham was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Robb, who was born Feb. 25, 1843, in Ohio, a daughter of Andrew and Helen (Richel) Robb, and five children have been born of this union, namely: Frank A., born Feb. 27, 1869, died in infancy; Ed. L., born July 22, 1870, is at home; Nellie E., born Jan. 2, 1874, married Jacob Huffman, and died in 1899, leaving an infant son; John Arthur, born Nov. 4, 1876, married Mabel Ullom, of Cadiz township; and Mary Alta, born Nov. 25, 1880, is the wife of Andrew Meythaler, Jr. Mrs. Meacham was brought by her parents to Wisconsin about 1851. In politics Mr. Meacham is a staunch Republican, and he has held a number of town offices, among them those of chairman of the township board, for four years; town clerk, for twenty years; treasurer; and school director for many terms. Socially he has been a member of the I. O. O. F., at Browntown, Lodge No. 275, for many years, and is also identified with Smith Lodge, No. 31, F. & A. M., of Monroe, Wisconsin.

JOSEPH RICHARDSON (deceased), late a farmer of Benton township, Lafayette county, with a period of residence dating back

to pioneer days, was a native of County Durham, England, where he grew to manhood and married. In 1841 he bade farewell to familiar scenes at home, and, boarding a sailing vessel, started out in quest of home and fortune in the New World. He crossed the Atlantic, landing at New Orleans, and then by way of the Mississippi river reached Dubuque, Iowa, thence to New Diggings township, Lafayette Co., Wis., where he engaged in mining for a short time. After a while he purchased a tract of government land on the line between New Diggings and Benton townships, and passed the rest of his life clearing and improving this farm. He erected good buildings and made of it one of the desirable homes along the river. His death occurred in 1872, and was greatly mourned not only in his family but by the entire community. He was a man of sterling integrity and honorable dealings, of great wisdom in counsel, and of great and unswerving fidelity to duty. In politics he always voted the Republican ticket.

His wife, whom he married in England, was, in her maidenhood, Miss Elizabeth Watters, and she was born in Yorkshire, England, the daughter of William Watters, who died in England. Her mother came to Wisconsin and made her home with her daughter until her death some years ago. A large family of children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson: (1) John, born before the removal of the family to the New World, now resides in Nebraska. (2) Mathew, also born in England, married Mary A. Craig, and now lives in Greene county, Iowa. (3) Ann, born in New Diggings, married John Coates, of Lafayette county, and lived in Benton until her death. She left one daughter, Emma, now Mrs. Leonard Penniston. (4) Mark is married and lives in New Diggings. (5) Luke married Mary Lethlane, of Jo Daviess county, Ill., and now lives in Nebraska. He has a family of four children, Ben, Joseph, Angeline and Meda. (6) Joseph is married and lives on his farm near Galena, Ill. He has four children, Nora, Hattie, Annie and Ida M. (7) Sarah is now the wife of Thomas Coulthard, and resided at White Oak Springs until his death. She has eight children, Cora (now Mrs. John Seater, of White Oak Springs), Annie, Barbara, Jennie, Rev. Wesley, Webster, Besie and Mabel. (8) Elizabeth married Henry Hall, of Lafayette county, and has six chil-

dren, Joseph, Henry, Everett, Vinnie, Roy and Robert. (9) Barbara wedded Sidney Sedgwick, of Galena, Ill., and has seven children, Benjamin, Flora, George, Barbara, Reuben, Percy and Russell. (10) George died in early manhood. (11) William married Miss Lizzie Curwin, of Benton, and moved to Dakota, where she died, leaving three children, Annie, Maud and Joseph. (12) Thomas married Miss Louisa Hawkins, of Benton, in which town they reside on his farm. They have seven children, Thomas, Benjamin, Joseph, Willard, Lewis, Edmund and Reuben. (13) Grace L. was educated in the home district schools and later in the Darlington high school. She now has charge of the home and is giving her mother the tender care her advancing years require, and is greatly beloved in the community. (14) Benjamin was educated in the high school at Darlington, and is now manager of the old homestead.

In their religious belief the family have been raised in the faith of the Church of England, and have led Christian lives, liberally supporting church work. Mrs. Richardson has ever been one of the highly esteemed ladies of the community, and many are the tales told of her kindness in times of illness, and of her ready sympathy toward the afflicted and distressed.

**ADOLPH PRUSSING.** This gentleman, who spent his early manhood in active business, mainly in agricultural pursuits, is now living a retired life in Platteville. A man of great energy and more than ordinary business capacity, his success in life is largely due to his own efforts, and to the sound judgment which has enabled him to make wise investments and take good advantage of his resources.

Mr. Prussing was born in Holstein, Germany, Feb. 28, 1845, and there spent the first fourteen years of his life. In 1859 he came to the United States with his parents, J. and Catherine (Nipp) Prussing, also natives of Holstein. They took passage on a steamer at Hamburg, and after a voyage of twenty-one days landed in New York, whence they proceeded at once to Galena, Ill., and from there to Grant county, Wis. In his native land the father had followed blacksmithing and farming, and purchasing a farm in Platteville township he devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. He died in Lafayette

county in 1875, and his wife passed away at the same place in 1893. Both were earnest members of the Lutheran Church. Of their three children Adolph is the oldest; William, a farmer by occupation, died in Platteville township, in 1889, leaving a widow who now resides on Water street in Platteville; Lena is the wife of T. W. Schroeder, of Elk Grove, Lafayette Co., Wisconsin.

Adolph Prussing was educated principally in the schools of his native land, but also attended school in Platteville for a time. Throughout his active business life he followed the occupation of farming with marked success, and in 1868 purchased an improved farm of eighty acres in Elk Grove township, Lafayette county, to which he added from time to time until he now owns 320 acres of valuable and productive land, which he has placed under excellent cultivation. He also has 160 acres in Belmont township. In connection with general farming he also followed stock raising, and in that branch of his business also prospered. In 1894 he moved to Platteville, and has since lived a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

In Lafayette county Mr. Prussing was married, in 1866, to Miss Lena Kay, also a native of Holstein, Germany, and a daughter of Klaus and Lucy (Nipp) Kay, who came from that country to America in 1857 and located in Lafayette county, Wis., where the father died March 11, 1897, the mother December 13, 1866. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Prussing are Lutherans, and in politics he is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, who takes an active interest in public affairs, having efficiently served as a member of the town board while a resident of Elk Grove township. He has become one of the leading citizens of Platteville, and is widely and favorably known throughout this section of the State.

**REV. J. A. E. NAESS,** Evangelical Lutheran minister, Boscobel, Grant county, Wisconsin.

**GUSTAV OLSON** was born near the city of Christiania, Norway, March 13, 1853, a son of Ole Olson, who came to America in 1872. He has risen to prominence in the agricultural circles of the town of York, Green county, where he owns a fine farm, and is very pros-

perous. His home is three miles east of Blanchardville, and twenty miles northwest of Monroe, on section 29. Recently he has purchased a tract of bottom land, consisting of twenty-two acres, paying for it \$75 an acre, and has refused \$50 an acre for his entire farm. Mr. Olson arrived in Green county in 1870, working for wages for two years, and then went to Clear Lake, Iowa, but on account of the hard times returned to Wisconsin and bought a small place of forty acres, but soon sold this, and for two years rented a farm in the town of Moscow, Iowa county. He then bought a place of 100 acres; this again was sold, and the proceeds invested in his present home.

On Sept. 11, 1876, Mr. Olson was married to Miss Bertha Anderson, who was born in Norway April 8, 1855, a daughter of Christian Anderson, a noted clockmaker of Norway, who made the clock in the Main street tower in Christiania, and she accompanied her parents on their removal to Green county in 1869. To this marriage have come the following children: (1) Clara H., born Nov. 19, 1877, is the wife of Lewis Wahl, of the town of York; (2) Oscar, born July 4, 1880, married Lena Peterson, of York; (3) Alfred, born June 16, 1882, is at home; (4) Ida Helena, born Jan. 5, 1885, is the wife of Carl Skindingsrud (both born twins), of the town of York; (5) Ella O., born Jan. 29, 1886; (6) Clarence, born May 23, 1888; (7) Bennie, born March 15, 1890; (8) Nellie, born April 22, 1893; (9) Mary, born Sept. 18, 1896; (10) Lydia, born Aug. 26, 1899. Two children not mentioned above died in infancy. The children are bright and intelligent, most of them natural musicians. Mr. Olson has two sisters now living: Johannah (the wife of Gilbert Paulson), and Caroline (the wife of Christian Anderson), both living in South Dakota. Mrs. Olson has a brother and two sisters: Alfred (who lives near Blanchardville), Helena (the wife of Ole Thompson), and Andrenna (the wife of Knudt Pederson).

Mr. Olson came to this country a very poor boy, but his success in this country illustrates the possibilities of life in this country to the children of hopeless old world conditions. The farm which he owns and cultivates is one of the best in this part of the State. On it is a handsome three-story dwelling house and two barns, and it is supplied with every convenience for profitable and progressive agriculture. It

has one orchard containing 200 apple trees. Mr. Olson has always done his own work, even to shoeing his horses, and Mrs. Olson has proven herself a most valuable helpmeet in the accumulation of this world's goods, as she has done all her family sewing, made all her own carpets, and, with the exception of nine weeks during illness, has never been obliged to hire assistance. Their competence is the result of their united effort, and is a source of just pride to them. At the present time Mr. Olson devotes his attention not only to general farming and stock raising but to dairying on an extensive scale, being a partner in a cheese factory located on his farm, for which he furnishes daily the milk of forty-five cows.

In his politics our subject is a stanch Republican, and both he and his family belong to the Lutheran Church.

MRS. LEVINIA GLASSON, the estimable and popular proprietor of the "Hotel Glasson," an hostelry known throughout the southern part of Wisconsin as being one of the best and most attractive of the excellent houses of entertainment to be found at Belmont, Lafayette county, was born in Cornwall, England, in September, 1852.

Rev. William and Mary A. Harris, her parents, were both born and reared in her native country, and came to this country the year of her birth, locating near Mineral Point, Wis., where they lived two years. In 1854 Mr. Harris was called to a church in Iowa county, Wis., where he was in the active pastorate twenty-seven years, dying while still "in the harness." in 1881. His devoted wife survived until 1892, and reached the age of seventy-seven. Mr. Harris was well educated in his native country, and commanded the personal esteem and affection of the large congregation to which he ministered for that long period. His family consisted of eight children: Mary, the eldest, born in England, is now the wife of William Tremain, of Cobb, Wis., and has four children, John, William, Francis and Charles. Mariah, born in England, is the wife of Johnston Rule, of Linden, Iowa Co., Wis., and has four children, Emilv, Thomas, Clara and Rilla. Thomas, born in England, married Caroline Rule, and now resides in Mason City, Iowa; he is the father of five children, Minnie, Thomas, Millie, Clara and Caroline. Betsey, born in England, married George

Stephens, and resides at Cleghorn, Iowa; they have four children, Grant, Elmer, Willie and Frederick. Jane, born in England, married James Larch, and lives in Dane county, Wis.; they have one, son, Frank. Levinia is the sixth in the family. Ellen, born at Mineral Point, Wis., resides with her sister, Mary, at Cobb, Wis. Henry, born in Grant county, married Miss Mary K. Williams, of Montfort, and is now a farmer in Iowa county; they have three children, Lela, Irvin and Ray.

Mrs. Glasson received her education mainly in the public schools in Iowa county, and remained under her parents' care until her marriage with John Glasson, in 1866. His parents, John and Mary Glasson, came from England and settled in Iowa county, Wis., at an early day. Mr. Glasson was a loyal soldier of the Union during the Civil war, serving as a member of the 11th Wis. V. I., and making a good record. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Glasson settled in Iowa county, where he engaged as a barber, following that vocation until 1872, in which year they moved to Belmont. Mr. Glasson died in 1878. Their only son, Linus, born in 1872, is now an active and energetic young business man, and is employed at the hotel, with his mother. He received a fair education, but on account of ill health was compelled to leave school early. Mrs. Glasson lost her house in 1883 by fire, a dire disaster, which left her without means and without a home. By perseverance, however, she has rebuilt, and is now on the high road to a competence. She has connected with her restaurant a good stock of confections and groceries, and some time ago she opened her home as a boarding house and hotel. From the start this proved a most successful move, and our subject has a good patronage, and is doing well. She is a woman of energy, a good business woman, and has those qualities that command success. Mrs. Glasson belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and is respected for her many virtues, being a good friend and kindly neighbor.

JAMES F. CARNES (deceased), in his day one of the most esteemed residents of Grant county, was born in Ohio, in November, 1811, and was a son of Abram and Catherine Carnes, both of whom were born in Ireland, and came to this country at a very early day. They moved late to Illinois, where their last days were passed.

In 1849 Mr. Carnes came to the State of Wisconsin, with the intention of mining, located first at Jamestown, and later at the Fairplay mines, remaining there a number of years. While a resident of this place he married, in 1851, Miss Ann Litton, daughter of Smith and Sarah (Gilland) Litton, of Jacksonville, Ill., where they were very prominent residents. For some time Mr. Litton was mayor of Jacksonville, and he was a man widely known and well remembered. His birth took place in Tennessee, in 1810, and he died in 1848. Mrs. Litton was born in Kentucky in 1811, and passed away in 1884. They reared four sons: Burton died in Illinois; James resided in Minneapolis, where he died some years ago; Albert resides in Georgetown, Grant Co., Wis., with his sister (in 1861 he became a volunteer in the 61st Ill. V. I., and served faithfully until the close of the war, losing his health in the service of his country); Charles is a resident of Wood county, Kans., where he lives with his family. Mrs. Carnes was the only daughter.

Mrs. Ann (Litton) Carnes was born at Jacksonville, Ill., Aug. 12, 1833, and received a superior education in the excellent schools of Jacksonville, becoming a teacher in the public schools for a short time. Her marriage with Mr. Carnes took place in Wisconsin, but they returned to Jacksonville, where they lived during the years of the Civil war. Returning to Fairplay, Wis., Mr. Carnes followed his occupation of lead and zinc mining. In 1872 he purchased a farm in Smelser township, removed his family to it, and there his death took place in May, 1884. While a resident on the farm he made many general improvements, erected new barns, fences, etc., and rendered the place most comfortable and attractive. Mr. Carnes was well known in this section as an honest and upright man, who could count every neighbor a friend. His family of wife and children still survive him: (1) Burton was born in 1856, grew to manhood, engaged in agricultural pursuits, married Samantha Vannetta, and still resides on his farm, with four children, Lester, Roy, Harry and Lennis. (2) Edward, born in Wisconsin in 1858, married Glenn Vannetta, resides on his farm in Smelser, and has two children, Gladys and the baby. (3) Ella, born in Illinois, in 1860, married Rudolph Luce, who was principal of the Belmont schools at the time of her death, in 1892.

She left five children, Elsie, B. W., Frankie, Roscoe and James, these children all making their home with their grandmother, except Roscoe, who resides with his uncle Edward. (4) Lizzie, born in Wisconsin in 1863, is a graduate of the normal school at Platteville, and for eight years was a successful teacher in Grant county, four terms being in Big Patch. She is now the wife of George Reige, of Big Patch, and has three children, Maud, Guy and Mildred. (5) Frank, born in 1868, was well educated in the Platteville Normal School, and for some time was manager of the home farm and was also a teacher in the district school, teaching some five years in Smelser and Georgetown. Grant county numbers no brighter young man among her many youths. In various ways he comes to the front when some one of brains is needed. His services were required for census enumerator, in 1900, and the duties were performed with accuracy and energy. With his mother he retains the home farm in Smelser township, but with her resides in Georgetown. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Georgetown lodge, and also of the Modern Woodmen. (6) Bertha, born in December, 1875, was a student at the Platteville Normal School, where she was fitted for the position she now holds as teacher in the graded schools of Belmont, Lafayette county; for several years she was an acceptable teacher in the high schools of Benton, being a cultured and intellectual young lady. In politics Mr. Carns was a stanch Republican and his sons follow the example of their excellent father. Mrs. Carns was carefully reared in the doctrines of the Christian Church and there she still holds her membership, although her children are of various denominations. Mr. and Mrs. Carns well represent the best element of Grant county's pioneers. The family as a whole is a prominent one, and no history of this part of the State would be complete without a record of it.

JOHN C. MARTIN, one of the prosperous business men of Mineral Point, Iowa county, and who as an advocate of temperance has a reputation that extends throughout the country, is a native of Scotland, born in Aberdeenshire in 1845, a son of William and Mary (Lumsden) Martin, also natives of that country.

The family sailed from Glasgow, Scotland, in 1852, and after a voyage of seven

weeks and four days landed at New York, whence they proceeded to Waukesha county, Wis. After remaining there two years they removed to Rock county, Wis., and in 1855 to Waldwick township, Iowa county. Here the father opened up a farm and remained for a number of years, the mother dying on that place in 1860. The father survived her until 1886, and died in Lafayette county. To them were born children as follows: Jane is now Mrs. Joseph Van Matie, of Lafayette county. William enlisted at Mineral Point, in 1862, in Company E, 30th Wis. V. I., became second sergeant, later was promoted to captain, serving in the Red River campaign and at Ft. Blakely, and was honorably discharged in March, 1866; he died at Peterson, Iowa, in January, 1895. George F., now a resident of Clayton county, Iowa, was a member of Company D, 40th Wis. V. I., enlisting from the University of Wisconsin. Mary died in Milwaukee in 1871, unmarried. Samuel enlisted at Mineral Point in Company E, 30th Wis. V. I., and died Jan. 5, 1863, at Camp Randall. Isabelle died in childhood. John C. is our subject. James P. enlisted in Milwaukee, in 1864, when but seventeen, in Company H, Heavy Artillery; he now resides near Sutherland, Iowa. Franklin and Alex L. also reside near Sutherland, Iowa. Abram W. died in Peterson, Iowa, Aug. 12, 1897.

John C. Martin, though but ten years of age when he came to Iowa county, began work in the lumber woods at Mineral Point, driving an ox-team. Later he worked by the month, and then entered the service of his country. After the war was over Mr. Martin settled in Waldwick township, where he purchased a fine farm of 120 acres and improved it, in the meanwhile teaching school and running a threshing machine. Finally he sold his farm and purchased another, of 134 acres, in Mineral Point township, upon which he erected a comfortable residence, barn and other outbuildings. This, too, he sold, and bought a third, on the line of Iowa and Lafayette counties, comprising 265 acres, of which 105 acres are in Lafayette county. This place is still owned by Mr. Martin, although in 1892 he moved to Mineral Point and embarked in the milling business, operating a large feedmill, and building up a flourishing trade, which is constantly increasing.

In 1864 Mr. Martin enlisted in Company

H, 1st Heavy Artillery, for one year, or during the war, being mustered in at Madison, Wis., and was on garrison duty at Washington, D. C. He was mustered out at Alexandria, Va., and honorably discharged at Milwaukee in 1865.

In 1869 Mr. Martin was married to Mary E. Schellinger, who was born in Mineral Point township in November, 1842, a daughter of Henry and Martha (Bigelow) Schellinger, natives of Mercer county, Penn., and New York, respectively. The father came to Kaskaskia, Ill., and in 1835 removed to Iowa county, Wis. After settling at Mineral Point Mr. Schellinger married, his wife having been a resident of Mineral Point from the time she was eight years of age. There he opened up a farm, and he died in Platteville in 1872, his widow surviving until November, 1896. The Schellinger family was of Dutch descent, and inherited the traits of economy and industry so common to that nation. To Mr. and Mrs. Schellinger were born twelve children: Augustine, now Mrs. John Graham, of Eureka, Kans.; Mary E., Mrs. Martin; Silas H., a resident of Boulder, Colo.; George, of Pierre, S. Dak., assistant State superintendent of schools; Charles L., of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Abbie A., Mrs. Robert Mass, of Kansas City; Clara L., Mrs. W. N. Cooley, of Yankton, S. Dak.; Eunice, principal of a public school at La Crosse, Wis.; Edith, Mrs. William Pierce; and three who died in infancy. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin: Walter S. (married), who lives on the farm; Katie M., Mrs. Albert Johnson, of Lafayette county; Robert B. (married), an evangelist of Rich Hill, Mo.; Agnes C., a teacher in the public schools; Nellie J., attending school; John C.; William Henry; Hattie G.; and Mary Anna.

Mr. Martin is an ardent Prohibitionist in politics, was candidate for State treasurer on that ticket, and was also mentioned very favorably for governor. During the campaign he canvassed the State, making one hundred speeches in the interests of his party, held tent meetings, and was a delegate to the W. C. T. U. convention at Chicago. Mr. Martin has held the office of supervisor of Mineral Point, and other local positions, and is regarded as one of the leading exponents of his party in the county. In religious matters he takes an active interest in the Primitive M. E. Church, of which he is a member. He has been connected

with George H. Legate Post, No. 125, G. A. R., and has been its chaplain for seven years. Fraternally Mr. Martin is a member of the Knights of the Globe, is chief ranger of the Order of Foresters, and has taken an active part in the Grange. Being so widely known, he has made many friends, and by them, and by all who have come in contact with him, he is regarded as a man of great ability, keen grasp of whatever subject is under discussion, and a convincing orator. The good he has accomplished by his untiring efforts cannot be fully estimated, but he is destined to occupy a high place in the future workings of his party.

• ELIJAH P. WIXOM, one of the wealthiest farmers and largest land owners of southern Wisconsin, has a fine home at No. 153 Milton avenue, Janesville, Rock county, where he dwells amid the comforts that rightfully attend the closing years of such a singularly useful and successful career as his has been.

Mr. Wixom was born in Putnam county, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1835, a son of Robert and Charity Maria (Barrett) Wixom, both of whom were born in that State. They were the parents of three sons and six daughters, five of whom are now living: Elijah P.; Julia Ann, widow of Henry Kidder, of Fulton township; Phebe, widow of David Kelly, of Milton Junction, Wis.; Deborah, wife of J. W. Austin, of Janesville; and Benjamin D., of Fulton township. Another brother, Robert Wixom, enlisted in Company B, 36th Wis. V. I., for service in the Civil war, and twelve days after he had gone to the front was wounded and taken prisoner. He was incarcerated in the prison at Richmond, where he died. The father was a cattle driver when a boy, following that work eleven years. In mature life he was a farmer, and combined with the cultivation of the soil the trades of carpenter and millwright. He is remembered as a natural mechanic and a genius with tools. Coming West to Wisconsin about 1850, he located in the town of Fulton, Rock county, where he bought a tract of eighty acres, and after a time as much more. He improved this farm, and made it one of the most valuable places in that part of the county, and, becoming greatly interested in stock culture, devoted more and more attention to that as the years went by until stock raising was the main branch of his agricultural operations. He died



in 1868, at the age of fifty-seven. His wife survived him many years, and died in 1894, aged eighty years. They were both Baptists. He was justice of the peace many years while in the East, and served in that position after coming into Rock county. He took much interest in school matters, and was a useful citizen.

Elijah Wixom, our subject's grandfather, was a native of New York, of Holland-Dutch descent, and was a farmer by occupation. He served in the American army during the war of 1812, as a private. He died in middle life. He had seventeen children, by two marriages. His father was a Revolutionary soldier. Josephus Barrett, the maternal grandfather of E. P. Wixom, was a native of New York, of English and Irish descent, and was a lifelong farmer. He was the father of twelve children, and lived to be eighty years of age.

Elijah P. Wixom was fifteen years old when he came with his parents to Rock county. He was given the usual amount of education for the times, obtained principally at the neighboring district school, and applied himself to the work of the farm. He has always followed farming and stock raising, from an early age, and when a boy was accustomed to ship poultry to New York. He has always displayed the instincts of a natural born trader. He made his home with his parents until he came of age, when he bought a 160-acre farm in Fulton township, in partnership with his brother Benjamin. They bought it entirely on credit, and paid for it in two years. Elijah sold his interest to his brother as soon as the title was cleared, and purchased for himself a farm of 100 acres in the same township. This was his home for thirty years, and it has been added to from time to time until he now owns about 600 acres of land in Fulton and Janesville townships. Besides this tract he owns 900 acres in Rock county, and 100 in Dane county, his entire real-estate holdings in southern Wisconsin thus aggregating more than 1,600 acres, the agricultural possibilities of this vast body of land being fully utilized. In 1801 Mr. Wixom moved into the city of Janesville, and built one of the finest residences to be seen in that center of fine homes, and here he has lived to the present time. He has about 150 head of fine cattle upon his place, and many horses. He rents his farms on shares, but takes

a close interest in their management, and is active in conserving his best interests.

On Nov. 5, 1863, Mr. Wixom married Miss Clara M. Hurd, daughter of Silas and Cynthia (Cowan) Hurd, natives of New York, who came to Wisconsin in 1836, and located in the town of Fulton, Rock county, where they died. They were interred in the cemetery at Edgerton. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wixom: Claron W., Ella May and Silas H. Ella May married James R. Lamb, and has her home in Janesville; they have one son, Stewart James. Silas H. is attending the high school. Mr. and Mrs. Wixom attend the Unitarian Church. He is a member of several fraternal orders, uniting with Western Star Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M.; the Knights of Pythias; and the Patrons of Husbandry. He was formerly a Republican, but now acts with the Democratic party. He has held various important local offices, was supervisor of Fulton township six years, and has been school clerk and director many years.

MRS. JOHN RICHARDS. One of the highly esteemed and beloved residents of Benton township, Lafayette county, widely known for her life of Christian works and beautiful character, is Mrs. John Richards, who was born in Cornwall, England, March 11, 1820, a worthy daughter of Richard and Ann Eustice, both of whom died in their native country. She was one of five children, all of whom have passed away. Her only brother, Richard, was a resident of Hazel Green, where he followed mining until his death in October, 1900. Mrs. Richards grew to womanhood in England, becoming a type of the fair daughters of that land, and in 1842 married John Richards, who was born in Cornwall in 1815. After marriage the young couple resided in England some years, but in 1845 decided to cross the water to seek a home in America. Their first location was in Missouri, but later they removed to Hazel Green, in Grant county, where our subject with three children remained, when Mr. Richards crossed the Plains in 1849 to the gold fields of California. After two years of mining along the Pacific coast Mr. Richards returned and engaged in lead mining until 1854, at which time he purchased a farm at Meeker's Grove, Lafayette county, and there the family resided at the time of the lamented death of

Mr. Richards, in January, 1880. When he was called from earth the community lost one of its leading citizens. His acquaintance was large and, as he was a man of great intelligence, he was always prominently identified with public affairs, being politically connected with the Republican party.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards: Elizabeth, who was born in England, married Henry Yager, of Grundy county, Iowa, where he died in 1899, leaving his wife and three children,—William, Eva, Kittie, all of Cedar Rapids; Thomas H., born in England, died while crossing the ocean; Christ-anna, born in Hazel Green in 1848, married Thomas Dixon, of Iowa, and they have five children, John, Lewis, Mabel, Hudson and Clare; Mary J., born in Hazel Green, married John Jenkins, of Cuba City, and has four children, Victor, William, Minnie and Lester; William J., born at Meeker's Grove, married Leuisa Fervene and they reside with his mother in Meeker's Grove (they have four children, Edith, Alma, Albert and Lorena).

Previous to Mr. Richards' death he purchased the large stone house at Meeker's Grove, in which his wife now resides, having sold the farm. Before coming to America Mrs. Richards united with the Primitive Methodists and has since consistently lived the life of a Christian. Many trials have beset her path, but through all she has kept her way, doing good to all who have come within her influence. Many acts of charity and generosity have taught her neighbors the truth of her professions, and few old residents are more highly esteemed.

**WILLIAM T. BRIGGS**, one of the representative men of Muscoda, Grant county, can trace back his family history to the very early days of this country. Mr. Briggs was born in Addison county, Vt., April 24, 1823, a son of William and Kasiah (Richardson) Briggs. William Briggs, Sr., was a native of Massachusetts, and the son of Owen Briggs, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, which fact entitles the subject of this sketch to membership in the order of Sons of the Revolution. According to the history of the Briggs family, the grandfather, Owen Briggs, was one of three brothers who emigrated to America prior to the Revolution, and their descendants can be found in great numbers throughout the eastern States.

The father of our subject, William Briggs, Sr., was a soldier in the war of 1812, participating in the battle of Plattsburg, and in another important engagement. His wife was of Scotch ancestry, while the Briggs family originated in England.

Taking with him his wife and four children, in 1831, William Briggs, Sr., migrated to the Western Reserve, in Ohio; in 1845 removed to Mason county, Ill., and about 1850 settled in Eagle, Richland Co., Wis., where this worthy couple passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. Briggs, Sr., was a collier by trade, but during his later years was engaged in farming. Upright and honorable in all his dealings, he gained the hearty respect of his fellow citizens, and he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Briggs was a class-leader for nearly half a century. Physically this grand old pioneer was one of the most powerful men of his day, and possessed a constitution of iron, dying at the advanced age of eighty-nine. Of the four children of this worthy couple, three were living in 1900: Maranda, widow of T. R. McClaffin, of Oberlin, Ohio; William T., the subject of this sketch; Daniel, of Eagle, Richland Co., Wis.; and Lucy, deceased, who married Levi Coat, and passed her life in Mason county, Illinois.

William T. Briggs, the immediate subject of this biography, lived at home until twenty-one, then started out in life for himself. In 1855 he removed from Mason county, Ill., to Dane county, Wis., and in 1862 located in Richland county, where he remained until 1883, at which time he came to Muscoda, and has since resided here.

On Oct. 14, 1844, Mr. Briggs was married to Miss Mary Jane Burrington, born Oct. 15, 1828, in Vermont, a daughter of John and Irene Burrington, who removed to the State of New York, and later to Ohio, with their family. Later they migrated to Windsor, Dane Co., Wis., where the parents passed their remaining days. Mrs. Briggs was one of a family of twelve, six sons and six daughters, eleven of whom grew to mature years, but only five survive (1900). namely: Daniel F., Riol and Charles, all of Richland county; Mrs. Briggs, and Kaziah, wife of W. W. Hall, also of Richland county.

Mr and Mrs. Briggs have three children, two sons and a daughter: Marvin, of Mus-

coda; Willis, of Eagle, Richland county; and Irene, wife of John Mathew, of Richland county. Their grandchildren are nine in number, and it is a remarkable fact that during the fifty-six years Mr. and Mrs. Briggs have been married death has not visited any of their family, not even in the second generation. Contented and happy, knowing that their children and children's children are well and prosperous, and looking back over well-spent lives, Mr. and Mrs. Briggs are slowly descending the hill of life. In religion Mr. Briggs is a Restorationist, while Mrs. Briggs is a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Briggs is a Master Mason, having joined the fraternity in 1864, and is as prominent in his lodge as he is in the social and religious life of Muscoda, while Mrs. Briggs is equally esteemed among her circle of friends.

MARTIN KUEHNER, of the town of Potosi, Grant county, is one of the well-known German-American citizens of southwestern Wisconsin, where he has made his home since 1861.

Mr. Kuehner was born in Wittenberg, Germany, May 26, 1825, and grew to manhood in the Fatherland, where he married his first wife. In 1854 he brought his family to America, and located in the State of Ohio, making their home in Pike county, that State, until their removal to Grant county, where, for over forty years, Mr. Kuehner has tilled the soil, and made for himself a home in the New World.

On Jan. 12, 1882, the wife who had accompanied him from Germany, passed to her last rest, leaving her husband and five children, four sons and a daughter, to mourn her demise. In 1883 Mr. Kuehner wedded his present wife, who in her maidenhood was Amelia Koellar. She was a native of Germany, and came to America in 1881. To this union have been born three sons and two daughters, namely: William, Louisa, Adolph, Annie and Leo. They reside in their pleasant home on Mr. Kuehner's fine farm, where they are held in high esteem by their neighbors and friends. Mr. Kuehner owes his present comfortable circumstances entirely to his own industry and good management, and his standing in the business world is that of an honest and upright man, and a thoroughly progressive citizen.

CHRISTOPHER GULSON (deceased) was in his lifetime an active and honored citizen of the town of York, Grant county, coming here in 1852 from his native country, Norway, where he was born Sept. 17, 1817. In 1843 he was married in his native land to Miss Thora Haugen, by whom he had one child, Mary, born Feb. 24, 1845, who accompanied her parents to this country when she was seven years old.

When Mr. Gulson came into Green county he settled on government land, and commenced with but little to aid him beside his strong arm and stout courage. Beginning under the most restricted conditions, and in the greatest poverty, he became, by hard work and unrelenting industry, the owner of an extensive and valuable tract of land, consisting of nearly 400 acres in Section 8, about four miles northeast of Blanchardville, with good dwellings and first-class barns. He sustained a fine reputation as a neighbor and business man, and was known to be honest and square in all his dealings. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, in which he was an officer for twenty-five years before his death. In political sentiment he was a Republican.

Mr. Gulson served in the army in his native land, and brought to this country an enlightened and enthusiastic love of liberty. He was highly prized in all the social and domestic relations of life, and was much missed at his death, in 1883. His remains were interred in the old Norwegian cemetery in York. Mrs. Gulson still survives, and is living on the old place, making her home with her daughter, Mary. For the last two years she has been blind. Mary Gulson and Andrew Barger, a native of Norway, were married June 10, 1888, and to them has come one son, Christopher, born April 15, 1889, a bright and promising young lad. Mr. Barger is a Republican in politics, and a Lutheran in religion. He and his wife are engaged in the management of the farm. Mrs. Barger is a hard-working woman, possessed of unusual business qualifications. She belongs to the Lutheran Church, and carries the spirit of her faith into her daily life.

HUGH FLANNERY, a well-known citizen of Avoca, Iowa county, was one of the bravest soldiers of the Civil war, and sad to record, one of its greatest sufferers. His birth

took place in County Mayo, Ireland, where his parents died, and he was brought when a child to this country by his brothers and sisters. He resided in Chicago until 1853, and then went to California, there remaining until August, 1859, when he returned to Chicago for more than a year, after which he became a resident of Avoca.

On Sept. 7, 1861, Mr. Flannery enlisted in the 6th Battery, Light Artillery, Wis. Vols., which command rendezvoused at Racine, Wis., and early in March, 1862, left for St. Louis. From there they went to New Madrid, Mo., taking part in the siege of Island No. 10, going from there to Ruggle's Point, and thence to White River, the object in these movements being to disperse the guerrillas who were continually committing depredations in that vicinity. The command, however, was almost immediately recalled to re-enforce the troops at Shiloh, but did not reach that historic field until the famous battle was over. Mr. Flannery took part, with his battery, in the siege of Corinth, the command following the enemy after the evacuation, and then returning to its former position. On Oct. 1, they advanced again on Corinth, and took an active part in the operations at that place, and here, on Oct. 4, Mr. Flannery was severely wounded, this serious accident ending his operations in the field, and very nearly ending his life. He was injured by a bursting shell, one fragment of which struck him on the left side of the face, cutting it severely and destroying the left eye. Another fragment injured badly his left hand, and while thus severely wounded, and endeavoring to rise to his feet, he was struck by a ball in the left hand, receiving also several shots in the right thigh and other portions of the body, including the neck and left side: the ball which produced the latter wound has never yet been taken from his body. That anyone so frightfully wounded could recover seemed impossible; he was removed from the battlefield to the field hospital, where he was given the best treatment available at that time, and a month later was removed, on the cars, to Columbus, Ky., and there was placed on a hospital boat and sent to Keokuk, Iowa, where he remained until March 2, 1863, the date of his honorable discharge. Mr. Flannery had asked for this in order that he could find improved treatment for his severe wounds. Going to Chicago, he placed himself under the

medical care of the celebrated Dr. Holmes, and was treated by him for three years, but even the skill of this great oculist did not avail to save the left eye, and it was finally removed in order that the other could be successfully treated. The partial recovery of Mr. Flannery is remarkable, and he must have had a constitution of iron to have endured the strain. For a time he was entirely blind, but he is now able to see slightly with the right eye, and can distinguish large type, with the help of a magnifying glass.

On Dec. 4, 1863, Mr. Flannery was married to Miss Marcella Quinn, a native of his own land, and they have five children living: Mathew J., Hugh F., James S., Mary Elizabeth, and Catherine. Two children died, James Walter, in infancy, and Marcella, at the age of twenty.

WILLIAM WOMACK, farmer, Platteville, Grant county, Wisconsin.

JOHN HARTWIG, SR., who holds a very prominent place among the older and more successful farmers of Green county, was born in Germany, Feb. 12, 1824, and is a son of John Hartwig. His brother, George, is a retired farmer in Monroe, and of his sisters, one resides in Cincinnati, one in Canada, and one in Germany.

John Hartwig, Sr., whose name introduces this article, remained in the old Fatherland until he reached full age, and in 1850 came to this country. For some fifteen years he was employed as a coal miner near McKeesport, Penn., and in 1866 made his appearance in Wisconsin. That year he bought a farm of 120 acres on section 1, Jordan township, eight miles northwest from Monroe, and here he is found at the present time, but slightly hindered from active work by his advanced years, and still bearing himself with the strength and vigor that we scarcely expect to find in one whose years have passed the allotted three-score and ten.

Mr. Hartwig was married in Germany to Miss Catherine Rabbe, and to this marriage were born nine children, three of whom are now living: Maggie is the wife of Thomas Crow, of Cadiz township, and his sketch appears on another page; George is at home engaged in the active farm work, and is unmarried; and Catherine is at home, keeping house

for her father and brother, as the mother died Jan. 15, 1899, at the advanced age of seventy-six years.

Mr. Hartwig is a Democrat, and in religion is a member of the Lutheran Church. His career in this country illustrates the possibilities of life it offers to a poor man, who is willing to work and save. Landing here without a dollar, and, coming from a childhood and youth of extreme privation, he has become, if not wealthy, at least very comfortable in his circumstances. Wealth is a variable term, and in an earlier day the property Mr. Hartwig has amassed would have been regarded as wealth, and, as it is, it lifts him far above all possible want.

It is a quiet, industrious and peaceful life that has been lived by John Hartwig—a life in which he has proved himself an honest man, a devoted husband, a kind father, and a good neighbor. In all these relations he has been tried and not found wanting, and now in the evening of his days, it is a great comfort to him that his industrious and useful life has been lived to such excellent effect. Many are his friends, and his character is above question. At his advanced age he is still strong and vigorous, and though seventy-seven is able to do a fair day's work on the farm, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising, and where he expects to spend the remainder of his days.

**WILLIAM H. DENTZLER**, one of the prosperous farmers of Liberty, Grant county, and a well-known veteran of the war of the Rebellion, is not an American by birth, but by choice; and, like so many who have sought our shores, he has proven himself a worthy citizen, a faithful soldier and a successful agriculturist.

William H. Dentzler was born in Saxony, Germany, on Feb. 18, 1831, a son of Gotlieb Dentzler. The latter, with his wife and the remainder of his family, came to this country about two years subsequent to the arrival of William H. Dentzler, and they all resided in Philadelphia for several years. The next removal was to Liberty township, Grant county, Wis., where a farm was purchased, the same being now the property of our subject. Here the good father and mother resided until their death, the father passing away at the age of eighty-two, and his wife some ten days prior

to his demise, she being eighty-four. Eight children had been born to them, of whom six are still living.

Few people who have not participated in the excitement during the war between the North and South, have any conception of the wild enthusiasm which spread over the country. Men abandoned everything to rush to the defense of their flag, and among them was William H. Dentzler, who had been in America but ten years. Enlisting on June 22, 1862, at the Newhall House (which was afterward burned, causing a loss of many lives, to which disaster our subject was an eye witness), in Milwaukee, he served faithfully until the close of the war, rendering efficient aid to his regiment as baker, he having learned that trade some years prior to enlistment. It was not an easy task to provide so many soldiers with the "staff of life," but although often wearied and almost discouraged, Mr. Dentzler never failed, and his fine bread is still remembered by his comrades-in-arms. The regiment was stationed the greater part of the time at Oswego, N. Y., and was honorably mustered out at the close of the struggle.

During 1864, while on a furlough, occurred the romance of Mr. Dentzler's life, and he married Miss Catherine Field, of New York. Four children have blessed this union: George, Edwin, Louise and William. Mr. Dentzler is an active member of Sam Montith Post, G. A. R., Fennimore, and in political matters adheres to the teachings of the Republican party. Having toiled long and faithfully, Mr. Dentzler is certainly entitled to highest praise, and is a man who enjoys in marked degree the respect of his neighbors and friends.

**REV. EUGENE M. MCGINNITY**, the scholarly and devoted pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Janesville, Rock county, is now at the very flower of his manly powers; and whether in the pulpit, expounding the Gospel of Life, or by the bedside of the sick and dying, preparing for the flight of the soul to the better world, he is always the faithful priest and consecrated pastor. He commands the respect and holds the love of the entire city, not only for his professional ability, but for the purity and sweetness of his personal character.

Father McGinnity was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, Sept. 1, 1840, a son of Eugene and Alice McGinnity. The family

came to this country and settled in Lafayette county, Wis., in 1847. The father was a farmer, and on his arrival in this State purchased a farm, whereon he made his home as long as he lived. He had little mercenary taint in his disposition, and preferred to spend his money on the education of his children rather than to store it in useless accumulations. He gave them all good schooling, and yet when he died left a very fair competency. Both he and his wife passed away in Lafayette county, Wis., where they settled on their arrival in the State. They were the parents of nine children, three of whom died on the voyage across the Atlantic. Of the others, James and Thomas are farmers in Wisconsin; Daniel, twin brother of our subject, was ordained a priest, and died after six years' service as a clergyman (he went to the Rocky mountains in the hope of restoring his health, but without success); Mary married Michael Kierns, of Lafayette county, Wis.; John, the only one born in Wisconsin, is a lumber merchant in Denver, Colorado.

Father McGinnity grew to manhood on the homestead farm, attending the district school, and displaying a deep love of learning. At the age of sixteen he and his twin brother entered St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, and on Dec. 27, 1863, both were ordained to the priesthood by the Right Rev. Bishop John Martin Henni. The young clergyman, now a notable figure on the streets of Janesville, was sent to take charge of St. Isadore Church, in Manitowoc county, Wis., and one year later was transferred to Darlington, Lafayette county, where he served until 1869. In 1871 he had leave of absence to accompany his brother to the Rocky mountains in search of restored health, and the latter's death was a severe blow to our subject, who cherished him in an almost ideal affection. However, he returned to his work with a brave spirit, and was given charge of the church at Lake Geneva, where he remained for ten months. From there he went to Monroe, where he spent seven years in his Master's work. In 1880 he took charge of his present work, after he had done a great work at Darlington, building houses of worship both there and at Seymour and Wiota. He greatly reduced the debts, and proved himself a wise and careful manager at all places where he has served, and at Janesville he has made a noble record. When he came here the

church property had passed into the hands of a non-Catholic under mortgage foreclosure, and many other debts hung over the congregation. The property was redeemed at a cost of \$20,000. Several thousand dollars have also been spent in church improvements—an altar put in at a cost of \$1,200, the church frescoed, and many other needed improvements made. Father McGinnity has built a parsonage at a cost of \$6,000, containing all modern improvements, and which, with all the other church property, is entirely free from debt. The congregation comprises 450 families, and maintains a very fine parochial school, under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, whose Mother House is located here. Father McGinnity is an active temperance worker, and devotes much time and thought to the advancement of this great reform. He has served as president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society of Wisconsin, and has delivered many forcible and effective addresses on this theme throughout the State.

JEFFERSON DRAKE, a time honored and pioneer settler of Green county, Wis., was born in Jefferson county, Virginia, Dec. 22, 1812, a son of Robert and Margaret (Park) Drake, early settlers of the Old Dominion, of English descent. When our subject was but four years of age he accompanied his parents from Virginia to Ohio, and there grew to manhood. He was one in a large family of children born to Robert and Margaret Drake, the others being Abner, Amos, Park, Mendenhall, Samuel, Rena and Sarah, and Jefferson is the only survivor.

In 1840 Mr. Drake came to Wisconsin and located in Green county. He did not remain on his first trip, but returned to Ohio, and did not make a permanent settlement in the Badger State until 1845, when he located on Section 17, in Clarno township. This was his home for upwards of thirty years, when he sold out and purchased 120 acres of land in Section 23, Cadiz township, of which he afterward sold forty acres, and now resides upon a well improved tract of fifty-six acres in the village of Cadiz. He has ever been a highly respected citizen, bearing a good reputation for fair dealing and strict principles, and his pleasant disposition has won him many warm friends.

In 1857 Mr. Drake was united in marriage with Miss Mahala Moore, who was born in Ohio in 1834, and came to Green county with

her father, Thomas Moore, in 1846. This marriage has been blessed with six children: Laura, born in 1858 is at home; Lincoln, born in 1860, is a farmer, and married Manzella Austin, who bore him two children, Theodore and Otha; Ida May, born in 1862, married Daniel Howder, of Cadiz; Thomas, born in 1864, married Sarah McCamant, and has two children, Iva and Glenn; Eli, born in 1867, married Eva Robb, of Cadiz township, and has three children, Floy, Lena and Bernice; and Dora, born in 1869, is now deceased. In politics Mr. Drake has been a Republican from the time that party first presented a presidential candidate. His first vote for president was cast in 1836, when Martin Van Buren was his choice, and he has never missed a presidential vote up to the present, his last vote having been cast for William McKinley, making nineteen different elections. He is now the oldest resident of the county, and is hale and hearty, with a remarkable memory that makes him a most pleasing companion, and one much sought by the local historian.

CHARLES GANT, who is now living retired in the village of Waldwick, Iowa county, was one of the early settlers of Waldwick township and for many years one of its most successful farmers, being still the owner of a large amount of land in this section.

Mr. Gant was born in 1830 in Norfolk, England, son of James and Dina Gant, who spent all their lives in that country. They were the parents of seventeen children, of whom but three now survive: Samuel, a resident of Taylor county, Iowa; Harriet, who lives in England; and Charles, our subject, who was the youngest of the family. Charles Gant came to America about 1857, and has since made his home in Wisconsin. For a time he lived at the "Twelve-Mile House," an historic place between Hazel Green and Cuba City, in Grant county, and he was subsequently employed by Harker Spensley, at Mineral Point, prior to his settlement in Waldwick township, Iowa county. His first purchase was a tract of eighty acres, on which he and his wife lived for thirty years, their home the first several years being in an old log school house which stood on the place. Mr. Gant then bought 120 acres, and they moved to the house on that place. He later bought a farm of 116 acres, adjoining, and a farm of 160 acres in Mineral

Point township, as well as forty acres of timber land in Waldwick township. When Mr. Gant commenced farming on his own account he was in very limited circumstances, and the outlook was often gloomy and discouraging, but by hard work, and with the help of his devoted wife, he has succeeded in overcoming all obstacles, and, as may be judged from the amount of property he has acquired, has become quite prosperous. Our subject continued to actively engage in the labors of the farm until January, 1901, when he and his wife moved into the village of Waldwick, there to enjoy in peaceful retirement the ease and comforts which a long life of industry has entitled them to. They have ever been held in the highest esteem by all who know them, and Mr. Gant has, by his upright and useful life, attained a high standing among the best citizens of the community, for the rewards of his active business career represent something more than the selfish pursuit of gain.

On July 3, 1868, Mr. Gant was united in marriage with Miss Ann Jackson, who was born in April, 1839, in Yorkshire, England, daughter of James and Margaret Jackson, and eight children—six sons and two daughters—have blessed their union, viz.: Edward, James W., Thomas S., Hattie D. (Mrs. Harris), Samuel D., Charles, John R. and Sarah M., all married but the last-named, who is still with her parents. They have a pleasant home in Waldwick. All the children have been finely educated, and have become worthy and useful members of society. In religious connection Mr. and Mrs. Gant are identified with the Methodist Church.

JAMES JACKSON (deceased), one of the early settlers of Waldwick township, Iowa county, and in his day one of its most respected citizens, was a native of Yorkshire, England.

Mr. Jackson was reared and educated in England, and there married Margaret Sunter. In 1853 they came to America and to Wisconsin, locating first in Shullsburg, Lafayette county, and later in Benton, that county, where they resided for three years. Their next move was to a place near Cuba City, in Grant county, whence they came to Waldwick township, Iowa county, here making their permanent home. Mr. Jackson was a local minister of the M. E. Church, and he was much esteemed throughout this locality, where he became well known.

He was in poor health for several years prior to his decease, which occurred when he was fifty-three years old, and he was the first one buried in the Waldwick cemetery, where his wife also rests. She survived him many years, passing the last fifteen years at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Gant, in Waldwick township, and died Jan. 3, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were the parents of seven children, five of whom survive at this writing: Ann (Mrs. Charles Gant), Richard, John, James and Peter. Mary, who married Thomas Hird, died at Galena, Ill., Sept. 5, 1899, leaving a family of four children.

WILLIAM WILKINS, one of the successful farmers of Wingville, Grant county, and an honored veteran of the war of the Rebellion, is now residing upon his well cultivated farm, where he is enjoying life, surrounded by comforts his own toil has procured.

Mr. Wilkins was born in Wiltshire, England, in January, 1833, a son of James and Ann Wilkins, who lived and died in England. Our subject was reared to the occupation of farming, and when yet a young man came to America, locating at Linden, Wis., and after working at several places, finally accumulated sufficient money to purchase his present pleasant home, which he has greatly improved, until it is now one of the finest farms in Wingville township.

The war record of our subject is a very interesting one, he enlisting, August 4, 1862, at Georgetown, in the 25th Wis. V. I., this regiment being the one with which General, afterwards Governor Jeremiah Rusk was identified. Mr. Wilkins was one of the first to be enrolled in his company, and was mustered into the service at La Crosse, Wis. The first assignment of the regiment was at New Ulm, Minn., to assist in quelling the Indian disturbances, and it was sent via Winona and La Crosse to Madison, and thence to Columbus, Ky. From here they were sent to Vicksburg, and the regiment participated in the famous siege, keeping Gen. Johnston from relieving the Confederate forces. After the surrender of Vicksburg the regiment was ordered up the Mississippi river to Cairo; up the Ohio to Paducah, Ky., and across country to Montgomery, Ala., joining the army under Gen. Sherman. The regiment participated in the famous March to the Sea. However, Mr. Wilkins was so un-

fortunate as to be wounded in his left arm at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, and as it was very severe, being four inches long and two wide (so described by the surgeon), he was obliged to have it treated in the field hospital. In those days the facilities for caring for and transporting the sick and wounded were poor and meager; the weather was unbearably hot, and Mr. Wilkins suffered untold agonies with his arm. Later he was taken to Resaca, where he had been previously engaged in battle, thence to Chattanooga, on to Nashville and Louisville. The next removal was to Mound City, and from there he was taken to Keokuk, Iowa, where he was honorably discharged, on June 21, 1865. William Wilkins was not the only one of this family who did gallant service for his country, as his brother, Stephen, enlisted in the 7th Wis. V. I., was wounded at the second battle of Bull Run by a fragment of shell. However, he recovered, and is now a resident of Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

On Nov. 9, 1869, Mr. Wilkins was married to Miss Jane Blaine, a daughter of James F. Blaine. Of the children born of this union, two sons are now living: George and Charles; Edwin B., James, Elmer and Nellie died in infancy. Mrs. Wilkins passed away June 13, 1897, leaving two sons and her husband to mourn her loss. She was a good, Christian woman, loving wife and mother, and in her the community lost a sympathetic neighbor. Mr. Wilkins is a consistent member of the M. E. Church, of which his wife was also a member. Genial, kind hearted, generous, Mr. Wilkins is liberal in his donations to the Church, ready in his support of all movements tending towards the advancement of the community, and he enjoys the respect and confidence of a wide circle of friends.

ISAAC DIVAN, a venerable and highly respected retired farmer of Cadiz township, Green county, is a native of Ohio, born July 25, 1816, in Coshocton county.

Leonard Divan, his grandfather, was a native of Germany, whence he came to this country when a young man, settling in Pennsylvania. The names of his children were as follows: Jacob, Henry, John, Pollie, Barbara, Catherine and Sarah. Of these, John was born in 1790, in Pennsylvania, and was a distinguished soldier in the war of 1812. He became one of the early settlers of Green coun-



ty, Wis., having previously lived in Coshocton county, Ohio. In 1813 he married Catherine Shrake, also a native of Pennsylvania, and they had a family of fourteen children, eleven of whom reached maturity, named, respectively: Margaret, Isaac (our subject), Jacob, George, Frederick, John, Urias, Henry, Abigail, Drusilla and Lucinda. The others died in childhood. The father of this family died in Clarno township, Green Co., Wis., in 1862; his wife, who was born in 1796, passed away in 1891, at the patriarchal age of ninety-five years.

Isaac Divan, the subject proper of this memoir, was reared on his father's farm in Ohio, and in his boyhood and youth had to work so hard, early and late, that the only education he was able to receive was extracted from a three-months experience in a country school. In 1845 he came to Green county, Wis., when the country was wild and uncleared, and here, July 8, 1846, he settled on the farm he still owns, and which at that time was covered with timber. It now comprises 120 acres of well-improved land. While a young man he had learned the trade of carpenter, and in his new Western home he found it useful, for he was enabled to build his own house, the one he still lives in. He had also learned cabinet-making in the East, which trade he also followed to some extent in Wisconsin, being one of the first undertakers in Green county, though he never followed that business regularly.

On March 15, 1839, Isaac Divan married Miss Christenia Jones, born in Coshocton county, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1819, a daughter of William and Christenia (Bright) Jones, of that State, who removed thither from Maryland. To Mr. and Mrs. Divan were born twelve children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Margaret, born Dec. 26, 1839, is the deceased wife of David Howder; Alexander, born May 18, 1841, was a volunteer during the Civil war, in Company G, 5th Wis. V. I., and died in the service; Catherine, born Dec. 30, 1842, married Peter Wagoner, of Illinois; Eliza J., born Aug. 1, 1844, married Jacob Wagoner, of Illinois; Elizabeth, born Jan. 17, 1846, died young; Abigail, born April 18, 1848, died in childhood; Mary Ellen, born Oct. 18, 1850, married Rev. J. B. Rife, a minister of the Evangelical Church; Arabella, born Sept. 15, 1852, died young; Isaac, Jr., born

Nov. 27, 1854, is a minister of the Evangelical Church; Christenia, born April 28, 1857, is the wife of Alfred Sanders, of Cadiz township, Green county; John, born Aug. 26, 1859, is a minister of the Evangelical Church; and Charles R., born Oct. 23, 1861, married Minnie Ackerman (he is farming the old homestead). The mother of this numerous family was called from earth March 16, 1897, after a married life of fifty-eight years. Mr. Divan has twenty-six grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Divan is a member of the Evangelical Church in Cadiz township, well and widely known for his Christian philanthropy. In politics he is a stanch Republican, originally a Democrat, his first presidential vote having been cast for Martin Van Buren in 1836. He was the first clerk of Cadiz township, and served as justice of the peace, and held other offices of trust during his fifty-five years' residence in Cadiz township. For a man of his advanced age he is in excellent physical condition, has a most retentive memory, and is an interesting conversationalist.

EDWARD JOHN PERKINS needs no introduction to the citizens of Iowa county, especially in Linden township and vicinity, where in his long and faithful service as superintendent of the Iowa County Asylum for the Chronic Insane he has become widely and favorably known.

Mr. Perkins has occupied his present responsible position since 1881, and the length of his incumbency alone is sufficient proof of the satisfaction he has given in discharging the many and difficult duties thereof, to say nothing of the improvements which have been effected during his regime, curtailment of expenses, etc. Iowa county has one of the best kept institutions in the State for the care of its poor and chronic insane, and it is not saying too much to admit that a large share of the credit is due to Mr. Perkins, who by his efficient management has brought the affairs of the farm into a most systematic and business-like condition. In 1881 the old poorhouse contained about thirty-five inmates, and the farm comprised 120 acres. Now (1901) the farm comprises 400 acres, in a body, and 120 acres of woodland about two and a half miles distant; the buildings, including the new poor house, built in 1901, with a capacity of fifty

inmates, are all fine brick structures with modern improvements and conveniences, and about 130 insane and thirty paupers are cared for. Iowa county was the third county in the State to establish an asylum for the insane. There is no doubt that Mr. Perkins' natural adaptability has much to do with his continuously successful management, for he has the faculty of securing considerable assistance on the farm and about the institution from those under his charge, thus making them, as far as possible, self-supporting, though at the same time his treatment of all is most humane and kindly. His popularity is not wondered at by those who know him intimately.

Mr. Perkins is a native of Iowa county, born July 20, 1850, in Dodgeville, son of Joseph and Grace (Sincox) Perkins. His father, a native of Cornwall, England, became a resident of Dodgeville in 1845, and he died there in August, 1900, at the advanced age of about eighty-four years. The mother passed away in August, 1895, aged seventy-seven years. Edward Perkins was reared and educated in Dodgeville, and prior to assuming the duties of his present position was engaged in a general store. On June 29, 1871, he married Miss Elizabeth Elliott, a native of Lockport, N. Y., and daughter of William Elliott, and to her efficient assistance attributes a full share of the success which has attended his efforts. In addition to tireless industry Mr. Perkins is gifted with an energy and good judgment which inspire all around him with confidence in his ability to carry to satisfactory completion anything which he undertakes, and this spirit is a power for effective work in his particular position. The farm is located five miles from Dodgeville, the county seat, and nine miles from Mineral Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have one child, Mary. Fraternally our subject belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Masons, and in the latter has attained the thirty-second degree, belonging to Wisconsin Consistory, at Milwaukee.

HENRY B. GIFFORD, M. D., occupies an honorable place among the medical practitioners of Green county. At his home in Juda he is known as a man of exhaustive information, large medical experience, and high character.

Dr. Gifford is a son of Rev. J. C. and Julia

(Balis) Gifford. The father was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1826, and has been a clergyman of the Free-Will Baptist Church for fifty years; the mother was a daughter of Abitha and Maria (Cloughs) Balis, both of New York. To their union were born four children: Nellie M., the eldest, is the widow of Oliver C. Dunwell, of Rock county, Wis. Josephine died in childhood. Henry B. is our subject. Joseph B., who was born April 1, 1870, resides at Brodhead, Wis. Alden Gifford, the grandfather of Dr. Henry B., was born in Massachusetts, and moved to New York, where he reared a family of thirteen children. He was a Presbyterian in religion, an upright man, and a most successful farmer.

Henry B. Gifford was born on a farm at Orfordville, Wis., April 12, 1859, and obtained his general education in the public schools. At the age of nineteen he took up the study of medicine, and graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, Feb. 20, 1883. The first location he made for the practice of his profession was at Cherry Valley, Ill., where he resided for three years, having an extensive patronage throughout the adjoining country. He then practiced in Orfordville for ten years. In 1895 the Doctor moved to Juda, Green county, where he has established himself as a thoroughly competent and successful physician.

Dr. Gifford and Miss Lydia A. Cramer were married Feb. 20, 1884. Mrs. Gifford is the daughter of Brook and Catherine (Lovette) Cramer, of Cherry Valley, Ill., honorable and upright people, of German ancestry. To this union have been born one son and one daughter, V. M., July 12, 1886, and Harry G., March 30, 1892. Dr. Gifford is a staunch Republican. He is a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen, and the Home Forum, and, as might be expected, belongs to the Central Wisconsin Medical Association and the Wisconsin State Medical Association. He is local medical examiner for all the leading life insurance companies. The Doctor has made his own way in the world, and has met with marked success. He came to Juda without the assurance of the least patronage, and, by his courteous manners, manifest devotion to his profession, and the mastery of its details, has won for himself a very large practice. He is a good citizen, and attentive

and kind to all, and seems to present in his own personality, in a striking degree, the qualities that make for success in his profession.

GEORGE PAULSEN, ex-treasurer of Iowa county, and a leading representative citizen of Moscow township, where he has resided for over forty years, is one of the many valuable contributions which Norway has made to the personnel of this progressive and thriving community, having been born in that country in 1835.

Mr. Paulsen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Paulsen, likewise natives of Norway, who came to America in 1853 with their family, then consisting of four children, and first located in the town of Christiana, Dane Co., Wis. About two years later they removed to Iowa county, and purchased the farm in Moscow township now owned and occupied by their son George, who, when the parents advanced in years, purchased the homestead, in the cultivation of which he has ever since been engaged. After many years' residence on that place they removed to Winnebago county, Iowa, where the father died in 1887, the mother surviving until January, 1901, when she, too, passed away, at the advanced age of nearly ninety-two years. Of the five children born to this worthy couple three survive: George, who is the eldest; Ole, a resident of Perry, Dane Co., Wis.; and Elsie, Mrs. Johnson, of Winnebago county, Iowa. Another son, Kittel, who died in August, 1896, at his home in Worth county, Iowa, was a Union soldier in the war of the Rebellion, serving as a member of Company C, 37th Wis. V. I.; he was severely wounded June 17, 1864, at the siege of Petersburg, this wound ultimately causing his death, and the bullet that did the injury is still preserved—a sad though highly-prized memento—in the family; it passed completely through his body.

George Paulsen passed the first eighteen years of his life in his native country, receiving rather limited educational advantages, as his parents' circumstances obliged him to support himself from an early age. He was but ten years old when he left home and went to live with an uncle, for whom he worked, and he has paid his own way ever since. Though he came to America with the family he stood his own expenses for the journey across the ocean and to Wisconsin, and he engaged in manual labor for others a number of years before se-

curing enough to justify him in starting out for himself. Employment of any kind, if it was but honorable, was always welcome to him. For some time he was engaged by the Mineral Point Railroad Co., and when that concern went into bankruptcy he lost the wages due him. However, all his experiences were not quite so discouraging, and in time he purchased the homestead and began its operation on his own account, in which he has continued to the present day, with what success may be judged from his financial standing among the solid business men of his section. Ability such as he displayed in the management of his own affairs could not long go unrecognized by his fellow townsmen, who have solicited his services for some of the most important and honorable local offices. In 1883 he was elected to the position of treasurer of Iowa county, to which he was twice re-elected, serving three terms in a most acceptable and efficient manner. He has filled most of the township offices, and is at present chairman of the town board, an incumbency in which he has been retained for a number of terms. Mr. Paulsen's continuous public service is sufficient testimony of his value as a promoter of the general welfare, but his career has been equally useful and honorable in all the other relations of life. When he came to Wisconsin, nearly a half century ago, she had but recently reached the dignity of Statehood, the population was comparatively sparse, and what are now her best resources were almost or entirely undeveloped. There was but one schoolhouse in the town of Moscow. Mr. Paulsen may justly take personal pride in the rapid strides which have been made in the fifty years intervening, for he himself has taken no unimportant part in the development of his town and county, and has always maintained a reputation for giving his influence on the side of progress and improvement, whether interested or disinterested in the special movement on hand at the time. His political support has ever been given to the Republican party, with which he has been identified since its organization, having cast his first presidential vote for Fremont, in 1856, and never missing a National election since. He is an honored member of G. A. R. Post No. 224, at Blanchardville, being a veteran of the Civil war, for which service he enlisted in September, 1864. He became a member of Company E, 22d Wis. V. I., with

which he served until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge. They were much of the time on detached duty, as train guards, the work being arduous and at times dangerous.

In 1867 Mr. Paulsen married Miss Margaret Gulickson, who was born in 1838 in Norway, whence she came to America in 1844 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gulick Gulickson. Four children have been born to this union, Henry, Albert, Carl and Edward.

**CHARLES W. WISCH.** For thirty-five years this gentleman has been a resident of Janesville. He has seen it grow from a country village into a substantial and elegant city, and enjoys a personal acquaintance with many of its very best people. His occupation is that of a barber, and his habits and character are beyond question.

Mr. Wisch was born in the kingdom of Prussia, near Kolberg, Oct. 9, 1849, and is a son of John and Henrietta (Brack) Wisch, both natives of Germany. They had five sons and one daughter, four of whom are now living: Charles W.; Herman F., in Chicago; John F., of Fort Atkinson, Wis.; and Mary, the widow of John Bohm, of Beloit. The father was a farmer, and sought a home in this country in 1853, locating near Watterstown, Wis., where he continued his life labor of farming. He remained on the farm fourteen years, and then moved to Plymouth, Rock county, where he lived until his death in 1892, at the age of sixty-two. His widow is still living. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. His father was John Wisch, born in Germany, and a cattle herder by early training; he came to this country in 1858, and located at Watterstown, where he lived with his son until his death at the age of sixty-six. He had four children. The father of Henrietta (Brack) Wisch was a soldier in the German army, and died in middle life, leaving a small family.

Charles W. Wisch came to America with his father and mother when about four years old. He was reared on the farm, and attended the schools of Watterstown, both public and parochial. When he was sixteen he began life for himself as a workman in a broom factory; later he clerked in a grocery store, and after his marriage he learned the barber's trade, which he has followed for many years. On Nov. 1, 1872, Mr. Wisch was married to Miss

Clara E. Middaugh, daughter of Eliezer Middaugh and his wife, who was a Miss Marble. Two children have blessed this union: Charles P., who married Miss Edith Dick, and is the father of one child; and Alice. Mrs. Wisch is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and is a lady of many attractive qualities. Mr. Wisch is independent in his political action. Socially he belongs to the Mystic Workers of the World. He has been in the barber business for twenty-five years, and now has three chairs in his shop, and his patronage comes from the best citizens of Janesville. He is an intelligent and respected gentleman with a host of friends. His home is at No. 63 Milwaukee street, Janesville, in which city he has resided since 1865.

**MICHAEL A. TORPHY,** of Barneveld, is a well-known teacher of Iowa county, and represents one of the early families of his locality. His father, Thomas Torphy, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, about 1828, and came to America in 1848, but his parents lived and died in the old home. Three brothers and two sisters came later to America, and two of the former survive, John and Michael Torphy, residents of the town of Ridgeway, in Iowa county; the other brother, Patrick, lost his life on Lake Michigan in 1855.

Thomas Torphy landed in New York, and went thence to Chicago, where he remained for a time, later migrating to Milwaukee, Wis., and one and one-half years later becoming a resident of the town of Ridgeway. Previous to becoming a citizen of Iowa county he had been engaged in railroad construction work, being a stone mason by trade, and this occupation he followed in Iowa county, in connection with farming. Near Albany, N. Y., he married Ann Vaughn, a connection of the famous family of that name, of which Cardinal Vaughn is a representative, the name long having been prominent in both religious and army circles. From February, 1865, to the following June, Thomas Torphy served in the Union army, and proved himself a brave soldier. His death, on April 27, 1868, was occasioned by an accident, his team of horses running away while he was returning to his home. Seven years previous to this time his first wife had died, and he had contracted a second marriage. At the time of his death he left a large family of children, all of them under fifteen years

of age, and thus it became a necessity for the older ones to care for themselves early in life.

Michael A. Torphy was the eldest son, and the eldest but one of the family, and he started out to make his own way in the world immediately after the death of his father. Ambitious to obtain an education, he engaged in farm work during the summers and attended school through the winters, and in 1873 had an opportunity to receive instruction, for a time, from Prof. L. D. Harvey, a prominent educator, and the present State superintendent of the public schools of Wisconsin. By this means he was enabled to receive a county superintendent's third-grade certificate, and engaged in teaching in what is now the town of Brigham, then a part of Ridgeway township. For two years he remained in the same district, and then attended the Darlington high school, at all times being a careful and conscientious student. Since 1876 Mr. Torphy has been engaged in educational work in one locality, in the town of Ridgeway and vicinity, and in 1898 he was rewarded with a life State certificate, which sufficiently attests the success he has gained in the educational field. Mr. Torphy is justly considered one of the leading educators in his county. He has been a candidate at county election several times, but being a Democrat, in a Republican county, has been defeated, although he has always run ahead of his ticket. On one occasion his town, which gives a Republican majority of 150, gave him a majority of 119, and other townships, where he had become known, also gave him majorities. While Ridgeway included the town of Brigham Mr. Torphy was elected town clerk, and served six consecutive terms in that capacity; for a number of terms he was assessor and justice of the peace, and he has been a notary since 1882. His first appointment to the latter position was made by Gov. Jeremiah Rusk.

Mr. Torphy was married, July 18, 1883, to Miss Mary Jane McCloskey, one of his former pupils, who was born in the town of Brigham, a daughter of James McCloskey and wife, who were among the early settlers of Iowa county. Mr. and Mrs. Torphy are the parents of eight children, three sons and five daughters, two children dying in infancy. Our subject's literary attainments are of a high order, and he is well informed on the live issues of the day, believing that in this way he can

best direct the intellectual progress of his pupils. As a citizen he is held in esteem, and as an official he performs the duties which devolve upon him in a most satisfactory manner.

MRS. SARAH MANCHESTER holds an assured position among the venerable citizens of Green county, where she is highly regarded as one of the oldest settlers of this part of the State. There are few now living whose memories of pioneer times are more vivid, or more prolonged into the early days than those of this venerable lady, whose years are far beyond the Psalmist's limit.

Mrs. Manchester was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, March 16, 1816, daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Patterson) Kline, early settlers of that State. She was one of a family of eight children, of whom but two now survive. Mrs. Manchester and her sister Mary, Mrs. Clemmens, who lives in Kansas. Our subject's brothers and sisters were named John, Eli, James, Catherine, Mary, Jane and Pollie. Sarah Kline first married Samuel Myers, who was born June 15, 1807, in Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent. While his parents were moving into Ohio from Pennsylvania his father died on the way, and his mother came into the State with him alone. He married Sarah Kline Nov. 17, 1831, and they became the parents of ten children: (1) Isaac, born Sept. 1, 1832, married Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Illinois, and moved to Wisconsin, where he died July 27, 1895. (2) George, born Feb. 16, 1836, died Dec. 27, 1882. (3) John, born March 22, 1839, was the first white child born in the town of Spring Grove, Green Co., Wis. (4) Eli, born Sept. 29, 1841, resides in Fayette county, Iowa. (5) Jane, born March 8, 1844, is the widow of Franklin Barnum, whose sketch is found elsewhere. (6) William, born May 10, 1846, died Nov. 10, 1869. (7) James, born May 20, 1848, is a resident of Story county, Iowa. (8) Miles, born Oct. 15, 1851, is a farmer in the town of Jefferson. (9) Samuel, born April 28, 1854, is a farmer in the town of Spring Grove. (10) Frank, born April 13, 1857, is a farmer in the town of Jefferson. Samuel Myers died May 2, 1863. He was a resident of the town of Spring Grove for a number of years. Mrs. Myers remained a widow for over twenty years, and was married in 1884 to Alexander G. Manchester, a carpenter in the town of Spring Grove, who

died in 1896. Of Mrs. Manchester's thirty-three grandchildren twenty-four are living, and she has nineteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Manchester came to the Northwest when it was a wilderness peopled with wild beasts and wilder Indians. In company with her father and husband she came to Wisconsin in 1837, and they made their home on a tract of land, part of which now constitutes the site of the village of Oakley. Mrs. Manchester is the owner of a considerable portion of the real estate on which the village has been built. The house in which they lived during their first summer in Wisconsin was made of logs, roofed with clapboards, and lacking both a chimney and a floor. A fire would be built in the corner, and over it Mrs. Manchester cooked the scanty food on which they lived through the summer—mostly mashed corn, and what wild game they could kill. When they settled here Chicago was a lake of mud and ice, and the nearest railroad was east of the Allegheny mountains. There were no habitations between their home and the site of the present city of Monroe.

Mrs. Manchester, after passing through the various hardships and trials of pioneer life, is still hale and hearty at the age of eighty-five years, and lives on the farm where she and her first husband, Samuel Myers, settled sixty-three years ago. She is a lady of the most estimable character, and commands the unmeasured esteem of the community.

EDWARD FIELD, a substantial farmer of New Diggings township, Lafayette county, is a man whose high standing in the community is based upon his integrity and manly principles. He was born in that township July 11, 1842, son of William and Sarah (Sanford) Field.

William Field was born in Louisville, Ky., and about 1827 or 1828 located in New Diggings township. The greater portion of the inhabitants at that time were Indians, and the early settlers' lives were filled with exciting experiences of treachery, bloodshed, wild beasts, etc. Mr. Field purchased some twelve or fourteen hundred acres of land near the town of New Diggings, and became one of the large shippers of ore. He was a very prominent business man up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1856. His wife, Sarah Sanford, was a native of Canada, and shared

bravely with her husband the hardships of frontier life. She died at the old home in 1892. Politically Mr. Field was one of the old Jacksonian Democrats, and religiously he was connected with no denomination. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Field, eight of whom are yet living: (1) George, born in New Diggings, operated one of his father's farms; he married Annie Harker, and was accidentally drowned at New Orleans, just after he had returned from an European tour. (2) Elizabeth married John Chambers, of Iowa, and both are now deceased; they left a large family. (3) Fannie married Abner Rock, of Shullsburg, Wis., and has a number of children. (4) William, a farmer of New Diggings, married Grace Hurley, and has a family of children. (5) Martha married Willard Townsend, a farmer of Shullsburg, Wis., and both are now deceased; they left one daughter, Ada, now the wife of Blake White, of Illinois. (6) Emily is unmarried and resides at the old home. (7) Benjamin, a farmer of St. Cloud, South Dak., married Emeline Williams, and has a large family. (8) Edward is the next in order of birth. (9) Alice is the widow of a Mr. Dixon, of Beetown, Grant Co., Wis., and has two children. (10) Annie married Frank Bailey, of New Diggings, and has six children. (11) Cyrus, residing on the old home farm, married Bell Meccer, and has a number of children.

Edward Field received his education in the winter schools, in the days when three months comprised the winter term. The first seventeen years of his life were passed on the home farm, and then the threatening war storm broke forth in all its fury, and young Field became a member of Company K, 20th Wis. V. I., enlisting in July, 1862. His regiment was assigned to the Western army, and served until the close of the war, taking an important part in a number of engagements, among them being Prairie Grove, of Missouri, Van Buren, on the Arkansas river, Vicksburg, Miss., Yazoo City, Miss., Brownsville, Tex., Atchafalaya, La., Fort Morgan, Ala., Franklin Creek, Miss., and the Spanish Fort, Ala. The regiment was discharged at Galveston, Tex., and sworn out at Madison, Wis. In 1865, after the battle of Brownsville, the regiment was taken to old Mexico to guard the American Consul during Maximilian's siege of Matamoros. After the close of the war Mr. Field returned

to Lafayette county, and settled on his present farm, which he cleared and improved, erecting good and substantial buildings. He has also added 150 acres adjoining, to his original farm, and now has a large tract of land under a high state of cultivation.

In 1866 Mr. Field wedded Miss Hannah Collings, who was born in England in 1849, daughter of Cornelius and Johanna Collings, natives of Ireland, who located in Lafayette county in 1865. Mrs. Field was educated in England, and was one of a family of four children, the others being, Cornelius, Timothy (who died in Colorado), and Catherine (widow of Samuel Carter, of New Diggings). Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Field: Harry and Fannie both died in childhood; William, born March 3, 1867, moved to California in 1886, where he is engaged in mining in Angle Camp, and is quite successful (he married in California); Edward, born Jan. 18, 1869, now residing in Hazel Green, Wis., married Rose Rodgers, and has a son, Raymond; Charles, born in March, 1871, is now a ranchman in Iowa, unmarried; Catherine, born April, 1873, married William McGrain, of Shullsburg, and has one son, Homer; Gerald, born in 1875, now manages the home farm; Timothy, born September, 1877, now residing in Dubuque, Ia., married Maggie Murphy, and has a daughter, Margaret; Benjamin, born in 1878, married Lizzie Bright, of Shullsburg, and lives on the old homestead; Mary E., born in June, 1881, married Joseph Morgan, of Seymour township, Lafayette Co.; Arlley, born Feb. 26, 1890, a student in the home schools; and Arthur, born March 7, 1894. The family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and in his political belief, Mr. Field is an uncompromising Republican, and has been a member of the town board for a number of years. He and his family are highly esteemed citizens, and are very popular in the social life of the community.

JOHN P. TRENARY, one of the prominent and substantial citizens of Platteville, Grant county, and one of the largest landholders in Lafayette county, is of English birth and parentage. His parents, Philip and Isabel (Lower) Trenary, were natives of Cornwall, England, born in 1816 and 1820, respectively, the former a son of William Trenary, the latter a daughter of Eber and Mary

(Hockey) Lower. All were residents of England.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Trenary came to this country in 1845, soon making a permanent settlement in Platteville, Wis. Mr. Trenary spent his whole succeeding life on the farm, in his later years retiring from active duties. In politics he embraced the principles of the Republican party, was a good citizen, and left his family the record of an unblemished life. His death occurred in 1896, and his widow still resides in Platteville, at the age of over eighty years. The family born to the parents of our subject was a large one: John P., the subject of our review, was the eldest; Mary A., born in 1839, married Henry Pierce, of Iowa, and at her death left eight children; Charles, born in 1842, married Caroline Greenrod, and lives in Pocahontas, Iowa, with a family of ten children; Emma, born in 1844, married John Ware, and resides at Big Patch, with one daughter; Ellen, born in 1847, married John Rickard, and resides in Platteville; Robert, born in 1849, married Caroline Hawk, and lived in Platteville, where he died in 1895, leaving two children; Henry married Agnes Jeffery, and resides at Austin, Minn., with two children; Carrie is deceased; Bryan F. married Selina Huntingdon, and resides in Platteville, with one son; William married Carrie Raisback, resides in Platteville township, and has three daughters; and Frank E. married Annie Huntingdon, and resides on the old homestead, with two children.

Our subject is by birth an Englishman, but America has claimed him so long as one of her worthy citizens that, to all intents and purposes, he belongs on this side of the Atlantic. In Cornwall, England, he was born Feb. 19, 1837, and there remained until he accompanied his parents to America, in 1845. His education was acquired in the district schools, and until he had reached maturity he continued on the old homestead, engaged in agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he purchased a tract of partly improved land in Kendall township, Lafayette county, which he cultivated for a number of years, and by substantial and continued improvements made of it one of the best farms in the county. Mr. Trenary believes thoroughly in the best methods of farming, and from long experience has discovered that the best is none too good in the way of buildings, implements, stock or cattle, hence has been

eminently successful. He has given particular attention to stock, resulting in a reputation for his farm which extends over a wide section. His estate covers 600 acres of the best and most finely cultivated land in Lafayette county. Since 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Trenary have made their residence in Platteville.

On Dec. 31, 1859, occurred the marriage of Mr. Trenary to Miss Elizabeth A. Stephens, the worthy daughter of Michael and Mary Stephens, this family being one of the old and prominent ones of Grant county, having come thither from England in 1842. Mr. Stephens crossed the Plains to California, making two trips, but finally locating in Platteville. Five of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens still survive: Jane, wife of James Stevens, of Platteville; Fannie, wife of John Bonson, of Platteville; John, of California; Samuel, of Sioux City, Iowa; and Mrs. Trenary, who was born in England, Feb. 1, 1837, and grew up in Grant county, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Trenary have had a family of six children: Thomas Edgar, born in 1861, married Lizzie Lillick, of Kendall township, and they now reside in Montana, where he is engaged in lumbering; they have two sons, Guy and Ellis. Otis L., born Sept. 21, 1865, was educated in the Platteville Normal School, later graduated from the Bryant Commercial College, of Chicago, and is now a professor in the Kenosha Commercial College; he married Lula Colvin, of Scranton, Penn., and has one child, Gladys. Isabel, born March 20, 1864, married John Ruskell, of Kendall and has four children, Charles, Bessie, Maud, and Mary. Emory, born in 1868, resides on the farm in Kendall. Fannie is at home. Dennis, who married Millie Kilpatrick, of Kendall, resides on the old home farm in Lafayette county.

In his political views Mr. Trenary has long been identified with the Republican party, and both he and wife are consistent members of the M. E. Church, to which he has given liberally, enabling much benevolent work to be carried on. His early married life was hampered by want of means, but his energy and industry have enabled him to pass his last days in affluence, and he and his estimable wife have reared a family of which the community has every reason to feel proud, its various members ranking among the representative citizens.

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MARSHALL B. LEWIS, an enterprising and highly popular young farmer and school teacher of Jordan township, Green county, is a native of that township, having been born May 12, 1862, on the old Lewis farm in Section 8.

James Lewis, his father, was born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch and Welsh ancestry, a son of John Lewis, who died in his native land. James came to this country in 1848, settling in 1860 in Jordan township, Green Co., Wis., where he took up agricultural pursuits, and is now the owner of a fine farm of 300 acres, well cultivated and yielding good crops. He is one of the few living old settlers who came here some forty years ago. In politics he is a Republican, in religious faith a Presbyterian.

In April, 1852, James Lewis married Miss Anna Hood, and eight children blessed their union, six of whom are yet living: (1) Andrew, of the firm of Strieff & Lewis, hardware merchants, Monroe, Green county; he is the present county chairman, and for some time was clerk of the circuit court. He married Miss Kate Dickson, of Argyle, Wis. (2) Elizabeth was the wife of Ernest Rankin, formerly of Argyle, Wis., and died in Fresno, Cal. (3) Margaret married William Mitchell, of Lafayette county; she died in Blanchardville, Wis. (4) John is register of deeds for Green county, and makes his home in Monroe; he is unmarried. (5) Marshall B. is the subject proper of these lines. (6) George lives in Plainview, Neb.; he married Janet Watson. (7) Ella is the wife of J. H. Britt, of Illinois. (8) Miss Mary lives at home, and is housekeeper for her aged father and her brother Marshall. The mother of this family died Jan. 30, 1897, aged seventy years, and her remains rest in the Lewis cemetery, town of Jordan. Mr. Lewis has eleven living grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Andrew Lewis had three children, Leo and Grace, living, and one that died in infancy. Elizabeth left one living child, Millie. Margaret left one son, Allen Ernest Mitchell, now in business with his father at Monroe. George has four daughters, Emily, Mary Dale, Phyllia and Luella. Ella has three, Raymond L., Marie and John. The great-grandchild is Wallace Peck, of Fresno, California.

Marshall B. Lewis was reared on the home farm, and received his education in part at the



common schools of Jordan township, in part at the Argyle and Monroe high schools. For the past ten winters he has followed teaching, farming during the summer months, and he owns a fine farm of 240 acres adjoining the homestead of his father, where he carries on general farming, including stock raising and dairying. In addition to this he conducts the homestead farm, having, altogether, charge of 540 acres.

In politics Mr. Lewis has always been a Republican, and in religious faith a Protestant. He has ever taken an active interest in the affairs of his township, and has held the offices of school clerk, while at the present time he is clerk of the township board of supervisors. Socially he is a Freemason in good standing, a member of Monroe Lodge, No. 21, and is also affiliated with the K. of P., Monroe Lodge, No. 41. He has not yet enrolled himself in the noble order of Benedicts. A genial, well-read, sociable gentleman, Mr. Lewis has many warm friends, and enjoys the respect of the community at large.

GEORGE T. SPAULDING, dealer in farm machinery, carriages, wind mills, etc., Brodhead, Green county, Wisconsin.

EDWARD NELSON. To the man who is not afraid to work success does not always come unless the industry is accompanied by business tact and good judgment. Edward Nelson, the popular young postmaster of Browntown, Green county, is one of the successful men of the county, with business acumen and wisdom far beyond his years. He was born in Norway, son of Peter and Emma (Thompson) Nelson, who came from Norway to America in 1869, locating at Argyle, Wis., where they reared their ten children: Thompson, who married Augusta Hanson, of Lafayette county; Nels, deceased; Martin, deceased; Peter, who married Bessie Anderson, and is now register of deeds at Darlington, Wis.; Edward, mentioned below; Andrew, deceased; Severn, who is in the employ of his brother Edward, at Browntown; Mary, who married Louis Anderson, of Darlington, Wis.; Tillie, who married A. Christenon, of Lafayette county; and Chris, who lives with his parents. Peter Nelson was very poor, but by hard work and strict economy he has acquired a fine farm of 300 acres in

Wiota township, Lafayette county, and has greatly improved it with good buildings. In politics he is a strong Republican, and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of his town.

Edward Nelson was reared to hard work on his father's farm, and obtained such education as he could in the common schools of the neighborhood. Naturally bright, he quickly learned all that was given him, and at an early age began to learn the tinner's trade at Darlington. In 1893, in connection with his brother Thompson, he opened a hardware and general store, and the next year purchased his brother's interest, since which time he has conducted the business alone, giving evidence of business sagacity that is most phenomenal. His pleasant manners and honorable dealing have won him friends and customers, and made him a social favorite as well.

On March 10, 1895, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Trickle, who was born March 10, 1878, daughter of Edward and Matilda (Hawthorne) Trickle. Mr. and Mrs. Trickle were the parents of the following children, besides Mrs. Nelson: James, of Freeport, Ill.; Annie, of South Wayne; George, of Browntown; Alfred, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Elmer, of Browntown; and Ben and Charles, of Browntown. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have been born two interesting children, Galey and Mamie. Mrs. Nelson is one of the cultured and accomplished ladies of Browntown society, and is greatly beloved by her friends. Mr. Nelson is a Republican in politics, but in religious matters is identified with no denomination, although he takes an interest in church work and is a willing contributor to all worthy causes. Socially he is a member of the M. W. A. and the I. O. O. F. As a citizen his interest in public affairs is an active working interest, and he has served as township clerk, supervisor of roads, and successfully administered the affairs of Browntown as president of the village board.

RUDY M. KUNDERT, one of the wealthiest and most progressive general farmers and cheese manufacturers of Jordan township, Green county, is a native of New Glarus, Green Co., Wis., born June 5, 1861.

Jacob Kundert, father of Rudy M., was born in Canton Glarus, Switzerland, in 1830,

and for five years before coming to this country, in 1854, he worked in a cotton factory. On May 16, 1851, in Canton Glarus, he married Barbara Kundert, and they had a large family, of whom mention is made of the following, three having died in infancy: Jacob, a farmer of Monroe township, Green county; Sarah, widow of Frederick Luther; Barbara, wife of Mathias Meier, a farmer of Jordan township; Abraham, a farmer of Lafayette county, Wis.; Rudy M.; Henry, residing in Monroe City, Wis.; Maggie, wife of Jacob Nichols, of the State of Oregon; Thomas, deceased; Frederick, a farmer in Monroe township, Green county; Annie, wife of John Lee, of Monroe; John, also of Monroe, the youngest living. The mother of this numerous family was born in 1830, and died Nov. 10, 1899. The father died Aug. 15, 1895, having lived retired for several years prior to his decease. When he came to this country he owed one hundred dollars passage money, but eventually he became one of the leading wealthy farmers of Green county, at one time owning 1,200 acres of land, and was also an extensive cheese manufacturer. On his arrival in Wisconsin he remained some fifteen years in New Glarus, Green county, then removed to Monroe township. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted, Sept. 12, 1862, in the 9th Wis. V. I., and participated in the battle of Prairie Grove, also in the Red River campaign.

Rudy M. Kundert was reared to manhood on his father's farm, at the same time receiving a liberal education at the public schools of the neighborhood. A lifelong industrious farmer, he has accumulated a fine property, comprising 200 acres of highly cultivated land situated some three miles north of the village of Browntown; he has also for several years carried on a cheese factory on his own premises, and at the present time he owns some forty head of milch cows.

On Feb. 7, 1888, Rudy M. Kundert married Miss Susan Shear, born March 22, 1864, a daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Lutz) Shear, natives of Germany, who came to Green county, Wis., in early times. They had a family of eleven children, nine of whom are yet living: Amelia, wife of Andrew Rinehart, of Cadiz, Wis.; Ferdinand, in Jordan township, Green county; Frederick, in South Dakota; Helen, wife of Thomas Dowd, of South Dakota; Louisa, wife of George Ault;

Susan, wife of our subject; Annie, wife of Joseph McCarty; Lawrence, in Monroe township, Green county; and Andrew, in Monroe, Green county.

Six children, all yet living, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rudy M. Kundert, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Helen E., Dec. 11, 1888; Thomas, June 21, 1890; Clara, Aug. 31, 1891; Frederick, Dec. 12, 1892; Charles, March 20, 1895; and Lena, March 24, 1900. In his political preferences Mr. Kundert is a Democrat, and for several years has served as school director and treasurer, also as road supervisor; at this writing he is a member of the township board. In religious faith he is identified with the Lutheran Church, and in all the relations of life he is looked upon as an excellent, trustworthy citizen.

C. L. BARLOW, Monticello, Green Co., Wisconsin.

JOHN HALE (deceased), who passed his last years retired in the town of Lima, Grant county, was born in England in March, 1815, son of John and Esther Hale, natives of that country, who lived and died in their island home.

Our subject was one of three sons. He worked in the coal mines of England and Wales up to 1841, when he came to America, locating in the lead mining district of Grant county. Here, two years later, he married Miss Isabelle McCullough, who was born in Scotland in 1819. After their marriage they settled for a short time at Hazel Green, and he then purchased a farm in the town of Lima, engaging in its tillage for many years. Mrs. Hale died on this farm in 1864, leaving nine children: (1) John, born in 1844, was a soldier during the war of the Rebellion, going out on the first call for volunteers, and was severely wounded in one of the many battles in which he participated, but survived. In 1866 he migrated to Montana, where he married, and died leaving two children. He lost his life by suffocation in a mine while engaged in the rescue of one of his companions. His widow died a few years ago, leaving two sons, both residents of Montana. (2) Margaret, born in 1846, is now the wife of Alex Graham, who is engaged in the dairy business in Minnesota. (3) Robert C., born March 28, 1848,

is mentioned below. (4) Sarah M., born in January, 1850, is now the wife of Thomas Caloway, of Kansas, and all of their children are in that State. (5) Elizabeth J., born in March, 1852, married John Caloway, a farmer in the town of Lima. They have six children. (6) Lafayette, born in 1854, lives in Kansas, where he is a prosperous farmer. He married Jane Poland, and has a family of seven children. (7) Alvin H., born May 21, 1856, resides on his fruit farm near Platteville. He married Nellie Johnson, and has one living child, Stephen O. (8) George F., born in February, 1860, when a young man went to Kansas, where he married and engaged in agriculture. He became very prosperous, and in 1894 moved to Oregon, where he owns a large fruit farm. He has no children. (9) Jacob A., born in April, 1862, is married, and lives in Iowa. They have one son, Virgil.

In 1864 John Hale, our subject, married Mrs. Sarah Graham, the widow of Gustavus Graham, who died in California. Mr. Graham, a native of New York, in 1835 married Miss Sarah Quick, who was born in 1815, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah Quick, both natives of New Jersey, and residents of Sullivan county, N. Y., where they died. Mr. and Mrs. Graham came to Wisconsin the year of their marriage, and settled on a farm in the town of Lima, where he lived and reared his family. In the fall of 1849 he went to the mines of California, where he died within a year of consumption. Mrs. Graham was left with six small children to battle the world alone. (1) Robert H., the eldest of her family, was born in Grant county in September, 1838, and is now a resident of Platteville, where he is engaged in mining. (2) Alex, born in 1840, married Mr. Hale's daughter Margaret and lives in Minnesota. (3) William, born in 1842, lives in Iowa. (4) Mary J. died in childhood. (5) Louisa is now the wife of Orlando McQuisten, a resident of Montana. (6) Emma M., born in 1848, is the wife of Edwin Bullock, a hardware merchant in Kansas. (7) Sarah A., born in 1850, is now the widow of Joseph Van Meeter, and lives in Chicago with her three children. Mr. Hale had no children by his second marriage. In 1864, after his marriage to Mrs. Graham, he purchased the interest of the Graham heirs in the family homestead, and here he and his wife lived happily and contentedly, surrounded

by every comfort, and putting every day of their lives to the best possible use.

Mr. Hale began as a poor boy in his adopted country, and by his own efforts made a standing among the people of Wisconsin that could not be questioned. As a Republican he was elected to several local positions in the town of Lima, and he was a member of the Christian Church, with which his widow also unites.

Robert C. Hale, the second son of our subject, was born at Hazel Green in 1848, and received a good district-school education. When a young man he made a purchase of land in Minnesota. Improving this somewhat, he sold out and returned to Grant county, where he found good business openings. In 1873 he married Mrs. Martha (Condree) Reed, of Wayne county, Ohio, and settled on a small farm in the town of Lima, where he bought a portable mill, manufacturing sawed lumber for a number of years. In 1886 he purchased a farm in the town of Lima, on which he has put up a bank barn and made many other valuable improvements. This place, which contains 200 acres, has become a fine farm. Mr. Hale is largely interested in stock raising, having seventy-five sheep, one hundred hogs, and a large number of cattle. Three children have come to Mr. Hale and his wife: (1) William F., born in January, 1875, is a farmer in the town of Lima, where he owns 160 acres of well-cultivated land. He is unmarried. (2) John J., born in 1877, graduated from the State Normal at Platteville in 1898, has taught school, and is now a clerk on one of the Mississippi river steamboats. (3) Jessie M., born in 1880, prepared herself for teaching in the State Normal at Platteville, and now holds a State certificate. In politics Mr. Hale is a Republican, and is a member of the Republican town committee. He has held the office of chairman of the town for four years, for twelve years was school clerk, and six years school director. He belongs to the Odd Fellows, and in religion he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM POHLE, Sr., a well-known and highly esteemed German-American citizen of Grant county, resides on section 33, in the town of Bloomington. For more than thirty years he has been a resident of the county,

and with interest has watched and assisted in its growth and development.

The birth of Mr. Pohle took place in Westphalia, Germany, on April 12, 1829. His father, Hermann Pohle, never came to this country. In his own land our subject received a good education, as all boys are required to remain at school for a certain length of time. In 1852 he married Miss Ilsabein Storlman, and the following year they came to America; at that time they had one daughter, who is now a resident of Iowa. An uncle of our subject, Casper Pohle, who resided in St. Louis, Mo., with his wife made a visit to Germany, in the hope of restoring her health, and upon their return our subject and family came with them, another uncle, Henry Wiedman, also joining the party. This family group landed in New Orleans, and went thence up the Mississippi as far as St. Louis, which was the home of Casper Pohle. It was the first intention of our subject and his uncle Henry to settle in Missouri, but the Kansas border troubles had already begun, and much excitement existed on this account, so they determined to continue on up the river and land at Guttenberg, Clayton Co., Iowa. Henry Wiedman settled there, and there remained until his death. Mr. Pohle was also pleased with the locality, and bought 100 acres of land in Clayton county, remaining upon it until 1868, when he came to Grant county, arriving in February of that year. His first purchase of land was on section 34, from Mr. Benham, and immediately he began operations which through industry and good management enabled him to continually increase his possessions, until he has become one of the most extensive farmers and stock raisers in the county. His present home is one of comfort and beauty, and here he and his estimable wife live a life of ease, although always usefully employed. As previously noted, Mr. Pohle had excellent educational opportunities, and he has always been prominently identified with the intelligent movements of his locality. His parents had but two children, and as he was the only son, he was exempt from military duty, but he is still of the opinion that the United States offers the best opening to young men. During his life in Bloomington he has won the respect of the community, and is esteemed for his recognized honesty and integrity, which were shown in three years' service on the town board; he has been admin-

istrator of several estates. In politics he is a Democrat.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pohle numbered ten, seven sons and three daughters. The eldest, Louise, born in Germany, resides in Garnavillo, Iowa; Henry resides in Franklin county, Iowa; John lives in California; William and Hermann live in Bloomington; Anna resides in Patch Grove; August resides in Bloomington; Mary is in Hancock county, Iowa; Louis farms the homestead; and Edward is a dental surgeon, a rising professional man of Guttenberg, Iowa.

JOB HAMPTON CRABTREE is a pioneer resident of Bloomington, Grant county, who made his home there when that thriving and busy locality was almost a wilderness, and who has been conspicuously identified with its growth and development.

By birth Mr. Crabtree is a Kentuckian, the name being an old and honored one in the South. His parents, John and Middy Ann (Goff) Crabtree, were natives of South and North Carolina, respectively. John Crabtree was a boy at the beginning of the Revolutionary war, but, like Gen. Andrew Jackson, whom he knew well, he fought against the enemy during the closing scenes of that great struggle in his native State. He attained the age of eighty-four, and at the time of his death was about to receive a pension from the government on account of his services. From South Carolina he went to Georgia, where his residence was burned, and in that fire he lost his discharge from the Patriot army. His first wife, who belonged to the Hawkins family, died in Georgia, the second wife being the mother of our subject. From Georgia Mr. Crabtree removed to Kentucky, but both he and his wife passed away in Montgomery county, Ill., he at the age of eighty-four, and she at the age of seventy-five. John Crabtree was the father of twenty children, twelve of whom were born to the second marriage. All the children of the first marriage have passed away, and but five of the second survive, viz.: Job H., of this record; Isaac Jackson, a wealthy resident of California, where he located in 1850; Middy Ann, a resident of Litchfield, Ill.; Nancy Jane, of the same place; and Allen, who settled in California.

The birth of Job H. Crabtree took place in Muhlenberg county, Ky., March 14, 1819,

and he was about ten years of age when the family removed from Kentucky to Illinois, where he resided until he came to Grant county, Wis., in 1845. On March 6, 1846, he was united in marriage to his present estimable wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Walker, and who is a daughter of George Walker. They have been permitted to pass a happy life of fifty-five years together, and together have borne the deprivations and hardships of pioneer life.

By trade Mr. Crabtree was a carpenter, and he followed same for some twenty years. When he first came to Grant county and landed in Potosi, in 1845, he was possessed of twenty-five cents in money, his other capital being his trade, his health and his determination to succeed. Pawning his trunk for his first week's board, he searched for any kind of employment, as laborers were more plentiful than employers, but by dint of strict economy, industry and his pleasing personality he soon became occupied, and his present fine farm of 320 acres is a testimony to his success. His first entry of land was eighty acres, and as he was able he increased it, cultivating, clearing and improving as the years went by. Since his marriage Mr. Crabtree has been a resident of Beetown and Bloomington. The surviving children of our subject and wife are: Allen, Frank, Eddie and one daughter, Mary Jane, the wife of Webster Cook. Mr. Crabtree and his wife were deeply bereaved in the death of their son, John Quincy, in 1876, at the age of twenty-two. His life was just opening into manly usefulness, and he was an estimable young man in every way. Emma died in babyhood, Charles in childhood, and the eldest child died at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree are among the oldest living pioneers of Bloomington, and are ranked with the most worthy and highly esteemed citizens in southwestern Wisconsin. Their recollections of that life of yesterday are vivid and interesting, and admiration is not wanting for those who so bravely struggled against adverse conditions and so successfully overcame almost insurmountable difficulties in the way of making life easier for their descendants.

Webster Cook, of Bloomington, the son-in-law of Mr. Crabtree, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1841, and came West with his father's family about 1844. The father was a miller

by trade, and his first location in Wisconsin was in the town of Waterloo, where he operated a mill for some time, but later he came to Beetown, Grant county. There he engaged in farming for some years, finally removing to Platteville, where he and his wife passed their last years.

On Aug. 19, 1862, Mr. Cook enlisted for service in the Civil war, in Company F, 7th Wis. V. I., which regiment formed a part of the distinguished Iron Brigade, and took part in many of the most severe campaigns and battles in the war for the Union. These include Gainesville, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and the siege of Petersburg. As the army was forming for the great attack for the possession of the Weldon Railroad, which was the key to the enemy's position, Mr. Cook was prostrated by a sunstroke, which rendered him unfit for further service, and from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. He is a member of the Will Hickok Post, No. 134. G. A. R. A brother, William Cook, now a resident of Boscobel, served in the Civil war as a member of the 10th Wisconsin. Webster Cook married Miss Crabtree in 1865. They have no family.

EDMUND S. FESSENDEN, M. D., of Albany, is one of the reliable physicians of Green county, who has added experience to theory, and has supplemented the study of books by the study of men. He lives up to the best ideals of his profession, and has many friends in Albany and through the adjacent regions.

Dr. Fessenden was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1835, a son of James and Mary (Young) Fessenden, natives of New Hampshire and Connecticut, respectively. They were the parents of five sons and six daughters, and the following children are still living: Dr. Edmund S., of Albany; Sylvanus C., of Sharon, Wis.; Emily, the wife of Dr. Sutherland, of Nebraska; Laura, the widow of Ransom Phelps, of Aurora, Ill.; Rebecca Ann; Mrs. Nancy Hall, of Cresco, Iowa; Joel, of the same place; and Priscilla. The father was a cooper in early life, and became a farmer in Trumbull county, Ohio. He came to Wisconsin in 1856, where he located on a farm in Lafayette county. Some years later he moved to Howard county, Iowa, where he died

in 1898, within two months of his eighty-first birthday. His wife died about two years previously, when seventy-seven. They were members of the Disciple Church. His father, probably a native of New Hampshire, had died of typhoid fever when about forty-five years of age; he was the father of eleven children, all of whom lived to be over fifty-six years of age. Philo Young, the father of Mary (Young) Fessenden, was a native of Connecticut, of English blood, and followed farming as an occupation; he passed away in advanced years, the father of a numerous family.

Dr. Fessenden lived on the farm in Trumbull county with his parents until he was ten years of age, and then went to Holmes county, in the same State, where he grew to manhood. His education was acquired in the district schools. In 1856 he came to Wisconsin with his parents, and here he attended the old Platteville Academy, after which he taught school four years. He began the study of medicine, but the Civil war postponed his preparation for his profession, and in December, 1863, as a member of Company E, 30th Wis. V. I., he marched to the front and served until the close of the war as a corporal. He was employed on detached service much of the time, and in 1864 stood guard at Fort Wadsworth, in Dakota. He was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., and resumed the study of medicine at the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati in 1865, remaining through the following year. He began his professional life in Grant county, Wis., and very soon moved into Richland Center, where he practiced for twelve years. He then came to Green county, and with the exception of four years at Mineral Point, his old home and the place of his marriage, he has continued to practice in this county, four years of the time being spent at Monroe. In December, 1899, Dr. Fessenden located in Albany, and contemplates a permanent residence here.

On March 25, 1860, Dr. Fessenden and Miss Henrietta Maria Howe, daughter of Henry and Camelia A. (Davidson) Howe, were married at Mineral Point, Wis. To this union were born three sons and three daughters, Irene, William N., Marion, Henry Howe, Katie and Edmund L. Irene married M. J. Chryst, of the town of Sylvester, and has seven children, Zina Muzette, Harold Clayton, Marjory, Neal Cleveland, Rexford, Archie Mc-

Lean, and the baby. William N. is a painter and printer at Freeport, Ill. Marion married Edward F. Bratley, of the town of Cadiz, Green county, and has five children, Glenn, Lois, Maude, Alice, and the baby. Henry H., of Mineral Point, a painter by trade, married Miss Anna Libby, and has two children. Katie died when nineteen months old. Edmund L. is a painter. Dr. Fessenden and his wife with their two daughters are members of the Christian Church and are active workers in the Church and Sunday-school. They are both well informed in the Scriptures, of which he is a profound student. He belongs to the George H. Legate Post, No. 125, G. A. R., at Mineral Point, and in his politics is a Prohibitionist.

REV. GEORGE W. CASE, the present pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Monroe, Green county, is one of the most advanced and earnest men in the ministry in the West Wisconsin Conference.

George W. Case was born in Erie county, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1835, a son of James H. and Mary (Powers) Case, natives of Connecticut and Vermont, respectively, and passed his early life in that State. He was one of a family of six children, three of whom—James and Samuel, both of Hart Prairie, Wis., and himself—are now living. James H. Case was a man whose life was characterized by sterling manliness and integrity. By trade he was a blacksmith, but on his coming to Wisconsin, in 1849, he bought a farm of 200 acres in Walworth county, and devoted himself to its cultivation. After a time he increased this by the purchase of 240 acres, and upon this magnificent rural estate he lived until the year 1881, being eighty-three years old. His wife passed away in 1864, at the age of sixty-four. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. William Case, father of James H. Case, was born in Connecticut, and settled in Oneida county, N. Y., in 1800. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died well advanced in years. The father of Mrs. Mary Case was a farmer, and died in Vermont at a venerable age, the father of a numerous family; he had a son, Samuel, who was the proprietor of large foundry works at Schenectady.

Rev. George W. Case came to Wisconsin with his parents, and grew to manhood on the Walworth county farm. He enjoyed the most

liberal educational advantages of the times, completing the course of study afforded by the local schools, and then attended Milton Academy, being a member of the first graduating class of that institution. Later he was a student at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., continuing his studies to the junior year. His collegiate education was completed at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., in 1862. Returning home, he secured the charge of the academy at Watertown, which he held for one year, and from there passed to the principalship of Bronson Institute at Point Bluff, Adams Co., Wis. But these were the times that stirred men's souls, and the young man could not resist the tide of patriotic devotion that was sweeping the young and brave into the hosts of freedom, to war for mighty treasures. Mr. Case enlisted in 1864 in Company K, 42d Wis. V. I., and was made orderly sergeant, later promoted to the second lieutenantcy. After the war he returned to Bronson Institute, and was at its head for a year following its removal to Kilbourn, Wis. He was principal of the high school at Columbus, Wis., and from that position entered into the active work of the Methodist ministry, and consecrated his future years to the Master's service. He joined the West Wisconsin Conference in 1863, and for thirty-four years, commencing with 1867, has been in the active work of the ministry. He represented his conference in the General Conference at Omaha, Neb., in 1892, and for ten years has filled the office of presiding elder.

On July 27, 1863, Mr. Case wedded Miss Nancy E. Nash, daughter of Francis and Catherine Van Bergen (Curtis) Nash. Four children have blessed this union: (1) Jennie W. is the wife of W. W. Smith, and lives in Austin, Minn., where her husband has charge of the Standard Oil plant; they have two children, Gladys and Elbridge. (2) James F. married Miss Helen Smith, and has his home in Portland, Oregon, where he followed the vocation of a civil engineer, he having had the construction of several important railroad and street bridges. He is now a major in the 40th Regiment, U. S. V. I., and is serving in the Philippine islands. They have one son, Archie W. (3) Mary Belle married Edward Gray, and lives in Sparta, Wis. (4) Baby, who died in infancy.

Faternally Rev. Case belongs to Northern Light Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M., and to

Marathon Chapter, R. A. M., both located at Mauston, Wis. He is also a member of O. F. Pinney Post, No. 102, G. A. R., at Monroe, Wisconsin.

DANIEL DUNWIDDIE, one of the honored pioneers of Green county, Wis., is now living retired from active participation in business, in his comfortable home in Brodhead, surrounded by loving children and grandchildren, as well as by a host of warm friends. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, Jan. 6, 1822, son of John and Ruth (Bets) Dunwiddie, the former of whom was a farmer in Delaware and an early settler of Greene county, Ohio, where he purchased a tract of timber land, and farmed there until his death, in 1826; his wife, Mrs. Ruth (Bets) Dunwiddie, was the daughter of a Delaware farmer, and survived her husband several years. John Dunwiddie was a soldier in the war of 1812, and he and his wife were both Baptists in religious faith. They were the parents of eleven children, ten sons and one daughter, but two of whom are now living—Judge Brooks Dunwiddie, of Monroe, and Daniel, of Brodhead.

Daniel Dunwiddie grew to manhood on the farm in Greene county, Ohio, and made farming his life work until 1896. His first schooling was in the old-fashioned subscription schools, and after his mother's death he made his home with his sister Susan and her husband, Ezra Haines, remaining with them until he had attained the age of twenty-one years. In 1843 he first came to Wisconsin and made his home in Jefferson township, but a little later he gave up this land and purchased 160 acres in Spring Grove township, and twenty acres of timber land in Decatur township, making his home in Spring Grove until his retirement in 1896, since when he has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Alonzo Barnes.

On Dec. 18, 1844, Mr. Dunwiddie married Miss Rebecca Austin, daughter of Joshua and Priscilla (Everly) Austin, and they became the parents of nine children: Priscilla married John Swan, of Juda, Wis., and has five children, Pliny, Ivan J., Otto, Victoria and Franklin; Louisa died in childhood; Ezra, of Coldridge, Neb., married Fannie Gifford, and has five children, Gertrude, Charles, Esther, Annie and Robert; Celista married Alonzo Barnes (who died in 1900), and has had two children, Rockwell, and one deceased; Theresa

married William F. Holcomb, of Brodhead, and has one son, Frederick N.; Minnie died in childhood; John Milton, of Jefferson township, married Lucinda Davis, and has one child living, Ned Elmer; Idella married C. F. Cronk, of Madison, Wis., and has two children, Forbes B. and Margo; and Myrtle married Ross C. Murdock, of Brodhead, and has two children, Hazel and Marjorie. Mrs. Dunwiddie was born April 8, 1825, in Burlington county, N. J., and died March 23, 1895. Her marriage to Mr. Dunwiddie was celebrated in Warsaw, Kosciusko Co., Ind., and the ceremony performed by Judge Miller. On Dec. 18, 1894, they celebrated their golden wedding at their comfortable home in Spring Grove. Of the forty-five guests present the greater number were children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren (at that time there were three great-grandchildren, and at present eight). Many were the good wishes spoken on that memorable occasion, and few realized then that before another anniversary had passed the beloved mother and grandmother would be waiting for them all in the land that knows no care.

When Mr. Dunwiddie made his first appearance in Wisconsin, in 1843, he came on horseback. In 1844 he went to Indiana, where he was married in December, and in the following March he returned to Wisconsin, this time making the trip in a "Democrat" wagon, built somewhat after the manner of a prairie schooner, and drawn by two good horses. The team was driven by Mrs. Dunwiddie's brother, Isaac, and the trip required about ten days. The young couple began life as pioneers, and soon became inured to the hardships on the frontier. Their house was built of logs and plastered both outside and in. The roof was formed of slabs, held in place by hangers, and the floor was made of the same material, but dressed smooth. Milwaukee was the nearest available market for farm produce, and the outgoing team could make the trip in three days, returning in two. Marriage in those days, to be followed by pioneer life, meant a practical severing of all home ties. Years must come and go before there could be any hope of another meeting. Aside from the brother who drove the team in 1845, Mrs. Dunwiddie saw no one of her people for thirty-five years. At the end of that time this same brother visited Wisconsin, and brought with

him his sister Elizabeth. Time had wrought its changes. The old log cabin had given way to a pleasant, well-furnished and comfortable home, the unbroken wilderness to well-cultivated fields. Mr. and Mrs. Dunwiddie were earnest members of the Baptist Church in Juda, taking an active part in all Christian work. After the death of his wife Mr. Dunwiddie left the old home hallowed by many a sacred memory, and is now passing the evening of his life in Brodhead.

THOMAS BANFIELD (deceased) was an extensive farmer of Smelser township, Grant county, and is remembered in this locality as one of the substantial men of the community. He was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, Dec. 10, 1841, a son of William and Ann (Kilbride) Banfield. When about three years of age he was brought by his parents to Smelser, where the family has since resided. The parents were very prosperous, and died wealthy and highly respected, after having had five children, four sons and one daughter.

Thomas Banfield was educated in the district schools of Smelser, where he gained a very fair knowledge of the branches there taught.

In 1867 Mr. Banfield married Julia Doyle, who was born in Ireland on March 10, 1845, daughter of Andrew and Mary A. Doyle, a pioneer family of Grant county. Mrs. Banfield grew to womanhood in Grant county, and received her education in the schools of Hazel Green. Mr. and Mrs. Banfield were the parents of eleven children, as follows: (1) William A., born in November, 1867, received his preliminary education in the home schools, and then spent two years in St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee. For five years he was a student in St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, Iowa, where he was graduated, and afterward entered a theological seminary at Montreal, and was ordained a priest in 1891. For one year after his consecration as priest he was assistant in a parish at Clinton, Iowa, and then assumed charge of his present parish at Bankston, same State, where he is the founder of a fine church, and is very popular. (2) Mary A., born in 1869, died at the age of six years. (3) Andrew, born in September, 1871, was educated in St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, and married Maggie Byrns, daughter of John A. Byrns, an old-time resident of Grant county, and has



four children: Julia L., born in March, 1896; Thomas A., born in August, 1898; John Oscar, born in July, 1899; and Agnes L., born Feb. 19, 1901. They reside on a farm near the homestead. (4) Lizzie A., born Sept. 6, 1872, died Dec. 6, 1875. (5) Catherine C., born Aug. 11, 1875, is a graduate of the Cuba City high school, and is at present living with her brother, Rev. W. A. Banfield. (6) Charles M., born March 19, 1877, died in childhood. (7) Charles P., born May 15, 1878, was for six years a student of St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, Iowa, graduating in classics and philosophy June 18, 1901. (8) Nellie K., born Dec. 19, 1881, was a student of St. Clara's Academy, Grant county, Wis., and at present is a student of the Visitation Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (9) Margaret, born July 5, 1883, died in childhood. (10) Stella J., born April 19, 1885, is a student of the home school, St. Rose, Wis. (11) Thomas N., born Sept. 7, 1887, is also a student of the home school. At the time of his marriage Mr. Banfield had a farm of 120 acres, but subsequently additions increased it to 360 acres. Many improvements were made, and he finally became the owner of one of the finest horse breeding farms in the county. In 1896 Mr. Banfield suffered great loss of property by fire, but through his energetic efforts soon recovered. The death of Mr. Banfield occurred Oct. 29, 1897. It was the cause of deep sorrow to the family and entire community, as he was a friend to all who ever had the pleasure of his acquaintance. At the time of his death he was a consistent member of the Roman Catholic faith, and a liberal supporter of same. Politically he was a Democrat, and one of the influential members of his party.

The Banfield family is one of the best educated and most influential in this community. All have nobly borne their parts in the development of Smelser, as well as Grant county. As business men they are very substantial; in politics they adhere strongly to the creed they consider as beneficial to the welfare and to the upbuilding of their country. Mrs. Banfield has the honor of having a brother, Hon. Arthur Doyle, who fought bravely for the nation's cause in the Civil war, and also a nephew, Mr. Shane Doyle, who was a defender of the same dear flag in the Philippine islands, where he was shot by mistake Nov. 22, 1900. His remains were removed to his old home in Grant

county, Wis., and on July 20, 1901, was held one of the grandest military funerals ever witnessed in this part of the State. Both in their homes and in social circles the Banfields enjoy a large circle of friends.

J. H. PEACOCK, farmer and local minister, Lead Mine, Lafayette Co., Wisconsin.

FRANK D. TAFT. Among the enterprising and successful business men of Monticello, Green county, who have lived in this pleasant little city all their lives, is Frank D. Taft, who was born Oct. 20, 1862, a son of S. C. and Electa M. (Fluent) Taft.

S. C. Taft, of Monticello, a prominent member of G. A. R. Post No. 113, was born in Springville, Susquehanna Co., Penn., Dec. 29, 1819, and was a descendant of Samuel Taft, a native of England, who came with a brother to America, the latter mysteriously disappearing soon after landing. Samuel Taft, our subject's great-grandfather, had four children, born in Rhode Island, Jonathan, the grandfather, being born at Smithfield, that State, on March 13, 1772, and moved to Pennsylvania about 1812, where, on Dec. 17, 1817, he married Nancy Fox, eldest of the four children of Nehemiah Fox. In 1824 he moved to New York, where he died on his farm in Virgil township, Cortland county, June 11, 1851, his wife dying at the home of her son, at Monticello, Wis., March 11, 1862. They had reared three of their four children, of whom our subject's father was the second; John L., born June 25, 1822, resides in Fort Worth, Texas; Daniel B., born Sept. 28, 1826, died in Monticello in 1862.

The father of our subject passed his youthful days under the parental roof, and when old enough learned the lucrative trade of carpenter and millwright. His marriage to Elizabeth Grey, of Cortland county, N. Y., took place Sept. 28, 1843. She was a daughter of Ogden and Susan (Barnes) Grey, and died June 28, 1846. The second marriage of Mr. Taft took place in Addison, Steuben Co., N. Y., on Oct. 25, 1849, to Electa M. Fluent, who was born Jan. 27, 1825, a daughter of Joseph and Gannie (Dickinson) Fluent, the former being a native of Maine, and the latter of Pompey Hollow, Onondaga Co., N. Y. Mr. Taft removed to Janesville, Wis., in 1853, and on March 19, 1854, went to Monticello, Wis. Here

he resumed his trade, also engaged in farming and led a useful and busy life until the time of his death, on May 16, 1897, at the age of seventy-seven. During the Civil war he enlisted at Monticello, on Dec. 22, 1863, in the 5th Wis. Light Artillery (some unaccountable blunder registers his enlistment Jan. 7, 1864), was mustered in at Madison, and was sent thence to Chattanooga. Connected with the 14th Army Corps, Mr. Taft saw some hard service, moving with his regiment to Ringgold, through Snake Creek Gap, and assuming position for the battle of Resaca, on May 14, where he with his companions fought all day until ammunition became exhausted. On the 15th he served his gun all day, and on the 16th he was at Rome; on May 26th went on the quick march to join the troops at Dallas, where the Union forces were successful. At Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, and other engagements in this neighborhood, Mr. Taft's battery did most effective service, participated in the fight at the crossing at Chattanooga, and followed in the battle of Peach Tree Creek, and taking part in the siege of Atlanta, where the brave Gen. McPherson met death. This battery did service through the siege, and then engaged in a three-hours' fight at Jonesboro. Returning to Atlanta, he remained with his section until in November (voting there for president), when he became a victim of typhoid fever, finally, after making many refusals, being forced to enter hospital. On Nov. 5 he was sent to a hospital at Chattanooga, and after two weeks he was transferred first to Nashville, then to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, thence to Prairie du Chien, and finally to Madison, expecting to go to New York, but illness forced him to the hospital again, at Madison, and in February, 1865, to Prairie du Chien, where he was obliged to remain until the return of the regiment to Wisconsin, where he was honorably discharged June 7, 1865.

Returning to Monticello, under the tender care of his family, he recovered health, and again took up the peaceful pursuits. Three of his family of six children are deceased: Lucius E., born Sept. 21, 1850, died March 18, 1854; Elizabeth A., born Aug. 12, 1852, died March 20, 1855; John O., born Nov. 20, 1854; Appleton R., born Sept. 12, 1857, mentioned below; Ogden G., born Oct. 7, 1860; and Frank, born Oct. 20, 1862. Mr. Taft was the first commander of his post, and served

until his death. In December, 1848, he became a member of the Masonic fraternity, at Addison, N. Y., and in 1889 was worthy master of the lodge at Monticello, acting for ten years as an official. His first vote was cast for James K. Polk, after which he joined the Free Soil party, and naturally followed into the Republican ranks, becoming a staunch and active member of the latter party, being a member of the club of Monticello. As a prominent citizen he was called upon to serve in many important official positions, and for some years was a justice of the peace. Long will he be remembered as one of the leading citizens of this place.

Frank D. Taft, our subject, has lived in this town all his life, with the exception of two years spent in Kansas. His educational advantages were those of the common schools, and when he reached man's estate he learned his father's trade. For a number of years he engaged in contracting. His marriage occurred on Sept. 5, 1889, to Miss Rosa Marty, a daughter of Henry and Fannie (Durst) Marty, natives of Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Marty are the parents of the following children: Fannie, who married Fred Gerber, of Monticello; Ursilla, who married H. L. Babler, of this place; Rosa, Mrs. Taft; Fred H., of Madison; J. Henry, of New Glarus; Matt S., of New Glarus; Annie, who married William Preston, of New Glarus; and Nicholas C., of Monticello. Mrs. Marty was but five years old when brought by her parents from Switzerland. Mr. Marty came over in 1851. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Taft, Louisa A. and Herbert.

Appleton R. Taft, brother to our subject, was one of the soldiers who gave up their lives at Camp Cuba Libre. He passed away on Aug. 18, 1898, aged forty-one years, lacking but a month. His wife, Mrs. Nora Taft, had his body brought home for burial, and it was interred with military honors in the Monticello cemetery. He belonged to Company H, 1st Wis. Vols., and with high hopes had marched away beneath the same flag under which his father had so bravely faced danger.

Mr. Taft erected a very desirable residence in 1894, but has traded that for another, building several others, having the advantage of being able to build a new house when the old one does not suit. In politics he could be nothing but a Republican, and is socially con-

nected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Taft is a valued member of the Swiss Reformed Church.

DAVID BALLANTINE (deceased) was one of the early settlers of Grant county, and during his long life one of its most prominent citizens. His birth occurred at Bovina, Delaware Co., N. Y., Jan. 15, 1816, and his lamented death at his home in Bloomington, Wis., Feb. 5, 1899. With his four brothers, Robert, George, Thomas and James, he came to Wisconsin in the early days, and all of this family grew to be honorable, representative citizens. All have passed out of life with the exception of Thomas, who is a resident of Kansas. There were two more brothers, one of whom died in early life, and the other, Duncan Ballantine, passed his life in the State of New York. The parents were David and Ann (Grant) Ballantine.

David Ballantine, our subject, was married to Miss Nancy Ellis, Nov. 13, 1878. She was a native of Grant county, a daughter of Washington and Elizabeth (Cox) Ellis, who came from Virginia, and were early settlers of Grant county, locating first in the town of Ellenboro, and later in the town of Potosi. Mrs. Ballantine was only about two years old when her mother died, and she remembers nothing of her. The father remarried, and survived until 1880. Mrs. Ballantine was one of eleven children, nine of whom grew to mature years, and six still survive.

For many years the late David Ballantine was successfully engaged in business in Bloomington, in association with his brother James, and acquired large means, as well as a reputation for strict integrity. He was among the most highly esteemed citizens when called from the scene of his active labors. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ballantine, one son and one daughter. The former, Robert G. Ballantine, died April 1, 1895, when in his sixteenth year; the beloved daughter, Jeannette, has been spared, and is the wife of Dr. L. H. Giffen, of Webster City, Iowa. After the death of their son Mr. and Mrs. Ballantine adopted a child named Orville Fuller, who is being carefully reared by Mrs. Ballantine. She resides at her beautiful home in Bloomington, which was erected by her late husband in 1896, and is held in high esteem by the citizens of this community.

LLOYD-JONES. In the southeastern part of Iowa county, Wis., in the township of Wyoming, is a very unique farming community, located in what is known as the Helena valley. Nature has done much for this little valley, for it is one of the most picturesque spots in the State, and it has been called the "Berkshire" of Wisconsin. In harmony with the natural beauty of the place are the large and tasteful homes of the intelligent farmers, who live here—made up principally of the Lloyd-Jones families, seven in number. The industry of the community is cattle raising and dairying. There is a co-operative creamery in operation under the name of the Hillside Creamery Co., and steps have already been taken toward a co-operative laundry and bakery. This little valley seems to hold the happy combination of what is best in country and city, for not only is it a model farming community, but it is also quite an intellectual center. Here is located the Hillside Home School, which not only dominates the life of the vicinity about, but also draws pupils from all parts of the country. There have been represented in its catalogs over seventeen different states and territories, reaching from New Mexico to the Dakotas on the one hand, and from Vermont to Tennessee on the other—besides a representative from the distant Hawaii. The location of this school removes it from the distractions of the city, and surrounds the pupils with the ennobling influences of Nature. Abundant pure air and water, the excellent sanitary arrangements of the home, and such food as the large garden, green house, and well-stocked farm afford, make the conditions such as insure the physical well-being of the family. The buildings are large and commodious, equipped with modern conveniences, heated by steam, and the plant has a fine system of water works. The school laboratories and libraries are well supplied and the corps of teachers, large in number in proportion to the number of pupils, make the conditions quite ideal for the best development of the pupil. The school aims to inculcate simple habits of life, and an independence to the debilitating conventionalities. It seeks to be devout, but non-sectarian and open in its religious spirit, hospitable to all forms of thought, seeking the underlying unities of faith in diversities of creed and form. It tries to realize that culture which ripens into reverence, and

that rationalism which is earnest and helpful. In short, character-building is its aim. It has special teachers for domestic science, manual training, art and music—including instructions in singing, piano and violin.

The school is on the accredited list of the Universities of Wisconsin and Chicago for all the courses of these institutions. Its graduates have also been admitted to the Northwestern University and the University of Illinois without examination. Lectures and musical entertainments are frequent throughout the school year, for the benefit of the school and the community; and during the months of July and August the Tower Hill Assembly, under the leadership of Jenkin Lloyd-Jones, gives ample opportunity for summer refreshment and uplift, as well as the pleasant and profitable intermingling of country and city people.

One of the attractive and unique features of the valley is the quaint and picturesque little chapel with its surrounding church yard, in which are seen the modest head stones marking the resting places of the near relatives and friends. This building is a memorial chapel erected by the Lloyd-Jones family, with the aid of friends, to the memory of their father and mother. It was erected under the direction of a grandson, Frank Lloyd Wright, one of the leading architects in Chicago.

Richard Lloyd-Jones and Mary Thomas Lloyd-Jones emigrated with their seven children from Wales in 1844. They were well connected in Wales, being direct descendants of some of the leading literary people of their country. For many generations the Lloyd-Jones family has been represented by ministers of note, conspicuous for their eloquence, as well as their broad sympathies and helpful services. This pioneer family spent that first winter of 1844 and '45 in Utica, N. Y., where they lost by death one of the children. In the spring Mr. Lloyd-Jones took his family into the then wilds of Jefferson county, Wis., and settled in Ixonia, where a home had been partly prepared for him by his brother, Jenkin Lloyd-Jones, who had preceded him by two years for that purpose. Here the family lived the heroic, unselfish life of the pioneer, often facing need themselves, by sharing with those who had greater need, until the Lloyd-Jones homestead became the synonym of hospitable refuge for the needy. The life of the family, like all pioneer life in the steamless age, was

full of thrilling incidents, hardships and self-denial, but sweetened by the sympathetic, brotherly, almost communistic, feeling, peculiar to the early settlers in a new country.

Richard Lloyd-Jones was the leading mind of the little colony, and often acted as the lay minister of the community, while it was beyond the reach of an ordained minister. One of the sad offices that became necessary for him to perform was the conducting of the burial rites for his beloved brother Jenkin, who died two years after the arrival of the family.

In 1856 Mr. Lloyd-Jones moved his family, now numbering ten children, to Spring Green, Sauk county, where they remained for four years, when they moved into Helena valley. Richard Lloyd-Jones bought the homestead, which is now the site of Hillside Home School. Thomas L. and John L. each purchased an adjoining farm. Later the other children, yielding to the pleading of the mother, bought surrounding farms, until, before the father's death in 1886, sixteen years after the beloved mother had entered into rest, four sons and two daughters occupied comfortable homes in Helena valley. This large family are now advancing in years, and their lives are a fitting tribute to the noble self-sacrificing lives of their pioneer parents.

The eldest son, Thomas Lloyd-Jones, closed a useful and honorable life in 1894. The surviving brothers are John Lloyd-, Jenkin Lloyd-, James Lloyd- and Enos Lloyd-. Jenkin Lloyd-Jones is a prominent minister in Chicago, and has his summer home on Tower Hill, where he yearly spends the greater part of his summer vacation. The other brothers are residents of the Valley, and have been prominent in town and county affairs. John Lloyd-Jones was for eight years a member of the county board, and seven years superintendent of the poor. During these years he served on many important committees appertaining to county affairs. He was census enumerator in 1880. During the time of his public service, as in his private life, he won the reputation of possessing incorruptible integrity. James Lloyd-Jones was eight years on the county board, and during this period he served on the equalizing board of the county. He was held in high regard by his fellow members and constituency. Enos Lloyd-Jones, the youngest of this large family, is one of the leading men of his township. He has served for several years as a

member of the town board, and as justice of the peace. He is full of public spirit, and a leader in co-operative enterprise.

Of the five surviving daughters Mrs. Margaret Jones and Mrs. James Philip, the two eldest, have their homes in the valley; Mrs. Anna Lloyd Wright has a home in Oak Park, Ill.; while the two youngest, Ellen C. Lloyd-Jones and Jane Lloyd-Jones, are the proprietors and principals of the Hillside Home School, where for thirteen years the second generation of the American Lloyd-Joneses have been, and are being educated. Many of these have already won distinction for themselves.

DWIGHT D. SAWIN, a leading prosperous farmer of Jordan township, Green county, was born Sept. 17, 1854, on the old homestead in that township, and comes of one of the best and oldest families in the county.

Mr. Sawin is descended from John Sawin, who was born in Boxford, Suffolk, England, about the year 1620, coming to America and making his home in the New England colonies. The line of Dwight D. Sawin's descent is as follows: John (the emigrant), John (2), Munning, Daniel, Abijah, Abijah (2), Horace, and Dwight D., our subject. Abijah (2) and his wife, Polly, were born in Connecticut.

Horace Sawin, father of Dwight D., was born July 18, 1812, in Ellington, Tolland county, Conn., and on July 28, 1839, married Elvira Burnett, of Munson, Ohio, born Jan. 28, 1817. In 1850 they settled in Jordan township, Green county, where they passed the rest of their days in farming pursuits. He was a successful agriculturist, and owned 215 acres of good land. Children as follows were born to this pioneer couple: William A. served in the Civil war as a soldier in the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, and died at Ft. Berwick, La.; Calista E. married William Trotter, a farmer, and in early times a minister of the Christian Church of Jordan township, Green county; Harlow H., a carpenter by trade, married Chloe Stilson, and is now residing in Iowa; Chester C., of Redfield, Iowa, is married to Mrs. Nancy Benson; Seldon S. is a resident of Iowa City, Iowa; Dwight D. comes next in the order of birth; Newton E. married Mary Hautby, and is a farmer in Juneau county; Matilda married G. N. Hill, of Argyle, Wis.; and Jane E. is the wife of Charles E. Walker, of the State of Wyoming. In

politics the father of this family was an old-line Whig originally, later giving his allegiance to the Republican party. He died Feb. 19, 1891, the mother on May 28, 1875. On Oct. 10, 1877, Mr. Sawin married Roxana M. Cutler.

Dwight D. Sawin, the subject proper of these lines, was reared to manhood on his father's farm, which he now owns, having bought out the heirs. The place consists of 215 acres of as fine land as can be found in the township, well equipped with comfortable dwelling, commodious barns and other outhouses, and here Mr. Sawin devotes his time and energies to general agriculture. In politics he is independent, has served as a justice of the peace, and was appointed as one of the Wisconsin enumerators to take the census of 1900. In matters of religion he is a believer in the Christian faith, but not a member of any church. Socially he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (being a member of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin), and the Knights of the Globe. He is generally looked upon as an excellent neighbor, a loyal citizen, honest and reliable in all his dealings.

On March 31, 1891, Dwight D. Sawin was united in marriage with Miss Ida M. Hilton, of Lafayette county, Wis., born Feb. 6, 1856, a daughter of George and Wealthy (Hill) Hilton, and one child, Edgar H., was born to them Jan. 12, 1892. Mrs. Ida M. Sawin was one in a family of four children: George E., a carpenter by trade; Mary, wife of F. C. Hatcher, of Burlington, Kans.; John E., a farmer of Beloit, Wis.; and Ida M. The last named is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and shares with her husband the respect and esteem of the community.

JOHN SWAN is one of the more influential citizens of Juda, Green county, where he is known as a very intelligent and well-read man, and is a son of William and Mary (Murdock) Swan, of Greene county, Penn. In 1846 John Swan came with his parents to Wisconsin, when it was a wild and unsettled wilderness, and his memories of the early days are very interesting. He was born Sept. 1, 1834.

William and Mary Swan were the parents of the following children: Thomas, Charles, Daniel, Elizabeth, William, Samuel, John, Isaac, Sutton and Richard. Mr. Swan mar-

ried Miss Priscilla Dunwiddie March 28, 1866, and has reared the following family: Pliny, of Chicago; Otto W., of Brodhead, Wis.; Ivan J.; Victoria, the wife of Daniel Rosler, of Mineral Point, Wis.; Frank, who is home with his father, and is now teaching school in the town of Jefferson. Mrs. Swan is the daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Austin) Dunwiddie.

John Swan was reared on the farm, and had his education in the public schools. He has won for himself, in the years that have passed since his advent in the State, an honorable position. He is a justice of the peace and a notary public. For many years he has been a painter and contractor, and has acted as janitor of the Baptist Church. He is the sexton of the Juda cemetery.

Mr. Swan was a soldier in the Civil war, where he served chiefly in the Army of the Tennessee four years and nine months, and received an honorable discharge. In Juda Mr. Swan was a general merchant for eighteen years, and during this time was postmaster. For about twenty years he has held the position of justice of the peace, and has been clerk of the school board many years. Mr. Swan belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is one of the most devoted members of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. For the hardships and injuries of the Civil war he draws a pension of twelve dollars a month. Mr. Swan is a stanch Republican, and belongs to the Baptist Church. He has a high standing for his honesty and capacity, and is known as a reliable and trustworthy citizen. He is always willing to lend a helping hand, and is marked by the possession of a high moral character.

MRS. SOVENIA VANDERBILT was born Feb. 21, 1833, daughter of Evin G. and Barbara Ann (Strickler) Young, of Knox county, Ohio. She was married, July 24, 1851, to John W. H. Vanderbilt, of Green county, Wis., son of Daniel and Annah (Hopkins) Vanderbilt, of New York, the father being of English origin, and a cousin of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt. He had four children: (1) Ann married Osker Allen, of Michigan; (2) Zephia married Thomas J. Boxler; (3) Electy died at the age of eighteen; (4) John W. H.

John W. H. Vanderbilt was born July 28,

1828. He volunteered in the 36th Wis. V. I., and died while in prison at Andersonville, Dec. 4, 1864, leaving a family of six children, of whom (1) Daniel W. S., born Nov. 11, 1852, married Caroline Clark, of Spring Grove, Wis., and is living in California, on an extensive farm; he has two children: Mettie M. and Rilla B. (2) Evin M., born Nov. 12, 1854, married Alice Kenyon, and is a farmer in the town of Spring Grove; he has one child living, Ettie M., born Aug. 10, 1886. (3) Nina, born Dec. 31, 1856, married William A. Reid, an editor of Minnesota, and has two children, James M. and Floyd L. (4) William S., born May 18, 1859, resides

the old home farm in the town of Spring Grove; he married Urisulia Cushman, of Monroe, Wis., and is the father of two children now living: Floyd L. and Wayne. (5) Ettie M., born Feb. 7, 1862, married Frank Cain, of Juda, and has one child, Delta D. (6) Edith B., born July 23, 1864, married Charles Scoville, of Juda.

Mrs. Vanderbilt comes of a German family. Her father was born Aug. 25, 1799, and died in 1880. Her mother, born in 1806, died Jan. 6, 1881. They were the parents of the following family: (1) Nancy, born Oct. 30, 1825, is Mrs. Joseph Millich, of Ohio. (2) Elizabeth, born April 4, 1827 (died Feb. 21, 1893), was the wife of Andrew Riley. (3) Catherine, born Feb. 5, 1829, died June 14, 1840. (4) Rosina, born Feb. 2, 1831, died Dec. 27, 1832. (5) Sovenia is our subject. (6) William, born Feb. 27, 1835, died March 28, 1835. (7) Lavinia, born March 19, 1836, died Aug. 12, 1839. (8) Samuel, born Aug. 9, 1838, is now living in Kansas. (10) Isaac W., born Sept. 14, 1840, is a farmer of Spring Grove township. (11) Martha, born Feb. 27, 1843, died Dec. 23, 1881. (12) Zenas, born Feb. 2, 1845, died Aug. 26, 1845. (13) Joseph, born April 18, 1846, resides in Brownville, Neb. (14) May J., born May 1, 1848, resides in Ohio. (15) Alice J., born Oct. 10, 1850, married Cyrus Hiller, and is living in Superior, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Vanderbilt was left a widow in 1864, with six small children. She had a farm of eighty acres, which she still owns, and has reared her children in a sensible and wholesome manner. She commands universal respect in the community, beloved and admired by all who come in contact with her. She is pass-

ing her last days in her home in Juda with her daughter, Mrs. Scoville, and is in receipt of a pension from the country her husband died to save.

JAMES PAUL, a prominent citizen and honored pioneer of Patch Grove township, Grant county, Wisconsin, dates his residence here from 1842. At that time the land was all wild and unimproved, and the few settlers that had located in this part of the county have nearly all passed away, while he, with a very few others, remains, a living witness of the crude condition of the country nearly sixty years ago. He has seen the unbroken wilderness transformed to its present advanced condition, and has always been prominently identified with this growth and development, having done his part in converting the wild land into fruitful fields and beautiful homes.

Mr. Paul was born near Aberdeen, Scotland, in March, 1823, a son of Alexander and Jessie (Mair) Paul, who never came to America, but spent their entire lives in Scotland. In their family were eight children, three sons and five daughters. The first to come to America was Alexander Paul, Jr., a brother of James, who crossed the Atlantic in 1838, and by way of Chicago went to Prairie du Chien, Wis., where he remained about two years. He then came to Patch Grove, Grant county, where he became possessed of considerable land, and for more than thirty years served as postmaster at that place. A number of years ago he removed to Brown's Valley in western Minnesota, where he engaged in merchandising.

James Paul followed his brother to America in 1840, and came to Patch Grove by way of Chicago and Galena. As he remarked to the writer, Galena at that time was a larger and more important place than Chicago, but after a lapse of sixty years it has less population and importance than it had then, while Chicago has its two million inhabitants, and is the second largest city in the Union, all of which has been accomplished in the comparatively short period of three score years. Mr. Paul entered the land on which he now resides from the government, and in the years that have passed has converted the wild tract into a beautiful farm.

On June 21, 1849, he married Miss Angeline Adams, who was born in New York State,

in 1824, and in 1848 came West with her parents, Samuel and Jemima (Judd) Adams, who made their home in Grant county until their death. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul, two are living: Angeline, wife of Carson Scott; and James. Those deceased were Christina, who died at the age of twenty-four years; and John, who died at the age of fifteen.

Mr. Paul has long been one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Patch Grove township, where he and his wife have a beautiful home and are surrounded by all the material comforts of life, the reward of industry and good management. Great have been the changes that time has wrought since he became a resident of Grant county. Mr. Paul served as clerk of Patch Grove township, when it included the present townships of Patch Grove, Wyalusing, Glen Haven, Millville, Mount Hope and Bloomington, much of the land at that time being assessed as unknown. For his work as clerk, which necessarily involved traveling over a large area of country, he received \$60 per annum. He held that office for several years. In his political views Mr. Paul was a Democrat until 1861, when he became a Republican, but of later years has been independent in politics. He is a public-spirited citizen who gives his support to all worthy enterprises for the public good, and commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

PETER A. HUBBARD. A well-known and honored citizen of Ridgeway township, Iowa county, is Peter A. Hubbard, who resides on section 22, and who has been a resident of the State of Wisconsin for more than forty years. The Hubbard family is of English ancestry, and the name is known in the early annals of New England.

Peter A. Hubbard was born in Windsor county, Vt., Jan. 4, 1828, a son of Peter and Anna (Trask) Hubbard, both of whom were natives of Vermont, where they passed their lives. They had a family of eight children, but only two of these survive, one of them being the subject of this biography, and the other, his brother, Varsil Hubbard, an esteemed resident of Rochester, Vt., where he lives retired, at the age of eighty-six.

The only one of his family to make a

home in Wisconsin, Peter A. Hubbard came to the State in 1850. He was reared and educated in his native State, and there, too, was he taught the principles of farming. At the age of twenty-two, filled with the restless energy and enthusiasm of youth, he came to this country, which was then almost a wilderness, and first located in Columbia county, two years later going to Madison. That imposing and beautiful city was then but a hamlet, with no railroad connections. From Madison he came to Iowa county, and during the winter of 1857-8 he drove the stage between Ruggles and Arena, at a time when adventure and excitement were the order of the day. In 1858 he was married to Miss Ann Maria, the estimable daughter of John Williams, and when he decided to enter the army, in defense of his country, in August, 1862, he realized that he must leave not only a devoted wife but also two helpless little children. In those days true patriots did not pause to consider the ties of family or kindred, and on Aug. 14, 1862, Mr. Hubbard was enrolled as a member of Company C, 31st Wis. V. I. The regiment was sent to Fort Halleck, at Columbus, Ky., where it remained during the summer of 1863, but was then sent to Tennessee, and during the winter of 1863-64 did provost duty at Nashville. It was then attached to Sherman's army, and was present at the evacuation of Atlanta, and continued in the famous March to the Sea. On Aug. 9, 1864, Mr. Hubbard was detailed in connection with the supply train, and remained in that capacity until the army reached Savannah, Ga., where he was given a six-mule wagon, which he drove to Washington, this long and laborious duty taking from January 17 to the beginning of the month of May. He was discharged near Louisville, Ky., on June 20, 1865, and he gladly returned to the comforts of home. Through this long service Mr. Hubbard was in ill health, the trouble beginning at Racine, before he left the State, where he was attacked with the mumps. Not yet recovered, he insisted upon accompanying his regiment when it went South, and in his weakened state easily became a victim of rheumatism and chronic diarrhea. However, he continued to perform his soldierly duty, although his health was shattered, and he still feels the effects of the exposure and hardships.

After the war Mr. Hubbard resumed farming and is the owner of a very pleasant home,

the family now consisting of four children, one son and three daughters: Ella, who married Reuben Calkins, of Montfort, Wis.; Eva Louise; Herman F.; and Hattie A., the wife of Joseph W. Owens, of Barneveld, Wis., and the mother of two sons, Norman and Bertram. Eva Louise was born in 1861; through a severe illness in early childhood she became entirely deaf, and was educated at the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Delavan, Wis.; later she married Edwin Ernst, also a deaf mute, who was educated at the same institution. Mr. Ernst also took a course of instruction in Washington, D. C., was a skilled mechanic, learning the trades of carpenter and cigarmaker, and was also a fine taxidermist; their home was in Oshkosh, Wis., and there Mr. Ernst died, in 1891, and his widow and two children returned to the home of Mr. Hubbard.

In politics Peter A. Hubbard is a staunch Republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Mill Creek Congregational Church. Socially he is connected with Williamson Post, No. 109, G. A. R., of Dodgeville, where he is highly esteemed. Both as soldier and civilian Mr. Hubbard has always commanded the respect of the community, and is a representative citizen of this part of Iowa county.

**SAMUEL FILMER CUCKOW**, a prosperous and successful farmer of the town of Bradford, Rock county, belongs to the new generation of tillers of the soil, who work with their brains as well as their muscle, and now, in the very prime of life, is a fine specimen of that noble class, the American farmer.

Mr. Cuckow was born May 26, 1854, on the farm he now occupies, a son of Samuel Jarvis and Eliza Simmons (Filmer) Cuckow, and had the surroundings in his boyhood days that belonged to farmer lads of that time. He worked on the farm, attended the district school and the Emerald Grove high school, and the academies at Marshall and Walworth. After his school days had passed the young man remained at home, working first for his father, and later for himself, and his broad, well-tilled fields attest the intelligent care bestowed upon them. His land is located in section 17.

On Dec. 17, 1884, Samuel F. Cuckow was united in marriage with Mrs. Ida H. (Crump) Leap, widow of William E. Leap, and daughter of Josiah Harrison and Julia (Stuart)



Crump. They have an adopted son, Filmer Stuart Cuckow, born Nov. 27, 1893, who is the son of Mrs. M. E. Northrup, a deceased sister of Mr. Cuckow. Mrs. Ida H. Cuckow was born in Utica, N. Y., the eldest in a family of seven children. She is a lineal descendant of Anneke Jans, and belongs to the oldest family, in the line of succession, of heirs to her great undivided estate in New York. She is hospitable and very popular in the community, and presides over her happy home with all a woman's grace and refinement.

Josiah Harrison Crump, the father of Mrs. Cuckow, was a native of England, and came to this country in early manhood, locating at Utica. He became an architect, and rose to prominence in his chosen calling. In Utica he married Julia Stuart, and soon afterward removed to Niagara Falls, where he built the "Mount Eagle House," most of the public buildings in that city, and some of the finest residences, his own tasteful home being among them. From Niagara Falls he went to New York City, where he made his home for many years, but his last days were spent in Toronto, Canada, with one of his sons, where he died in 1891, at the age of seventy-three. His good wife had passed away two years previously.

**PETER WOODHOUSE.** Among the prominent citizens of Bloomington, Grant county, is Peter Woodhouse, the senior member of the banking firm of Woodhouse & Bartley, and a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of southwest Wisconsin.

John Woodhouse, the father of our subject, was born about 1793 in Staffordshire, England, where he was reared, and where he married Ann Newton, who was born there in 1791. In 1830 Mr. Woodhouse left his family in England and crossed the ocean with the intention of providing a new home. By occupation he was a miner, and immediately after landing in America he made his way to Pottsville, Penn., the heart of the anthracite region of that State, where he secured employment, working industriously for two years before he thought it advisable to send for his family. In 1837 the family came to Wisconsin, settling in Grant county, where the father had been a short time previous to the arrival of the others. For years afterward he engaged in

lead mining, being very prosperous. His land, on what is now known as Blake's Prairie, was obtained from the government, and this became the permanent home of Mr. Woodhouse, who died there in March, 1859, his widow surviving until February, 1868. Being among the earliest of the pioneers, they endured all of the privations and hardships incident to those early days, patiently awaiting the time when their labors should be rewarded. They were held in high esteem, and their memory is revered by those who now profit by the trials which they passed through. They became the parents of a large family of children, all but two of whom were brought from England. Of their six sons and four daughters, three survive: Mrs. Jane Hadley, of Bloomington; Peter, subject of this biography; and James, who is a resident of Lancaster. Mrs. Maria Fox died in Pennsylvania, never having come to Wisconsin, and soon after her death her husband, Henry Fox, was accidentally drowned in the mines, while he was at work. The first of the children to pass away after locating in this State was Levison, who died of typhoid fever in 1869, and his wife died two days later, leaving a family of nine children, the youngest but two hours old. Hannah became the wife of John Clegg, and died in 1865, at the age of thirty-two, leaving eight children; her husband survived many years, dying on May 20, 1901. Rev. John Woodhouse, a Methodist minister, was the next to pass away, and he was followed by Simon. The latter kept a hotel in Bloomington for many years; he left a wife and five children. Samuel died at Maxwell, Iowa, several years ago, and May Ann, Mrs. Hollenbeck, died at her home in Legal, Indian Territory, leaving four children.

Peter Woodhouse, our subject, was born in England Sept. 11, 1824, and was about eight years old when he came to America. Coming with the family to Wisconsin in 1837, this State has been his home ever since. For sixty-four years his hopes and fortunes have been bound up with those of Grant county, and very little of its development has been unobserved by him. Since 1849 his residence has been at Bloomington (at that time known as Tafton), and he previously lived in both Potosi and Beetown. For many years he engaged in both farming and mining, and he is considered one of the most substantial citizens

of the county. In 1883 Mr. Woodhouse established the banking house in Bloomington in which he is the senior partner, and has been successful in its management. All of the brothers were successful men of business, and were estimable and honored citizens.

Mr. Woodhouse was married Jan. 11, 1858, to Miss Rachel Lyons, who was born April 11, 1832, in Manchester, England, a daughter of John Lyons, and came with her parents to America when but two years old. The family lived two years in Philadelphia, and then removed to Potosi, where the parents passed the rest of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse have four children: Lily G., Mrs. Bartley; Rose, wife of Harry Grant; Milton F.; and Bertha, Mrs. Martin. Three children have passed away: Bessie, who died at the age of six years; Anna Mary, at the age of eight days; and Daisy, at birth.

Peter Woodhouse has traveled much, and has an interesting fund of information. In 1852 he went to California; and on the way had a most thrilling experience. Going by way of the Isthmus, he was a passenger on the ill-fated steamer "North America," which was wrecked on the Pacific coast, about thirty miles below Acapulco. The steamer was a total loss, and the passengers had a narrow escape. At Acapulco they were transferred to a sailing vessel, and after many hardships reached San Francisco in safety. Mr. Woodhouse remained in California about five years, and returned by the Panama route to New York.

Mr. Woodhouse is a progressive and public-spirited citizen. In his early voting days he was a Whig, but he has acted with the Republican party since its organization. Mrs. Woodhouse is a member of the Methodist Church, and he is liberal in his religious views.

**PATRICK BARTLEY**, the junior member of the banking firm of Woodhouse & Bartley, of Bloomington, is one of the well-known citizens and business men of Grant county. Mr. Bartley has the distinction of representing one of the early families of his county, and also of having been a soldier in the war for the preservation of the Union. His coming to Grant county dates from 1853.

Mr. Bartley was born in County Sligo, Ireland, Jan. 19, 1841, a son of Miles Bartley. In 1849 his parents, with three of their six

children, emigrated to the United States, our subject remaining with a relative in Ireland; shortly afterward, however, he rejoined the family in the State of New York. From New York Miles Bartley removed his family to Galena, Ill., later moving to Wisconsin, where he entered land in the town of Patch Grove, on which he settled and resided many years, dying in Larned, Kans., at the advanced age of ninety-one years. His wife had passed away in Patch Grove in 1873.

As a boy Patrick Bartley engaged in farm work during the summers, and attended school in the winters. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil war, although but a youth of twenty years, he resolved to enter the service in defense of the Union. Accordingly, in September, 1861, he enlisted in what afterward became Company G, 5th Missouri Cavalry, which was organized in Milwaukee, Wis., as Milwaukee Cavalry, with the understanding that it was to constitute a part of Gen. John C. Fremont's body guard. Gen. Fremont, however, was superseded, and in November, 1862, the organization, then known as the 5th Missouri Cavalry, was consolidated with the 4th, and was thenceforth known as the 4th Missouri Cavalry. The regiment served with distinction in the Southwest, under Gen. Curtis, taking an active part in the campaign against the Confederate Gen. Price, and on March 6, 7 and 8 was engaged in the severe battle of Pea Ridge. It marched thence down the White river to Helena, Ark., where the regiment arrived in July, 1862, and here Mr. Bartley was taken severely ill, as the result of an injury received in the battle of Pea Ridge, and which finally occasioned his honorable discharge at St. Louis, soon after.

After his return from the army Mr. Bartley was for three years engaged in farming, following which he entered the Patch Grove Academy, where he was a student for three years, in preparation for the profession of teaching. For twenty years he continued to be one of the leading instructors of this part of the State, and at one time was principal of the school in Bloomington. In 1883 the present banking business was established, and Mr. Bartley became a partner in the same, which has continued until the present date. In 1877 he was admitted to the Bar, and has since practiced more or less.

On April 2, 1879, Mr. Bartley was mar-

ried to Miss Lily Woodhouse, a daughter of Peter Woodhouse, his business partner, and four children have been born of this union: Frank L., Bessie R., Milton M. and Leo Paul. Mr. Bartley is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and an honored member of Will Hickok Post, No. 134, G. A. R.

Mr. Bartley is practically a self-made man, as he began life a poor boy, and was thrown upon his own resources at an early age. Entering the army in the service of his country, before he had attained his majority, he served as a faithful soldier, and later, by determination and energy, he fitted himself for the profession of teaching, and was successful in his endeavors. As a business man he has prospered, and his integrity has never been called into question, while as a citizen he is held in high esteem.

JOHN HANSON is one of the prominent citizens of Jordan township, Green county, though one of the younger members of that prosperous farming community, in which all his useful, active life has been passed. He was born Dec. 13, 1864, on the farm which he now manages.

Nathan T. Hanson, our subject's father, is well remembered by the older as well as the younger residents of this locality as a man who, in his day, took rank among the intelligent and successful men in this part of the county. He was a native of Maine, born in 1827, near Portland, and was of English origin. About 1850 he came West to Wisconsin, and at once settled on the farm in Jordan township, Green county, now owned by his children, where he successfully engaged in farming for the greater part of his remaining days. But though a hard-working agriculturist and the owner of a large property, he took equal interest in the advancement of the community in general, was public spirited in all local affairs, and was honored by his fellow townsmen with election to various offices of trust, in which he displayed the same ability that characterized the management of his own affairs. For a number of years he served as school superintendent of the township, was clerk of the township for some time, and served as chairman of the board two terms. He was well read, and kept himself informed on all current events of interest. Mr. Hanson was as popular as he was well known, was beloved for his neighborliness as much as

he was esteemed for his integrity and good citizenship; his death occurred in New Haven, Conn., in 1894. He left a valuable farm of 185 acres, all improved and under a fine state of cultivation. Mrs. Hanson, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Smith, was born about 1834, in Pennsylvania, and was of Quaker origin; her parents, John and Ann Smith, also natives of Pennsylvania, came to Green county many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson were married in 1859. She passed away in 1881. Seven children were born of this union, viz.: Emma, who is unmarried and resides in Monroe; Pauline, also unmarried, who lives on the home place; John, our subject; Charles, who is unmarried; Ruth, deceased; George, living on the old place; and Edward, who married Hattie Stuntz, and resides at Whitewater, Wis., where he follows his trade, that of printer. Nathan T. Hanson had one brother, Simeon, who died in Maine.

John Hanson, whose name introduces these lines, has followed in the footsteps of his honored father in many ways, taking a leading part in local civil administration, and his services have proved highly acceptable to all concerned. He was reared on the home farm, educated in the local schools, and has become an intelligent, energetic man, noted for his honesty and integrity, his fairness in all his dealings, his temperate habits, and his stanch adherence to his convictions of what he thinks right. He is engaged in farming and dairying on the old home place, and has displayed business ability of a high order in its management. This record would not be complete without special mention of the offices which Mr. Hanson has held: For six years he was clerk of the township; for two years member and chairman of the township board; has served as assessor and in other positions, besides supporting, by his means and influence, all projects for the improvement and advancement of his township and county. Like his father, he is a stanch adherent of the principles of the Republican party. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Brownstown. Mr. Hanson has never married.

ALLISON W. STOUT. The evolution of modern architecture is based upon the conscientious work, high ideals and artistic tastes of the designer and builder. Among those who have successfully engaged in a business of this

kind, in the beautiful town of Monticello, Green county, is Allison W. Stout, who was born, near Orangeville, Stephenson Co., Ill., Dec. 20, 1849, son of Samuel and Mary (Winters) Stout, natives of Pennsylvania. In their family were five sons and two daughters, six of whom are now living: Carrie, wife of Benjamin Musser, of Jewel City, Kans.; Edward, who lives in Stephenson county, Ill., on the old homestead; Cyrus, who resides at Siloam Springs, Ark.; Stephen, of Novelty, Mo.; Allison W., our subject; and Alice, who is the wife of Frederick Nihart, of Dewey, Utah.

Samuel Stout was a cabinet-maker, carpenter and joiner, and came to Illinois in 1844, first locating in Peoria, and a year later settling in Stephenson county, Ill., where he bought a farm, sold it, and bought another, whereon he reared his family. His death occurred April 22, 1897, at the age of eighty-four. His wife had entered into rest in 1896, in her seventy-third year. They were good and worthy people, devout members of the Evangelical Church, and Mr. Stout had been active in everything for the interest of his locality. Christopher Winters, father of Mary (Winters) Stout, was a native of Pennsylvania, of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, and located in Stephenson county, Ill., at an early day, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Allison W. Stout was reared on his father's farm in Stephenson county, where he attended the district schools. At the age of twenty he began to learn the carpenter's trade, and finding it congenial to his taste and natural ability, he made this his life work. For some ten years he has been engaged in contracting and building, and in the erection of his own elegant mansion, as well as those of others in the town, Mr. Stout has made use of his own designs.

On Sept. 12, 1894, Mr. Stout married Mrs. Lizzie Tone, widow of the late George Tone, and daughter of Richard and Ann (Pickup) Barlow.

Richard Barlow and his wife were natives of Manchester, England, who came to America in 1854, locating in Jefferson township, Green Co., Wis., and engaged in an agricultural life until the breaking out of the Civil war, when Mr. Barlow enlisted in Company D, 35th Wis. V. I., and faithfully served his adopted country from August, 1864, until February, 1866. Before the war Mr. Barlow followed the trade of tailoring, but since then he has been engaged

in mercantile interests, and for twenty-three years filled the office of justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Barlow were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom are still surviving, and they are honored and beloved residents in the home of their son-in-law, our subject, and his estimable wife.

Politically Mr. Stout casts his vote with the Republican party, conscientiously believing its principles to be the best for the country. For two years he was an efficient member of the village board. Socially he is connected with the Knights of the Globe. In addition to his own beautiful residence, Mr. Stout can point with pride to many of the most substantial buildings in this growing village. Although so many years have passed since he was an inmate of the old home, in Stephenson county, Ill., around which gather memories of his boyhood, he still has both a sentimental and financial interest in it. Mr. Stout is considered a representative citizen of Green county, where both he and wife have many friends and possess the esteem of all.

JOHN B. HORE, a well-known citizen of the town of Little Grant, Grant county, was a soldier in the Civil war, and has an honorable record for bravery. His birth took place across the ocean in 1826, in Cornwall, England, from which country have come some of the best citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Reared in his native land, Mr. Hore did not come to America until 1847. Landing in New York, he went first to New Jersey, and there engaged in mining, later going to Pennsylvania, where he followed the same occupation. Subsequently he went to Maryland, thence back to New York, and then to the copper mines of Michigan, where he remained several years, but ever since the close of the Civil war he has been one of the esteemed citizens of Grant county. Mr. Hore went into the army in 1864, in Company F, 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, joining his regiment in Louisville, Ky., and at once entered into active service. As it is well remembered, the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry was a part of the force that captured the fleeing Confederate president, and Mr. Hore was with his regiment at that time, and had the pleasure of seeing the noted prisoner at Macon, Ga. There our subject was taken sick, from the effects of sunstroke, which rendered him unfit for any regular service. He was finally discharged in the fall of 1865.

Soon after the close of the war Mr. Hore was married to Miss Mary Coffman, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Peter and Sarah Coffman, who had migrated to Wisconsin when Mary was about twelve years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Hore have eight children: Albert, James, Nettie, Jay and May (twins), Maria, Elizabeth and Era. During the war Mr. Hore was a faithful soldier, and since that time has won the respect of the residents of his locality as an industrious and most worthy citizen.

J. J. TRENER, retired farmer. Belmont, Lafayette county, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM B. GNAGI, M. D. Bereft of a mother's care in early infancy, Dr. Gnagi, now a rising young physician of Monroe, Green county, was reared in the family of Peter Gnagi, and under the fostering guardianship of this prominent citizen he was educated, and in gratitude he adopted the name of Gnagi when he attained his majority. He made his home with his benefactors until his marriage.

Dr. Gnagi was a native of Green county, Wis. He was born in the town of Clarno Feb. 3, 1870, the only child of Joseph and Maria (Hawthorn) Bender. The father, Joseph Bender, a native of Pennsylvania, had served through the Civil war as first lieutenant. Coming to Wisconsin at the close of the war, he married Maria Hawthorn, daughter of James Hawthorn, a native of New York, of Holland descent, who in early days had migrated to Green county, Wis., and there reared a large family. The young wife died a few days after the birth of their only child, William B., and the father, after finding a home for the motherless son with Peter Gnagi, returned to the East. He entered Johns Hopkins University, where he completed a course in medicine and surgery, and is now a practicing physician at Penn Yan, Yates Co., N. Y. He married again, and by his second marriage had three children, only one of whom, Estelle, is now living. William B., at his graduation at Rush Medical College, in 1893, met his father for the first time since their separation. His medical education was obtained partially by his own efforts. Reared on the farm of Peter Gnagi, he was given good educational advantages, and when twelve years old he accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Gnagi to California, where they remained two years on account of

Mrs. Gnagi's ill health. Returning to Wisconsin, William B. entered the Monroe high school, and was graduated in the class of 1887, at the age of seventeen years. He taught district school for two terms in Clarno township, then took a business course in a school at Valparaiso, Ind. Choosing medicine as his profession, he began study in the office of Drs. Loofbourow and Confer, of Monroe, where he remained two years. He then entered Rush Medical College, at Chicago, and was graduated in the spring of 1893. Dr. Gnagi began practice in that city, and continued it successfully for seven years. In November, 1900, he came to Monroe, succeeded to the practice of Dr. Confer, his brother-in-law, and now occupies the same office.

Dr. Gnagi married June 2, 1891, Miss Louise Isely, daughter of John and Louisa (German) Isely. John Isely was a native of Switzerland, and for many years was a school and music teacher. He came to Green county, Wis., and there met his future wife, who was a native of Wisconsin, of Swiss parentage. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. John Isely conducted the "Green County Hotel," in Monroe, and later moved to a farm near Oneco, Ill., about seven miles south of Monroe. Here he died, and his widow subsequently married David Stucky. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Isely, of whom six are now living, namely: Carrie, widow of Dr. Confer; Mary, wife of Henry Duerst, of Monroe; Louisa, wife of Dr. William B. Gnagi; Annie, wife of Fred Wettengel, of Monroe; Alice, wife of Rev. J. L. Haach, of Milwaukee; and Dr. John E. Isely, a dentist in Milwaukee, who for a time lived with Dr. Gnagi in Chicago, and there practiced dentistry. To Dr. William B. and Louise (Isely) Gnagi have been born four children: Elvira Louise, who died in infancy; Zelma Irene; Gladys; and William B., Jr. Mrs. Gnagi is a member of the Lutheran Church. Politically Dr. Gnagi is independent. While practicing at Chicago he served for a year as health officer and small-pox inspector, under Dr. Reynolds, the city physician. He is now a member of the Wisconsin Medical Society. Among the fraternal orders he holds membership in the Canadian Independent Order of Foresters, the Columbian Knights, Royal Arcanum and Chicago Turnverein. He has succeeded admirably in his Monroe practice, and already ranks high in the medical profession of Green county.

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